

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Also present were student school board member Sophia Reitz and District solicitor Mr. Fred Wolfe.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 11, 2016. 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 August 11, 2016: The Board met in Executive Session on September 7, 2016, to discuss personnel matters and contracts and negotiations. The Board held its Committee Meeting on September 7, 2016. The Board met in Executive Session on September 14, 2016, to discuss personnel, safety and security, and contracts and negotiations matters.
3. Mr. Magness directed the members' attention to Administration's report attached to the agenda, particularly the reprinted text of an interview with Governor Wolf and the Governor's comments regarding state funding of public education.
4. Mr. Robb introduced new staff members: Morgan L. Kaminski, 7-12 Math Teacher; and Patrick W. Scott, Assistant High School Principal. The Board welcomed Ms. Kaminski and Mr. Scott to the District.

5. Mr. Lucovich announced that the feedback he's received from the community about the new Athletics Stadium has been positive and the fall sports season is off to a good start.
6. During the Board's September 7, 2016 Committee Meeting, Joe Charlton, Freeport Area School District Foundation Board President, provided the members with an update on the Foundation's past and future fundraising efforts.
7. Dr. Prazenica reported that the board of the Armstrong Indiana Intermediate Unit would hold its next meeting the following week.
8. Dr. Marty reported that Lenape's board would meet the following day. Dr. Prazenica had suggested at the Board's Committee Meeting on September 7, 2016 that the Board schedule a workshop for a date in the near future to discuss vocational-technical education in the District.
9. Ms. Bollinger reported that state government would be addressing issues touching on pension reform.
10. Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would be forming a Finance Committee in the near future.
11. Student School Board member Sophia Reitz provided the members with her report of student activities in the District.

During the September 7, 2016 Committee Meeting, Dr. Prazenica commended District Administration and staff members on the success of the Spirit Night event held on September 1, 2016 and expressed his hope that such an event could be held at least annually going forward.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Joann M. Fix, part-time Cafeteria Worker, effective August 12, 2016.
- b. To approve the request of Emily E. Phillips, Teacher, for Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave beginning on or around November 30, 2016.
- c. To employ Sara L. Walker as an Educational Assistant for the 2016-2017 school year, at an hourly rate of \$10.00, effective September 14, 2016.
- d. To employ Susan A. Lindo as an Educational Assistant for the 2016-2017 school year, at an hourly rate of \$10.00, effective September 14, 2016.
- e. To employ Bethany N. Bowser as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher, at an annual salary of \$37,000, prorated for days worked, effective August 24,

2016, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

- f. To employ Colin P. Milne as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher, at an annual salary of \$38,000, prorated for days worked, effective August 24, 2016, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- g. To employ Kaitlyn A. Goldinger as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher, at an annual salary of \$37,000, prorated for days worked, effective August 24, 2016, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- h. To employ Scott T. Jones as a full time Custodian, at an hourly compensation rate of \$11.45, effective September 15, 2016, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- i. To approve the substitute personnel listed on the attachment for the 2016-2017 school year, subject to completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- j. To approve the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's athletics programs during the 2016-2017 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the request of Charles M. Shipman, Jr., Middle School Dramatics Sponsor, for approval of student public performances of *CSI: Christmas Scene Investigators* at the Freeport Area Middle School on December 21 and December 22, 2016, at no cost to the District.
- b. To approve the request of Robert W. Harris, Buffalo Elementary Choral Director, for approval of student public performances of *Winnie the Pooh Kids* at Buffalo Elementary School on March 2 and March 3, 2017 (and a third performance, on March 4, 2017, if necessary to meet demand for tickets), at no cost to the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Magness provided the members with an overview of the August Financial Reports and Payments lists.

It was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger,

- a. To approve the attached August financial reports.
- b. To approve bills for payment listed on the attachment.
- c. To approve final year-end 2015-2016 budget transfers, as recommended by the state auditor.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To adopt attached new School Board Policy No. 247 (Hazing).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve student school bus transportation for the sixth year of a seven-year agreement, for the 2016-2017 school year as provided on the attachment.
- b. To approve W. L. Roenigk to provide the following additional routes for the 2016-2017 school year and the 2017 summer program as listed on the attachment.
- c. To approve Sharp Collections as the District's delinquent earned income tax collector for tax years 2011 and prior, for Buffalo Township and Freeport Borough, through June 30, 2018.
- d. To approve Mary E. Greene as the District's delinquent earned income tax collector for tax years 2011 and prior, for South Buffalo Township, through June 30, 2018.
- e. To approve the District's entering into the attached Mutual Aid Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Management with the other districts and schools in Armstrong and Indiana counties.

- f. To cast the District's vote for the following candidates for 2017 Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) Officers: Michael Faccinetto for President and David Hutchinson for Vice President and for the following candidates for PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees: Marianne L. Neel and Michael Faccinetto (for terms ending December 31, 2017), William S. LaCoff (for a term ending December 31, 2018), and Kathy K. Swope and Mark B. Miller (for terms ending December 31, 2019).
- g. To approve the District's entering into the attached Agreement with Center for Hearing & Deaf Services, Inc. for interpreting services which may be provided during the period from September 8, 2016 through June 30, 2020, at the rates listed on Attachment 1 of the Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that Board would hold its next Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at 7:30 pm, and its next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area High School.

Comments from Visitors

Joanne Bowser of Sarver commented that she believes the District's practices regarding how decisions are made with regard to qualifying athletes should be reviewed. Mr. Lucovich responded that he would look into the matter with the Board's Athletics Committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary