

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 10, 2015

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:35 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Borrelli	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Gaiser	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Mr. Lucovich	Present
Dr. Marty	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Present
Mr. Shoaf	Present
Ms. Toy-Gaydos	Present

Also present was Mr. Hoffman, solicitor.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 6, 2015 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 13, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last Secretary's report to the Board at the Regular Meeting held on May 13, 2015: The members of the Negotiation Committee of the Board met with representatives from the Freeport Education Association on May 18, 2015 for a negotiating session. The Board met for an informational session regarding Personnel matters on May 18, 2015. The members of the Negotiation Committee of the Board met with representatives from the Freeport Education Association on June 1, 2015 for a negotiating session. The Board met in Executive Session on June 3, 2015, to discuss personnel and contracts and negotiations matters. The members of the Negotiation Committee of the Board met with representatives from the Freeport Education Association on June 8, 2015 for a negotiating session. The Board met in Executive Session on June 10, 2015, to discuss personnel, real estate, and contracts and negotiations matters.
3. Mr. DeVivo referred the members to Administration's attached report.

4. Mr. Lucovich reported that the High School graduation ceremony held on June 5 went well. He commended the District's staff for their efforts, especially in light of the ongoing building projects.
5. Dennis Russo, of Rucon, Inc., had previously provided the members with an update on the status of the Freeport Area Middle School Project, during the Board's Committee Meeting held on June 3, 2015.
6. Thomas Durkin, of VEBH Architects, provided the members with an update on the status of the Freeport Area Athletics Complex Project.
7. Mr. Lucovich announced that the District was considering the lease of the Kelly Building to parties interested in using the building for a child care facility.
8. Dr. Prazenica reported that ARIN's Board would be meeting during the following week.
9. Mr. Lucovich noted that Lenape Vocational Technical School's 2015-2016 budget as on the agenda and would be voted on during the meeting.
10. Dr. Prazenica reported that he had nothing further to add to Administration's report regarding legislative affairs other than to note that the Pennsylvania School Board Association's president would be speaking at a conference at Intermediate Unit 3. Dr. Prazenica noted that he planned to attend and solicited members' comments and concerns to be passed on at the conference.
11. Mrs. Davies reported on changes she expected to be announced by the state regarding the rules governing Keystones testing and graduation requirements.
12. Mr. Lucovich referred the members to the Secretary's report for a report on the activities of the Board Committees.

Personnel

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

- a. To employ the individuals listed below as full time Teachers for the District, effective September 1, 2015, and subject to satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements:

Name	Compensation set by contract for Degree/Step:	Subject
i. Dana Sue Roach	Master's degree / Step 2	Business 7-12
ii. Stephanie Kay Bearden	Master's degree / Step 1	Elementary
iii. Danielle Irene Emings	Bachelor's degree / Step 1	French/English 7-12
iv. Rae McBryan Welling	Master's degree / Step 1	Elementary

Roll call vote:

Mr. Borrelli	<u>No on item <i>a.iii.</i></u>
Ms. Davies	<u>No on item <i>a.iii.</i></u>
Mr. Gaiser	<u>No on item <i>a.iii.</i></u>
Mr. Huth	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Lucovich	<u>Yes</u>
Dr. Marty	<u>Yes</u>
Dr. Prazenica	<u>No on item <i>a.iii.</i></u>
Mr. Shoaf	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Toy-Gaydos	<u>Yes</u>

Motion carried unanimously, with the exception of item *a.iii.*, which passed on a vote of five (5) to four (4) with Mr. Borrelli, Ms. Davies, Mr. Gaiser, and Dr. Prazenica voting *No* on item *a.iii.*

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

- b. To approve the employment of Matthew M. Huston, Stone J. Haberstroh, and Michael C. Helman as interns with the District's information technology group, at an hourly wage rate of \$7.25, effective June 10, 2015 through August 21, 2015.
- c. To accept the resignation of Keith R. Crawford, full time Custodian, effective May 29, 2015.
- d. To accept the resignation of Robert M. Weltner, part-time Food Service Worker, effective June 8, 2015.
- e. To employ of William L. Siegel, as Athletic Trainer for the 2015-2016 school year at an annual salary of \$22,255.
- f. To approve the request of Antonette A. Urik, Teacher, for uncompensated Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave beginning on September 28, 2015 and ending on January 27, 2016.
- g. To approve the request of Pamela J. Powell, Full-Time Custodian, for three (3) to six (6) weeks of uncompensated Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave.
- h. To approve the employment of Valerie J. Smith, part-time Accounting Assistant, as a full time Accounting Assistant, effective September 1, 2015, at an hourly rate of \$15.30.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Gaiser, and seconded by Mr. Shoaf,

- i. To approve an increase in the daily rate of compensation for substitute teachers from \$85 to \$90, effective July 1, 2015.
- j. To accept the resignation of Paul E. Sylba, Head Basketball Coach (Girls), effective June 1, 2015.
- k. To employ the personnel listed on the attachment for the District's athletic programs during the 2015-2016 school year, according to contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
- l. To employ the personnel listed on the attachment for the District's extracurricular programs during the 2015-2016 school year, according to contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser,

- a. To approve the request of David J. Coyle, Teacher, and Rachel A. Coyle, Teacher, to attend the 2015 Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) Educator's Ag Institute to be held in State College, Pennsylvania, on July 12-16, 2015, at an estimated cost to the District of \$418.
- b. To approve the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Teacher, to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Summer Conference to be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on July 14 15, 2015, at an estimated cost to the District of \$414.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the student activity groups as per the attachment for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Manzer provided the members with a brief overview of the Financial Reports and Payments lists.

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

- a. To approve the attached May financial reports.
- b. To approve bills for payment listed on the attachment.
- c. To approve the attached budgetary transfers.
- d. To enter into joint purchasing agreements with other school districts or intermediate units in Pennsylvania for the purchase of general supplies and equipment for the 2015-2016 school year.
- e. To authorize the Business Manager to make final year-end 2014-2015 budgetary transfers, which will be reported to the Board for approval in September 2015, as recommended by the state auditor.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and seconded by Mr. Shoaf,

- f. To approve Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. to provide student accident insurance for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$27 for school time and \$98 for 24-hour coverage.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. To approve the following depositories for continued use: PNC Bank, National Association; First Commonwealth Bank; NEXTIER Bank (F&M Bank); Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF); Pennsylvania Treasurer's INVEST Program for Local Governments and Nonprofits; Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT); and First National Bank of Pennsylvania.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos,

- h. To approve the appointment of Drs. F.S. and D.L. DeMarco as school district dentists for the 2015-2016 school year at an annual rate of \$100.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica,

- i. To approve the appointment of the firm of Tucker Arensberg, P.C. as school board solicitor for the 2015-2016 school year as per the firm's proposal dated May 29, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos,

- j. To award property and casualty insurance coverage for the 2015-2016 school year to Liberty Mutual Insurance through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. in the amount of \$67,382 per the attached proposal.
- k. To award workmen's compensation insurance coverage for the 2015-2016 school year to Highmark Casualty Insurance Company in the amount of \$49,347 per the attached proposal.

Motion carried on a vote of seven (7) to one (1), with Ms. Davies voting *No* and Mr. Borrelli abstaining.

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos,

- l. To approve the attached Annual Tax Levy Resolution providing for the levy of taxes for school purposes for the school year beginning July 1, 2015, subject to the provisions of the Local Tax Collection Law.
- m. To adopt the proposed Final Budget of the School District for the 2015-2016 fiscal year on form PDE-2028 as presented to the School Board as the Final Budget for the School District General Fund in the amount of \$28,593,811.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Borrelli	<u>No</u>
Ms. Davies	<u>No</u>
Mr. Gaiser	<u>No</u>
Mr. Huth	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Lucovich	<u>Yes</u>
Dr. Marty	<u>Yes</u>
Dr. Prazenica	<u>No</u>
Mr. Shoaf	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Toy-Gaydos	<u>Yes</u>

Motion carried on a vote of five (5) to four (4), with Mr. Borrelli, Ms. Davies, Mr. Gaiser, and Dr. Prazenica voting *No*.

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

- n. To authorize a homestead and farmstead real estate tax assessment exclusion for the school year beginning July 1, 2015, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), in accordance with the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- o. To approve the secondary student lunch price of \$2.75, the elementary student lunch price of \$2.65, and the student breakfast price of \$1.25, for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried on a vote of six (6) to three (3), with Mr. Gaiser, Mr. Huth, and Dr. Prazenica voting *No*.

Policy

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

- a. To tentatively adopt the attached revised District Policy No. 916 (School Volunteers).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the election of Jean Stull as the Lenape Joint Operating Committee and Armstrong County Area Vocational-Technical School Board Treasurer for a one (1)-year term expiring on June 30, 2016.
- b. To approve the proposed budget for the 2015-2016 school year for the Lenape Technical School, as presented on the attachment.

Item *a*. carried unanimously. Item *b*. did *not* pass, on a vote of four (4) to five (5), with Mr. Gaiser, Mr. Huth, Dr. Prazenica, Mr. Shoaf, and Ms. Toy-Gaydos voting *No* on item *b*.

It was moved by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and seconded by Mr. Huth,

- c. To approve the attached proposal of Combustion Service & Equipment Co. (CS&E) to replace the boiler burners, controls, and pumps at the Freeport Area High School, at a cost of \$90,395 to be paid from capital project funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve the attached Change Order (No. 1) to the SR 0356 Highway Improvement Project Agreement with A. Folino Construction, Inc. dated March 11, 2015, resulting in an increased cost of \$8,888.46 in the contract sum.
- e. To approve the attached Change Order (No. 2) to the SR 0356 Highway Improvement Project Agreement with A. Folino Construction, Inc. dated March 11, 2015, resulting in an increased cost of \$4,567.57 in the contract sum.
- f. To approve the attached Change Order (No. 3) to the SR 0356 Highway Improvement Project Agreement with A. Folino Construction, Inc. dated March 11, 2015, resulting in an increased cost of \$2,296.88 in the contract sum.
- g. To approve the attached Change Order (No. 4) to the SR 0356 Highway Improvement Project Agreement with A. Folino Construction, Inc. dated March 11, 2015, resulting in an increased cost of \$1,050.16 in the contract sum.
- h. To approve the attached Change Order (No. 5) to the SR 0356 Highway Improvement Project Agreement with A. Folino Construction, Inc. dated March 11, 2015, resulting in an increased cost of \$1,463.70 in the contract sum.
- i. To approve the attached Change Order (No. 6) to the SR 0356 Highway Improvement Project Agreement with A. Folino Construction, Inc. dated March 11, 2015, resulting in an increased cost of \$2,738.93 in the contract sum.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Mr. Borrelli,

- j. To approve the attached resolution/ordinance extending the term of exemptions, deductions, abatements and credits for real property, earned income tax, net profits mercantile, and business privilege taxes within a

specific geographic area in Armstrong County designated as a Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone (KOEZ) or Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone (KOIZ).

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser,

- k. To approve the attached Addendum to October 8, 2014 Contract for Regional Wide Area Network, Internet and Other Related Consortium Services with ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 to allocate additional bandwidth to the District for an additional monthly cost of \$80, effective July 1, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- l. To authorize the superintendent or his designee, in accordance with District Policy No. 711, to dispose of books, furniture, equipment, supplies, or other school property that has no longer been deemed of value to the educational purpose of the District and has current value of \$100 or less, in a manner prescribed under the School Code for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- m. To approve the closure of the Freeport Area Kindergarten Center and the Freeport Area Junior High School, effective September 8, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos,

- n. To approve the proposed 2015-2016 District Calendar, as presented on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- o. To approve the District's entering into a tentative agreement with the Borough of Freeport for the lease of the Freeport Borough Athletic Field (James E. Swartz Sr. Memorial Field), for a term beginning on August 15, 2015 and ending on June 15, 2016, under the terms provided for in the attached Field Lease agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would not hold a Committee Meeting in July 2015 and that the Board would hold its next Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area High School.

Mr. Gaiser left the meeting at 8:48 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Comments from Visitors

The members responded to questions from visitors regarding the District's athletics fields and facilities.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary