

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:30 pm in the Audion of the Freeport Area High School, 625 South Pike Road, Sarver, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:30 p.m. Due to pandemic precautions, the meeting was held in the Auditorium of the Freeport Area Middle School, 629 South Pike Road, Sarver, Pennsylvania, with notice of the location change posted on the Administration Office and High School Audion doors and on the District website.

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. Walker, Business Manager. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Fred Wolfe.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Lucovich welcomed members of the public and requested that visitors wear masks and social distance. He solicited public comment on the items on the posted agenda.

Public Comment

James Seagriff of Buffalo Township and Nicole Selinger of South Buffalo Township commented on the COVID-19 Statement of Assurances to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Other Business item (h).

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 5, 2021, and the Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2021. 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 August 12, 2021: The Board's Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session with representatives from Freeport

*Mr. Toncini participated by telephone conference call.

Education Support Personnel Association on August 18, 2021. The Board met in Executive Session on September 2, 2021, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations matters. The Board held its Committee Meeting on September 2, 2021. The Board met in Executive Session on September 9, 2021, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters.

3. Retired teacher Debra K. Barry was recognized for her 18 years of service to the District. Mr. Lucovich presented Ms. Barry with a golden apple and thanked her on behalf of the District.
4. Mr. Lucovich reminded visitors that the District is governed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health's mask mandate.
5. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Technical School's board would meet the following week and that currently 40 students from Freeport Area attend Lenape Technical school.
6. Ms. Bollinger presented her Legislative report as provided on the attachment.
7. Ms. Bollinger reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation would hold its annual Golf Outing on September 19, 2021. She noted that the Foundation was still accepting corporate sponsors for the Outing.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Amanda T. Devola, Educational Assistant, effective August 23, 2021.
- b. To approve the employment of Jennifer L. Tarr as an Educational Assistant, at an hourly wage rate of \$13.00, effective September 10, 2021, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- c. To approve the proposed contract settlement between the Freeport Education Support Personnel Association and the Freeport Area School District as provided on the attachment.
- d. To approve the employment of Beth M. Renfro as a part-time Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly wage rate of \$13.00, effective September 10, 2021, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- e. To approve the attached revised list of bus drivers for the 2021-2022 school year as recommended by the State Auditors.

- f. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2021-2022 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- g. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Extracurricular Programs during the 2021-2022 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the attached resolution for the District's membership in the Armstrong-Indiana Intermediate Unit's Pennsylvania Institute for Instructional Coaching (PIIC) Consortium, at a cost of \$500 for the 2021-2022 school year.
- b. To approve the dual enrollment of Freeport Area High School students in the Allegheny County Fire Academy Fire Service Training Program's Entry Level Fire Training Elective Class during the 2021-2022 school year, at no cost to the District, as described on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the request of Jennifer Dell, South Buffalo Elementary School Choral Director, for approval of the 2021-2022 South Buffalo Elementary School student production of a play on November 18-19, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 006 (Meetings).

- b. To approve the adoption of the attached new School Board Policy No. 236.1 (Threat Assessment).
- c. To approve the adoption of the attached new School Board Policy No. 800.1 (Electronic Signatures/ Records).
- d. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 903 (Public Participation in Board Meetings).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the casting of the District's vote for the following candidates for 2022 Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) Officers: Sabrina Backer, for a 1-year term as President; Allison Mathis for a 1-year term as Vice President; and for the following PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees: Richard Frerichs, William LaCoff, and Nathan Mains, for terms ending December 31, 2024.
- b. To approve the attached addenda to the agreements with the individual or limited liability company listed for School Police Officer services, to provide for an hourly fee of \$29.00 effective July 1, 2021.
- c. To approve the attached contract for educational services with Armstrong School District for the 2021-2022 school year.
- d. To approve the attached contract for special education learning support services with Armstrong School District for the 2021-2022 school year.
- e. To approve the attached agreement with Southwood Psychiatric Hospital for academic tutoring services to be provided during the 2021-2022 school year at a daily rate of \$90.
- f. To approve the attached Contractual Agreement with Pressley Ridge for Special Education Services to be provided during the 2021-2022 school year at a rate of \$25,000 per semester and \$2,450 for extended school year services, with any one-on-one aid services to be provided at a rate of \$19,000 per semester and \$3,800 during an extended school year.
- g. To approve the attached agreement with Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission for the provision of services for the Student Assistance Program (SAP) Initiative for the 2021-2022 school year, at no cost to the District.

- h. To authorize the submission of the attached COVID-19 Statement of Assurances to the Pennsylvania Department of Health.
- i. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Miss Lewis's Little Listeners" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$604.16).

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Walker presented his Business Manager's report to the Board.

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

- a. To approve the attached August financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would hold a Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 7:30 pm and its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 7:30 pm.

Comments from the Public

The following visitors commented on the District's mask protocol for students and the Pennsylvania Department of Health mask mandate: Sonya Mohr of Freeport Borough, Sylvia Maxwell of Buffalo Township, Ana Linares of Buffalo Township, Gary Risch of South Buffalo Township, Judy Fair of South Buffalo Township, Michael Oehling of Buffalo Township, Jackie Gaughan of South Buffalo Township, Drew Zerick of Buffalo Township, Andrew Vento of South Buffalo Township, Beth Linhart of Freeport Borough, and Keenan McGaughey of Buffalo Township.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Hill, and seconded by Mr. Huth, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary