

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 11, 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 7:32 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Administrators participating were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; and Mr. Walker, Business Manager. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Daniel Conlon.

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. Emily Sutej of South Buffalo Township provided her comments regarding agenda item 4.a., the District's Comprehensive Plan, and her opposition to the social-emotional learning initiatives contained in the Plan.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 14, 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 October 14, 2021: The Board met in Executive Session on November 4, 2021, to discuss Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations. The Board held its Committee Meeting on November 4, 2021. The Board met in Executive Session on November 11, 2021, to discuss Personnel and Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters.
3. In his President's report, Mr. Lucovich noted that Freeport Area School District had made substantial progress in the last twelve years in the use of technology in education and student access to athletic and extracurricular programs. He noted that textbook approval requires the affirmative vote of at least five School Directors.

4. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Technical School continues to provide a great opportunity for District resident students to learn the skills they need to enter the workforce.
5. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong Indiana Intermediate Unit board would meet the following week.
6. Mr. Selinger reported on the Football team and the Volleyball team's playoff schedules.
7. Ms. Bollinger's Legislation report was given at the Board's Committee Meeting held on November 4, 2021, and provided as an attachment in the meeting book.
8. Student School Board members Michael Hower and Abigail Spinner presented their reports to the Board at the Board's November 4, 2021, Committee Meeting.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the attached resignation from Kelli S. Burdett, Substitute School Nurse, effective November 12, 2021.
- b. To approve the employment of Kristina Kushon-Iusi as a part-time Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly wage rate of \$12.75, effective December 6, 2021, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- c. To grant professional status to Emily Hough, Trista Huth, Mallory Ketterer, Cara Masters, and Dana Pfaff, who have each met the requirements for tenure as outlined in the Pennsylvania School Code.
- d. To **TABLE** *Personnel* item (d) (to approve the attached revised Compensation Plan for Administrators of the Freeport Area School District (2022-2027), effective July 1, 2022).
- e. 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.
- f. 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

At Mr. Toncini's request and by order the Board President, the Board moved to executive session for 10 minutes (from 7:57 pm to 8:07 pm) to discuss legal matters and then returned to the public meeting room.

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

- a. To grant final approval of the attached Comprehensive Plan, to remain in effect through June 30, 2024, and to authorize submission of the Plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

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

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve student fundraising activity as described on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the attached Owner and Architect Agreement dated November 11, 2021, with HHSDR, Inc., for services related to the Freeport Area High School Master Plan, Air Conditioning Project, and Future High School Renovation, authorizing architect to proceed only with the Master Plan at this time, at a cost of \$30,000.
- b. To accept the attached proposal and to approve the attached Agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc., for replacement of radiant heat panel controllers at Buffalo Elementary School, at a cost of \$22,120 (\$4,473 after a credit from Johnson Controls, Inc. of \$17,647).
- c. To accept the attached proposal from Maffei Strayer Furnishings for removal and replacement of the Freeport Area High School gymnasium bleachers, at a cost of \$114,125.
- d. To approve the attached Educational Services Agreement with The School at McGuire Memorial for educational services to be provided to two District resident students from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, in accordance with the students' IEPs, with fees as provided on Exhibit A of the Agreement.

- e. To approve the request of Bradley T. Walker, Business Manager, for approval to attend the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) Annual Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on March 8-11, 2022, at a cost to the District of \$1,200.
- f. To approve an agreement with Pennsylvania State Education Association Health & Welfare Fund for participation in a Voluntary Vision Program as described on the attachment, from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023.
- g. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Fun in our Room" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$134.09).
- h. To accept an Innovative Classroom Grant from the PPG Foundation in the amount of \$2,000 for the South Buffalo Elementary School STEM programs.
- i. To set the organization meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors for December 9, 2021, at 7:30 pm at the Freeport Area High School.
- j. To approve a stipulated adjudication of Student A, as recommended by Administration.

Motion carried unanimously, except for item (a). Dr. Prazenica voted No on item (a).

Finance

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

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

- a. To approve the attached October financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To approve the attached list of Capital Projects.
- e. To approve the attached resolution appointing Bradley T. Walker and Valerie J. Smith as Butler County Tax Collection Committee voting delegates for the District.
- f. To approve the attached resolution authorizing Bradley T. Walker, Business Manager, to make requests and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer relative to the collection of taxes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would hold its Organization Meeting followed by a Committee Meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 7:30 pm and its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 7:30 pm.

Comments from the Board Members

The Board Secretary presented Mr. Hill and Mr. Lucovich each with a gift from the Board, in recognition of their years of service on the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors, noting that Mr. Hill had served on the Board for four years and Mr. Lucovich had served on the Board for a total of 16 years.

Comments from the Public

Jim Seagriff of Buffalo Township commented on the District's mask mandate and his intention to continue to seek a seat on the Board. Judy Fair of South Buffalo Township commented on the District's mask mandate.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary