

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 13, 2019

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:30 pm in the Auditorium of the Freeport Area High School was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:31 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Mr. Borrelli	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Hill	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Mr. Lucovich	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Present
Ms. Toy-Gaydos	Present

Also present were student board member Patrick Keeley and Kyah Pastoria, and District solicitor Mr. Christopher Voltz.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 13, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on February 13, 2019: The Board met in Executive Session on March 6, 2019, to discuss safety and security, personnel, and contracts and negotiations matters. The Board held its Committee Meeting on March 6, 2019. The Board met in Executive Session on March 13, 2019, to discuss safety and security, personnel, legal, and contracts and negotiations matters.
3. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Technical School's board would meet the following week. He extended an invitation to everyone in attendance to the open house to be held at Lenape Technical School the following day.
4. Mr. Magness and Mr. Robb referred the members to Administration's report provided as an attachment to the agenda.
5. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong Indiana Intermediate Unit (ARIN IU 28) board would meet the following week.

6. Ms. Bollinger provided the members with her legislative report: The governor is setting aside \$600,000 in state funds for local schools interested in expanding breakfast programs for hungry kids, which will be available to schools that offer breakfast to all students in the building. The House Judiciary Committee unanimously advanced a bill Tuesday to close a loophole that lets students use electronic nicotine delivery systems like vapes on school property. The legislation would also make it a crime under state law to sell these products to anyone under the age of 18. President Donald Trump is seeking a 10 percent cut to the U.S. Department of Education's budget in his fiscal 2020 budget proposal, which would cut the department's spending by \$7.1 billion down to \$64 billion starting in October.
7. Mr. Borrelli reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation would make a presentation to the Board on the Foundation's activities over the past year, at the April 3, 2019, meeting.
8. Student school board members Patrick Keeley and Kyah Pastoria presented their reports on student activities. The student school board members introduced the 2019 DECA State Career Development Conference winners, John Zurisko and Kaitlyn Ritter.

Personnel

1. It was moved by Mr. Hill, and seconded by Mr. Haven,
 - a. To accept the resignation of Linda Yurchick Kuruc, Teacher, effective June 3, 2019.
 - b. To accept the resignation of Cynthia L. Weltner, 12 Month Secretary, effective July 31, 2019.
 - c. To approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the Freeport Education Association providing for modification to the District's list of extracurricular positions effective with the 2019-2020 school year.
 - d. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2018-2019 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
 - e. To approve the positions listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs for the 2019 2020 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
 - f. To approve the employment of the substitute personnel listed on the attachment for the 2018-2019 school year, at compensation rates approved by the board, contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

- g. *To table the following item:* to approve the attached Compensation Plan for Administrative Support Employees, for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously, except that Mr. Huth voted *No* on the motion to table item (g).

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To adopt the High School Programs of Study for the 2019-2020 school year, as provided on the attachment.
- b. To adopt the Middle School Programs of Study for the 2019-2020 school year, as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Choir Director, and seven (7) High School students for approval of an overnight field trip to attend the 2019 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region II Chorus Festival in Clarion, Pennsylvania, on March 21-23, 2019, at a cost to the District of \$620, including the cost of one substitute teacher for two days.
- b. To approve the attached Addendum to a Lease Agreement with Freeport Baseball Association dated June 1, 2016, for the lease of a baseball field for the District's Athletics Programs, to extend the term of the Agreement for two (2) additional years (2020 and 2021) at a cost of \$7,775 per year.
- c. To approve the requests to use the athletic fields under ownership of the Freeport Area School District as provided in District Policy and according to the schedule developed by the Athletic Director for the 2019 spring-summer season as described on the attachment.

Motion carried on a vote of seven (7) to two (2), with Mr. Hill and Dr. Prazenica voting *No* on item (b).

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

- d. To approve the request of Melanie Bollinger, School Director, and up to 80 High School Grade 12 students for approval of an overnight field trip to Washington, DC, on May 10-12, 2019, at a cost to the District of \$270, including the cost of three substitute teachers for one day.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To tentatively adopt attached new School Board Policy No. 825 (Reasonable Use of Force).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To elect Frank C. Prazenica, Jr., to serve as the District's Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit Board representative, for a three (3)-year term expiring June 30, 2022.
- b. To approve the attached letter of commitment to the Oberg Industries, LLC Apprentice & Career Exploration Program for the 2019-2020 school year.
- c. To approve the proposed budget of the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, as presented on the attachment.
- d. To approve the attached agreement with Armstrong Utilities, Inc., for 1GB internet service, for a five-year term, at a monthly cost of \$730, effective July 1, 2019.
- e. To accept the donation from Jeff Christy of an assisted triceps and pull-up machine to the Freeport Area Middle School.
- f. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the South Buffalo Elementary School Project, "Learning to Read in Comfort" described on the attachment.
- g. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project, "Check Us Out, We're Going Wireless" described on the attachment.
- h. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project, "3D Printing Innovations" described on the attachment.
- i. To approve the proposed revised 2018-2019 District Calendar, as presented on the attachment.
- j. To approve the proposed revised 2019-2020 District Calendar, as presented on the attachment.

Motion carried on a vote of seven (7) to two (2), with Ms. Bollinger and Ms. Toy-Gaydos voting *No* on item (j).

Finance

Mr. Manzer provided the members with an overview of the financial reports and payments lists.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To accept the attached Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General's Limited Procedures Engagement report dated February 12, 2019, for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017.
- e. To authorize Administration to enter into joint purchasing agreements with other school districts or intermediate units in Pennsylvania for purchases for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Huth commended Buffalo Elementary School's staff and students on their successful production of the elementary school musical.

Comments from Visitors

Oleva Slaughenhaupt of Buffalo Township and Joy Foust of Buffalo Township commented on the decision to eliminate Early Bird French II from the 2019-2020 High School course offerings. James Swartz of Freeport Borough commented on the lease of a baseball field for the District's Athletics Program and on the addition of a firefighter program at the High School.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would hold its next Committee Meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, and its next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. at the Freeport Area High School.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary