MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:00 pm in the Audion of the Freeport Area High School, 625 South Pike Road, Sarver, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Mr. Gary L. Risch, Jr., Board President, at 7:02 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. DiGiacobbe	Present
Mr. Hinderliter	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Ms. Maxwell	Present
Mr. Risch	Present
Mr. Ritter	Absent
Mr. Selinger	Present
Ms. Zembrzuski	Present

Student School Board Members:

Mylie Atkinson	Present
Lainey Blattenberger	Present
Emma Charlton	Present
Cathryn Deacon	Present
Annabelle Geist	Present
Ella McConville	Absent
Natalie Wallisch	Present
Caylee Zembrzuski	Absent

Administrators present were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Walters, Program Director; and Mr. Walker, Director of Finance and Operations. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Matthew Hoffman.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Risch welcomed members of the public and asked for comments on any agenda items. No public comments on any agenda items were offered.

Reports

1. It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. DiGiacobbe, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 5, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

2. It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Ms. Zembrzuski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

3. The Board Secretary presented Mr. Risch and Ms. Zembrzuski with certificates from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association recognizing their years of service on the Board. The Board Secretary reported that the Board met as follows since the last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on August 12, 2026: The Board's Negotiations Committee held an information session on August 20, 2026. The Board's Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session with representatives of the Freeport Education Association on August 27, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session on September 2, 2026, to discuss Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, Legal, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting on September 2, 2026, for general business matters. The Board held a Committee Meeting on September 2, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session on September 9, 2026, to discuss Personnel and Contracts and Negotiations Matters and Confidential Student Matters.

4. Mr. Risch recognized Mr. Huth for his 35 years of service to the District and presented him with a plaque from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

5. Representatives from HHSDR and Massaro Construction Management attended the Board's September 2, 2026, Committee Meeting and answered questions regarding the High School Renovations Project planning and design.

6. Mr. DiGiacobbe reported on the most recent meeting of the ARIN Intermediate Unit's joint operating committee.

7. Mr. Magness reported on drills conducted on September 4, 2026, and thanked the students, parents, faculty, and staff for their cooperation. He thanked the emergency responders who took part in the drills. Mr. Risch noted that the District is conducting a survey of those responders regarding the drills.

8. Ms. Maxwell reported that she would be in Harrisburg meeting with state representatives the following week.

9. Ms. Zembrzuski reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation's annual golf outing was held in July and that it was very successful.

10. The Student School Board Members presented their report on student activities.

11. Representatives from PFM Financial Advisors answered questions regarding the High School Renovations Project financing.

<u>Personnel</u>

It was moved by Mr. DiGiacobbe, and seconded by Mr. Selinger,

a. To accept the attached resignation from William P. Swedish, full time Custodian, effective September 3, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Ms. Maxwell,

b. To accept the attached resignation from Kelli L. Myers, 12-month Secretary, effective September 3, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Davies,

c. To approve the request of Employee No. 4161 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. DiGiacobbe,

d. To approve the employment of Sydney B. Snyder as a Long Term Substitute Teacher, at an annual salary of $47,000, prorated for days worked, effective September 10, 2026, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. Huth,

e. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's 2026-2027 Athletics Programs, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

f. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's 2026-2027 Extracurricular Programs, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Curriculum and Technology</u>

It was moved by Ms. Maxwell, and seconded by Ms. Zembrzuski,

a. To authorize Administration to conduct a textbook pilot program for Middle School Science instruction, at a cost for the classroom supplies described on the attachment of $5,244.80.

b. To approve the attached proposal and terms of use from Everyway LLC for license to its News2you solution from September 29, 2026, through September 28, 2027, at a cost of $280.99.

c. To approve the attached proposal from Typing.com for 150 licenses to TC PLUS for the 2026-2027 school year, at a cost of $750.

d. To approve the attached proposal from Tyler Technologies, Inc., for license to use of its K 12 People, Performance & Compliance (EduLink) solutions during the 2026-2027 school year, at a total cost of $13,408.

e. To accept the attached Marcia Brenner Associates, LLC, quote for a one-year subscription to its Report Creator Plugin for PowerSchool Student Information System at a cost of $1,116.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

It was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. Huth,

a. To approve a student field trip described on the attachment to Newville, Pennsylvania, to participate in the PIAA Foundation Invitational, from September 25-26, 2026, at no cost to the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

It was moved by Mr. DiGiacobbe, and seconded by Ms. Zembrzuski,

a. To approve the final adoption of attached new School Board Policy No. 720 (Use of Unmanned Aircraft (UA) / Drones).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

It was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Ms. Zembrzuski,

a. To rescind the May 13, 2026, approval of quotes from Union Electric Construction LLC, for purchase and installation of roof/gutter heat trace tape at the Freeport Area Middle School, at a cost of $22,120.

b. To approve the attached Service Agreement with DePaul School for Hearing and Speech for educational audiologist services to be provided during the 2026-2027 school year, at an hourly rate of $150, plus travel expenses.

c. To approve the attached Addendum to an agreement with Freeport Area Youth Baseball (FAYB) dated February 11, 2021, to allow FAYB to renovate a baseball field and to utilize a storage shed for equipment storage at South Buffalo Elementary School.

d. To approve the use of the CM Regent Insurance, Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) for the High School Renovation Project at a rate of $32.1686 per $1,000 Contracted Value (sum of the awarded contract values, excluding asbestos abatement contract).

e. To approve W.B. Mason Interiors, via W.B. Mason's Pennsylvania State Contract Program, to furnish all District-approved furniture required for the Freeport Area School District High School Renovation Project, which is scheduled to be completed through multiple phases beginning January, 2027, and running through August, 2029.

f. To approve the District's vote for the following candidates for 2027 Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) Officers: Matt Vannoy, for a one-year term as President; Kristy Bolte, for a one-year term as Vice President; David Hein, for a three-year term as Treasurer; Michael Panza, for a two-year term as Sectional Advisor; and Marianne Neel and Michael Faccinetto, each for a three-year term as a PSBA Insurance Trustee.

g. To accept the attached proposal submitted by Penn Power Group, LLC, dba Penn Power Systems, for emergency generator maintenance services to be performed from August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027, at a cost of $2,283.13.

h. To accept the attached proposal from Combustion Service & Equipment Co., for boiler systems maintenance services to be provided from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027, at a cost of $7,500.

i. To accept the attached proposal from Tobey Karg Service Agency, Inc., for High School and elementary school chiller and cooling unit preventative maintenance services to be provided during the 2026 2027 school year, at a cost of $7,750.

j. To accept the attached proposal from Tobey Karg Service Agency, Inc., for Middle School chiller preventative maintenance services to be provided during the 2026-2027 school year, at a cost of $2,450.

k. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with The Open Door of Indiana, Pennsylvania, for coordination, referral, or provision of crisis services.

l. To accept a $475 donation to the Buffalo Elementary Garden Club.

m. To approve an Addendum to Student Disciplinary Agreement dated June 12, 2024, in regard to Student A, as recommended by Administration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Walker provided an overview of the attached Finance Report.

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Mr. DiGiacobbe,

a. To approve the attached August 2026 financial reports.

b. To approve the August 2026 payments listed on the attachments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Risch announced that the Board would hold a Special Meeting / Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Concerns or Comments from the Public

Rose Kobelenske and Heather Check speaking for the Freeport Education Association commented on current contract negotiations.

Matt Freeman of Buffalo Township commented on future bond offerings.

Michelle Young of Freeport Borough commented on the District's device damage protection program.

Mark Wyant of Buffalo Township commented on current contract negotiations.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Ms. Davies, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Risch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

/s/ Gary L. Risch, Jr.	/s/ Mary Dobransky
Board President	Board Secretary