

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 14, 2017

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:47 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Also present was District solicitor Mr. Matthew Hoffman.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Reports

1. It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Dr. Marty, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 10, 2017. 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 on May 10, 2017: The Board met in Executive Session on June 7, 2017, to discuss personnel and contracts and negotiations. The Board held its Committee Meeting on June 7, 2017. The Board met in Executive Session on June 14, 2017, to discuss personnel and contracts and negotiations.
3. Mr. Magness directed the members' attention to Administration's report attached to the agenda. He thanked the members for another wonderful school year and High School commencement and noted how proud he was of the District's students. He called the members' attention to the two grants on the agenda for approval.
4. Mr. Robb directed the members' attention to his portion of Administration's report. He noted for the members that the evaluation of the autistic support group conducted by Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network assigned the group a score of 98 out of 100 (with a score of 70 being satisfactory). Mr. Robb reported that a career camp for High School students would be conducted during the last week of June and that over 30 students applied to attend the camp, which had 20 slots available.

5. Mr. Lucovich commended the District's administration, staff and students on another successful school year, and he thanked them for all of their hard work.
6. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Technical School was continuing to work on its new teacher contract.
7. Ms. Bollinger reported that pension reform bill SB1 would be signed by the governor the following week. She reported that the new law requires that beginning in 2019 employees will be required to select a retirement plan from a number of plans and would focus investment longevity risks away from school districts. Ms. Bollinger noted that analysts estimate the changes in the new law reduce the risk to school districts by 53%. Ms. Bollinger also reported on House Bill 76, which would allow students training for trades to be exempted from participation in the Keystones assessments.
8. Mr. Borrelli reported that the May Golf Outing had been postponed to August 6.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Aimee J. Engleka, Teacher, effective June 5, 2017.
- b. To approve the employee requests for leave listed on the attachment.
- c. To approve the employment of the individuals listed below as full time Teachers for the District, effective August 21, 2017, subject to satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements:

	Name	Annual compensation set by contract for Degree/Step
i.	<u>Madison P. Petras</u>	\$37,500
ii.	<u>Stacie A. Isenberg</u>	\$57,000
iii.	<u>Bethany N. Bowser</u>	\$41,500
iv.	<u>Eleanor T. Savage</u>	\$37,500

- d. To approve the employment of Kelly M. Borghol as a full time 12-month Building Secretary, at an hourly wage rate of \$14.00, effective July 1, 2017, subject to satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- e. To approve the employment of Jessica N. Fry as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher, at an annual salary of \$37,500, prorated for days worked, effective

August 21, 2017, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

- f. To employ the personnel listed on the attachment as Department Chairs during the 2017-2018 school year according to contracted terms of compensation.
- g. To approve the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's athletics programs during the 2017-2018 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
- h. To approve the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's extracurricular programs during the 2017-2018 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
- i. To approve the substitute personnel listed on the attachment for the 2017-2018 school year, at compensation rates approved by the board, contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- j. To approve the early-bird and mentor teacher and substitute personnel compensation rates provided on the attachment, for the 2017-2018 school year.
- k. To approve the District's membership in the Educators' Dental Consortium, effective July 1, 2017, and on approving Ryan M. Manzer as the initial fiscal agent per the terms of the attached consortium agreement.

Motion carried unanimously, with the exceptions of items (c)(ii) and (d), with Ms. Davies voting *No* on item (c)(ii) and Mr. Borrelli voting *No* on item (d).

### Curriculum and Technology

It was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos,

- a. To purchase and adopt the textbooks listed on the attachment and displayed in the meeting room for inspection, at a purchase price not to exceed \$20,000.
- b. To approve the attached assessment schedule for the 2017-2018 school year.
- c. To approve the request for two administrators and four school counselors to attend the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) PA Community on Transition Conference at Penn State University, from August 9-11, 2017, at a cost of \$400 per participant.

Motion carried on a vote of five (5) to three (3) with respect to item (a), with Mr. Borrelli, Ms. Davies, and Dr. Prazenica voting *No*.

Motion carried unanimously with respect to items (b) and (c).

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the chorus and band festivals for the 2017-2018 school year as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

It was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Mr. Borrelli,

- a. To approve the attached May financial reports.
- b. To approve bills for payment listed on the attachment.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.

Mr. Manzer provided the members with an overview of the attached May financial reports, payments lists, and budgetary transfers.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Dr. Marty,

- d. To retain the firm of Mark C. Turnley, CPA, as school district auditors for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017; June 30, 2018; and June 30 2019, at an annual rate of \$13,000 for each fiscal year audited.
- e. To authorize the Business Manager to make final year-end 2016-2017 budgetary transfers, which will be reported to the Board for approval in September 2017, as recommended by the state auditor.
- f. 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)  
First National Bank of Pennsylvania

- g. To approve the student activity accounts listed on the attachment for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- h. To award property and casualty insurance coverage for the 2017-2018 school year to Liberty Mutual Insurance through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., per the attached proposal, in the amount of \$82,695.

Motion carried, on a vote of six (6) to two (2), with Ms. Davies and Ms. Toy-Gaydos voting *No*.

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

- i. To award workmen's compensation insurance coverage for the 2017-2018 school year to Highmark Casualty Insurance Company in the amount of \$63,472, per the attached proposal.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- j. To approve the attached Annual Tax Levy Resolution as *Option 1* providing for the levy of taxes for school purposes for the school year beginning July 1, 2017, subject to the provisions of the Local Tax Collection Law.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Ms. Davies,

- k. To adopt the proposed Final Budget of the School District for the 2017-2018 fiscal year on form PDE-2028 as presented to the School Board as *Option 1* as a Final Budget for the School District General Fund, in the amount of \$30,778,398.

Motion carried on a roll call vote of five (5) to three (3), with Mr. Borrelli, Mr. Huth, and Dr. Marty voting *No*.

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

- l. To authorize a homestead and farmstead real estate tax assessment exclusion for the school year beginning July 1, 2017, 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 presented to the Board as *Option 1*.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Policy

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

- a. To adopt attached new School Board Policy No. 209.2 (Diabetes Management).
- b. To tentatively adopt attached new School Board Policy Section 600 (FINANCES).

Motion carried unanimously.

### Other Business

It was moved by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica,

- a. To approve Claire Crytzer and Sophia Reitz as Student School Board members for a one-year term during the 2017-2018 school year.
- b. To approve the attached School District Affiliation Agreement with the Carlow University Education Department, providing for the District's participation in Carlow University's student teacher program, for a five (5) year term beginning on June 14, 2017.
- c. To approve the attached School District Affiliation Agreement with Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, providing for the District's participation in Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania's student teacher program, for a five (5) year term beginning on June 14, 2017.
- d. To approve the attached Affiliation Agreement for Internship/Practicum Pre-Clinical and Student Teaching with Robert Morris University, providing for the District's participation in Robert Morris University's student teacher program, for a five (5) year term beginning on June 14, 2017.
- e. To approve the attached Service Agreement with State Security and Investigation Services, Inc., for uniformed security and consulting services, for a term beginning on August 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2018, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour per security agent.

Motion carried on a vote of seven (7) to one (1), with respect to item (a), with Mr. Borrelli voting *No*.

Motion carried unanimously, with respect to items (b) through (e).

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

- f. To approve the District's entering into the attached Lease Agreement with the Armstrong County Community Action Agency, for the lease of space at South Buffalo Elementary School, to be used for the purpose of operating a Head Start Program, at a cost to the Agency of \$500.00 per month rental, for a ten (10) month term beginning on September 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. To approve the District's entering into the attached Lease and Operating Agreement with Small Impressions Childcare, Inc. (SIC), for the lease of space at the Kelly School, to be used for the purpose of operating a day care center, at a cost to SIC of \$800.00 per month rental, for a twelve (12) month term beginning on July 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2018, pending solicitor review.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Dr. Marty,

- h. To approve the attached agreement with the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit, to provide driver education program component instruction, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, at no cost to the District.
- i. To appoint the firm of Tucker Arensberg, P.C. as school board solicitor for the 2017-2018 school year as per the firm's proposal dated May 25, 2017.
- j. To appoint Children's Community Pediatrics as elementary and secondary and athletic school physicians for the 2017-2018 school year at an annual rate of \$4,500.
- k. To appoint Drs. F.S. and D.L. DeMarco as school district dentists for the 2017 2018 school year at an annual rate of \$100.
- l. To acknowledge the election of Diana Heuser as the Lenape Joint Operating Committee Board Secretary for a four (4) year term expiring on June 30, 2021.
- m. To acknowledge the election of Daniel P. Lucovich 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, 2018.

- n. To approve the District's three-year membership in the ABC CREATE Lab - Satellite Network, at an annual cost of \$2,500.
- o. To accept a grant from the Tri County Workforce Investment Board, in the amount of \$5,400.80, to be used to cover expenses associated with a Career Summer Camp for twenty (20) District High School students, as described on the attachment.
- p. To accept a More Meaningful Movement! Healthy School Grant Award from the Highmark Foundation, in the amount of \$5,302, to be used to cover expenses related to the Physical Education program at South Buffalo Elementary School.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would hold its next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area High School.

Comments from Visitors

James Swartz of Freeport Borough requested more information about historical tax rates.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Borrelli commended the District superintendent and assistant superintendent on the success of the High School's 2017 commencement ceremony.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

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President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

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Secretary