

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 8, 2023

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. Adam Toncini, Board President, at 7:45 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Present*
Mr. Risch	Absent
Mr. Selinger	Present
Mr. Toncini	Present
Ms. Zembrzuski	Present

Student School Board Members:

Ava Soilis	Absent
Elise Whitlinger	Present
Crystal Zembrzuski	Present
Madalin Burnheimer	Absent
Kodi Esau	Absent
Anne Lindsay	Present

Administrators present were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Robb, Program Director; and Mr. Walker Director of Finance and Operations. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Matthew Hoffman.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Toncini welcomed members of the public. He solicited public comment on the items on the posted agenda. Drew Zerick and Sylvia Maxwell of Buffalo Township commented on the proposed Lyme disease education pilot program.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Huth, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 1, 2023, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 8, 2023, and the minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 13, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
2. The Board Secretary reported that the Board met as follows since the last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on February 8, 2023: The Board held a Special Meeting for general business matters on February 13, 2023. The Board

**Dr. Prazenica participated by telephone.*

met in Executive Session on March 1, 2023, to discuss Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Legal Matters. The Board held a Committee Meeting on March 1, 2023. The Board met in Executive Session on March 8, 2023, to discuss Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters.

3. During the Committee Meeting held on March 1, 2023, Mr Magness reported on the proposed purchase of virtual reality equipment, a Lyme Disease education pilot program, changes to the secondary bell schedules for 2023-2024, and the status of the current High School Science wing repairs project.
4. Mr. Toncini congratulated the students named to the National Honor Society and the students who participated in the recent Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) competition. He reported that 78 students were named to the National Honor Society this year.
5. Mr. Huth reported that the Lenape Technical School Joint Operating Committee would meet the following week.
6. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit's Annual School Directors Convention would be held on April 18, 2023, hosted by Marion Center School District.
7. Mr. Selinger reported that Spring sports had started earlier in the week. He congratulated five members of the Swimming team on reaching the state finals competition.
8. Mr. Haven reported on Governor Shapiro's budget, which was announced on March 7, 2023, and on the School Construction and Renovations bill.
9. Ms. Bollinger reported on the 2022-2023 Classroom Grants awarded by the Freeport Area School District Foundation.
10. The Student school board members in attendance provided their report on student activities.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the attached resignation from Jacqueline A. Smith, part-time Cafeteria Worker, effective February 24, 2023.
- b. To approve the request of Employee No. 2102 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- c. To approve the employment of Darla J. Buterbaugh as a part-time Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly wage rate of \$12.75, effective March 9, 2023, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

- d. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2022-2023 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.
- e. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2023-2024 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 2022-2023 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 2023-2024 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. Davies, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger,

- a. To authorize Administration to submit a Flexible Instruction Day application to Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than April 13, 2023 for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 academic years.
- b. To approve the attached proposal from Dr. Valerie Piccini for services related to professional development in structured literacy during the 2023-2024 school year, at a cost of \$6,050.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve a High School student field trip to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region II Honors Band Festival in Marion Center, Pennsylvania, from March 23-24, 2023, at a cost to the District of \$1,184 plus the cost of one substitute teacher for two days.

- b. To approve a High School student field trip to the PMEA State Conference in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania, on April 19-22, 2023, at a cost to the District of \$1,702.94 plus the cost of one substitute teacher for three days.
- 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 2023 spring-summer season as described on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To adopt the attached revised Fee Schedule attachment to School Board Policy No. 707 (Use of School Facilities).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To accept the attached proposal from Dr. Mitchel Nickols for staff and student development services to be provided from April 4, 2023, through August 29, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.
- b. To approve a student lunch price of \$2.85 for secondary students and \$2.75 for elementary students and the student breakfast price of \$1.35, for the 2023-2024 school year.
- c. To approve the attached Food Service Management Company Renewal Year Cost Reimbursable Contract for the 2023-2024 school year.
- d. To approve the attached K-12 School 4th Grade Lyme Disease Pilot proposal from the Pennsylvania Department of Health for a Lyme disease prevention project to be conducted during 2023, at no cost to the District.
- e. To approve the settlement agreement with Juul Labs, Inc., in relation to the multi-district litigation involving the marketing of vaping products and authorizing the Freeport Area School District's officers and legal counsel to execute such documents as required for and by such agreement.
- f. To approve the attached contract with Lifesteps, Inc., for adult training services to be provided to a resident student in accordance with the student's IEP, from March 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023, at a cost to the District of \$5.23 or \$6.98 per quarter hour based on the type of service.

- g. To approve the attached proposal from Avantis Education Inc. for the purchase and delivery of 32 ClassVR Headsets, 32 ClassVR USB Hand Controllers, and 32 ClassVR Foam Cubes, access to Eduverse School online curriculum resources and tools for one (1) year and perpetual access to ClassVR online continuing professional development training material, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$18,814.
- h. To approve the attached Agreement with Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit 28 regarding allocation of federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funds for the 2022-2023 school year.
- i. To approve the adoption of Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit's 2023-2024 Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds by School District, as provided on the attachment.
- j. To approve the District's participation in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Western Pennsylvania Gasoline/Diesel Fuel Consortium for the 2023-2024 School Year.
- k. To approve the attached Commercial Service Agreement with Armstrong Utilities, Inc., for two dark fiber circuits, for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2023, at a cost of \$600 per month.
- l. To accept \$258,148 in Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant funds for mental health supports and physical security upgrades.
- m. To accept the following Pennsylvania Department of Education Food Service Equipment Grants:
 - i. Freeport Area High School - \$6,750.00 - Planetary Mixer
 - ii. South Buffalo Elementary School - \$4,841.00 - Booster Heater, Electric
- n. To accept the 2022-2023 classroom grants listed on the attachment from the Freeport Area School District Foundation, in the total amount of \$32,900.
- o. To accept a 2023 Kids to Parks Day Program grant in the amount of \$575 from the National Park Trust, to be used to fund an outdoor learning experience for South Buffalo Elementary School Grade 4 students.
- p. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Flexibility in the Classroom" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$857.54).

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Walker referred the members to the attached business manager’s report.

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

- a. To approve the attached February financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To award bids for maintenance supplies to various suppliers in the amount of \$51,950.52, as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Toncini announced that the Board would hold a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the High School Audion and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the High School Audion.

Comments from the Public

Brenda Golembesky, the owner of property in Buffalo Township, commented on structured literacy, and Dan Lucovich of Buffalo Township, commented on the progress of the High School renovations projects and the Buffalo Elementary School’s *Moana Jr* production to be held on March 23-25, 2023.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Ms. Davies, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Toncini declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

/s/ Adam M. Toncini
Board President

/s/ Mary Dobransky
Board Secretary