MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2026

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:00 pm in the Auditorium of the Freeport Area High School, 625 South Pike Road, Sarver, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Mr. Gregory J. Selinger, Board First Vice President, at 7:11 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Student School Board Members:

Mylie Atkinson	Present
Lainey Blattenberger	Absent
Emma Charlton	Absent
Cathryn Deacon	Absent
Annabelle Geist	Absent
Ella McConville	Absent
Natalie Wallisch	Absent
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. Selinger welcomed members of the public and asked for comments on any agenda items. No public comments were offered on any agenda items.

Reports

1. It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. DiGiacobbe, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 2, 2026, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mr. Risch participated by telephone conference call*

2. The Board Secretary reported that the Board met as follows since the last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on September 9, 2026: The Board's Negotiations Committee held an information session on September 16, 2026. The Board's Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session with representatives of the Freeport Education Association on September 16, 2026. The Board's Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session with representatives of the Freeport Education Association on September 30, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session on October 7, 2026, to discuss Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, Real Estate, and Legal Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting for general business matters on October 7, 2026. The Board held a Committee Meeting on October 7, 2026. The Board met in Executive Session on October 14, 2026, to discuss Personnel and Contracts and Negotiations Matters.

3. The Board recognized the following individuals who retired as District teachers in 2026: Toneanne Biesuz, Nicole Fello, John Gaillot Jr., Tiffany Trudgen, and Carolyn Van Cott.

4. The Board welcomed the following new staff members:

   Madeline Boulos, Middle School Teacher
   Christine Davis, Grades 6-12 Assistant Principal
   Makenzie Greece, Middle School Teacher
   Cassidy Hack, Middle School Teacher
   Austyn Hartung, Elementary School Literacy Coach
   Andrew Kamis, High School Teacher
   Alex Livengood, Middle School Teacher
   Nicole Mascolo, Middle School Teacher
   Megan McGinnis, Middle School Teacher
   Alexis Redman, Elementary School Teacher
   Liadan Susoeff, Elementary School Teacher
   Magdelyn Thomas, Elementary School Teacher
   Olivia Winters, High School Teacher

5. Kelly Valmassoni and Cassandra Mielke of Nutrition Inc. made the attached presentation.

6. Mr. Selinger welcomed the staff members and members of the public in attendance.

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

Personnel

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

a. To accept the attached resignation from M. Aileen Stiner-Mansfield, Educational Assistant, effective October 30, 2026.

b. 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

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

a. To approve the attached proposal from Vembu Technologies Inc. for 20,000 one-year licenses to *BDRShield Cloud* - 1 GB Cloud Storage at a cost of $6,120.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

a. To approve the attendance of Ian M. Magness, Superintendent, at the Western Pennsylvania Superintendents Fall Forum in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on December 2-4, 2026, at no cost to the District.

b. To approve the District's co-hosting the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 3 Honors Band Festival at Pennsylvania Western University - Clarion, in Clarion, Pennsylvania, on January 13-15, 2027, at no cost to the District.

c. To approve a High School and Middle School student field trip described on the attachment to Walt Disney World, in Orlando, Florida, on April 12-16, 2027, at a cost to the District of three substitute teachers for five days.

d. To approve a High School student field trip described on the attachment to New York, New York, on April 23-26, 2027, at a cost to the District of four substitute teachers for two days.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

a. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 102 (Academic Standards).

b. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 105 (Curriculum).

c. To approve the tentative adoption of attached new School Board Policy No. 204.1 (Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks).

d. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 209 (Health Examinations/Screenings).

e. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 218.1 (Weapons).

f. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 246 (School Wellness).

g. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 249 (Bullying/Cyberbullying).

h. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 704 (Maintenance).

i. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 803 (School Calendar).

j. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 805.2 (School Security Personnel).

k. To approve the adoption of attached revised School Board Policy No. 822 (Automated External Defibrillator (AED)/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

a. To authorize Administration to advertise bids for purchase and installation of roof/gutter heat trace tape at the Freeport Area Middle School.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

b. To approve the attached request for proposal for contracted school bus transportation.

Roll call vote requested:

Ms. Davies	Yes
Mr. DiGiacobbe	No
Mr. Hinderliter	No
Mr. Huth	*Absent*
Ms. Maxwell	No
Mr. Ritter	No
Ms. Zembrzuski	No
Mr. Selinger	No
Mr. Risch	Yes

Motion *DID NOT CARRY* on a vote of two (2) to six (6).

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

c. To accept the attached proposal from AGX, Inc., for roof sampling and analysis for the Freeport Area High School Renovations Project, at a cost of $3,500.

d. To accept the attached proposal from Tobey Karg Service Agency, Inc. (COSTARS #008-E22-843), to the Buffalo Elementary School chiller, at a cost of $9,785.

e. To accept the attached proposal from Andrew M. Smith, dba Hooch Excavation, for snow removal services to be provided during the 2026-2027 school year, for the fees listed on the proposal.

f. To accept the attached proposal from Mailki Mechanical Snow & Ice Management, for snow removal services to be provided during the 2026-2027 school year, for the fees listed on the proposal.

g. To approve an agreement with Pennsylvania State Education Association Health & Welfare Fund for participation in a Voluntary Vision Program described on the attachment, from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027.

h. To accept an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Coach Drone Academy Education Grant, valued at $1,500, for access to the UAV Coach Drone Academy Curriculum during the 2027-2028 school year.

i. To accept a $250 donation from the Oak Hills Garden Club to the Buffalo Elementary School Garden Club.

j. To accept a $300 donation from Dawn Holben to be applied to unpaid student cafeteria account balances.

k. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: “Help 77 Eager Fifth Graders Get Hooked on Crochet!” described on the attachment (Total Project Cost $1,038.44).

l. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: “Ready for Real Life: a Fifth Grade Care Station” described on the attachment (Total Project Cost $412.64).

m. To accept an $800 grant from The Dylan Tarbi Foundation to the Freeport Area Cross Country team.

n. To accept the 2026-2027 classroom grants listed on the attachment from the Freeport Area School District Foundation, in the total amount of $10,085.63.

o. To approve a revised 2026-2027 District Calendar, as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

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

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

a. To approve the attached September 2026 financial reports.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Selinger announced that the Board would hold a Special Meeting for general business purposes and a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, with both meetings beginning at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Concerns or Comments from the School Directors

Mr. DiGiacobbe commended the retiring teachers for their work on behalf of the District.

Ms. Zembrzuski thanked the teachers in attendance for their contributions to the community.

Ms. Maxwell thanked the teachers and members of the Football team for attending the meeting.

Concerns or Comments from the Public

John Lowry of Buffalo Township, Angela Miller of Freeport Borough, Matt Achilles of Buffalo Township, Heather Vaughan of South Buffalo Township, Kimberly Grech of South Buffalo Township, Michele Paga of Buffalo Township, and Shawn Petras of Freeport Borough all commented on the District's current negotiations with the Freeport Education Association. Amanda Stolarz of Buffalo Township and Julynda Sanchez of Buffalo Township commented on educational assistant staffing. Shawn Petras of Freeport Borough, Michele Paga of Buffalo Township, Luca Pollino of Buffalo Township, and Chace Flynn of Buffalo Township all commented on the District's Football program.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. Hinderliter, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Selinger declared the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

/s/ Gregory J. Selinger	/s/ Mary Dobransky
Board First Vice President	Board Secretary