

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 29, 2020

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 6:00 pm via audio conference call, live-streamed and with public comment by email, was called to order by Mr. John K. Haven, President, at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Hill	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Mr. Lucovich	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Absent*
Mr. Selinger	Present
Mr. Toncini	Present

Administrators participating were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Robb, Program Director; and Mr. Manzer, Business Manager. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Fred Wolfe.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Dr. Prazenica joined the meeting, at 6:03 pm.

Mr. Haven welcomed members of the public participating via live-streamed audio.

The Board Secretary reported that no comments on any agenda items had been submitted by the public.

It was moved by Mr. Toncini, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to suspend any applicable Freeport Area School District policies in order to authorize the conduct of this regular meeting of the Board of School Directors via telephone conference in consideration of the public health concerns and governmental directives arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Notice of the conduct of this meeting via telephone conference previously has been posted at the District Administration office and to the District website with information to allow public access to and public comment during the meeting. Motion carried on a vote of eight (8) to one (1), with Dr. Prazenica voting No.

Reports

1. It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

**Dr. Prazenica joined the meeting a few minutes after the roll was called.*

2. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on March 12, 2020: The Board met in Executive Session on April 22, 2020, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters.
3. Superintendent Magness commended the District's administrators and cafeteria staff and school nutrition program director Cassie Mielke on their efforts in connection with the District's Grab and Go Meals Program.
4. Mr. Haven thanked everyone working in the District for pulling together to ensure the best possible outcome of the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Technical School's board had met by Zoom meeting to approve the school's maintenance and custodians agreement. He further reported that the support staff and cafeteria staff agreements were still not finalized. Mr. Lucovich noted for the Board's information that the Lenape Technical School budget on the Board's agenda for approval reflects a zero (0) cost increase from 2019-2020 to 2020-2021.
6. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong-Indiana Intermediate Unit (ARIN) board would meet the following week by video conference.

Dr. Prazenica left the meeting, at 6:22 pm.

Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Mr. Toncini,

- a. To accept the resignation of Renee A. Bowman, Cafeteria Worker, effective March 25, 2020.
- b. To accept the retirement resignation of David J. Kradel, Teacher, effective June 30, 2020.
- c. To accept the retirement resignation of Randall C. Lemmon, Maintenance Supervisor, effective June 30, 2020.
- d. To accept the retirement resignation of Walter L. Vantine, full time Custodian, effective June 30, 2020.
- e. To accept the retirement resignation of Richard A. Burns, Special Services Coordinator, effective August 14, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Prazenica rejoined the meeting, at 6:23 pm.

Curriculum and Technology

It was moved by Mr. Toncini, and seconded by Mr. Hill,

- a. To approve the submission of the District's Special Education Plan Report (07/01/2020 - 06/30/2023), as provided on the attachment, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To authorize Administration to submit a Flexible Instruction Day application to Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than September 1, 2020 for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 academic years.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the requests listed on the attachment for use of District facilities by District athletics booster groups at no charge, from July 2020 through April 2021, subject to approval of Superintendent or designee based on prevailing conditions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 006.1 (Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications)
- b. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 212 (Reporting Student Progress)
- c. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 213 (Assessment of Student Progress)
- d. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 217 (Graduation Requirements)
- e. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 335 (Family and Medical Leaves)

- f. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 626 (Federal Fiscal Compliance).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

It was moved by Mr. Toncini, and seconded by Mr. Selinger,

- a. To approve the proposed budget of the Lenape Technical School for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented on the attachment.
- b. To approve the attached agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc., for education services to be provided during the 2020-2021 school year, at the following daily rates: one (1) guaranteed seat reserved at a rate of \$85.20 for regular education and \$93.80 for special education and any additional seats at a rate of \$87.76 each for regular education and \$96.61 each for special education.
- c. To approve no increase in the student lunch price of \$2.75 for secondary students and \$2.65 for elementary students and the student breakfast price of \$1.25, for the 2020-2021 school year.
- d. To award bids for maintenance supplies to various suppliers in the amount of \$50,104.65, as provided on the attachment.
- e. To approve the attached proposed revised 2019-2020 District calendar.
- f. To authorize Administration to apply for any mandate waivers related to the COVID-19 closure of March 2020 through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Ryan Manzer, Business Manager, referred the members to his attached report and provided his update on the issues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Magness noted that the current situation involved both positive and negative variances for the District's budget.

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

- a. To approve the attached March 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.

Next Meetings

Mr. Haven announced that the Board would cancel its Committee Meeting previously scheduled for May 6, 2020, and its Regular Meeting previously scheduled for May 14, 2020. He noted that the new dates for those meetings were still to be determined and would be announced as soon as possible.

Comments from Visitors

Mr. Magness addressed several comments submitted by the public regarding the District's graduation ceremony and scheduling of other events, in light of the disruption caused by COVID-19 pandemic.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

/s/ John K. Haven

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary