

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 9, 2013

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Dan Lucovich, President, at 7:35 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Borrelli	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Ms. Lowers	Present
Mr. Lucovich	Present
Dr. Marty	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Absent
Mr. Shoaf	Present
Ms. Toy-Gaydos	Present

Also present was Mr. Hoffman, solicitor.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and seconded by Ms. Lowers, to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 11, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows:
 - a. Executive Session on October 2, 2013 and October 9, 2013, for personnel, contract, and confidential student matters.
 - b. Athletic Committee on September 30, 2013.
3. Mr. DeVivo reported on school activities as per the attached report.
4. Mr. Lucovich reported on the District's ongoing efforts to improve school safety. He indicated that he would appoint a Safety and Security Committee to finalize a safety and security plan.
5. Mr. Shoaf noted that mental health training for District staff should be a priority, particularly in the area of suicide prevention. Mr. DeVivo indicated that mental health training would be an important consideration as the District plans its continuing staff development plan.

6. Hayley Davis and Benjamin Goldinger, student Board members, reported on school activities as per the attached report.
7. Mr. DeVivo noted for the Board that Children's Community Care Pediatrics would be offering flu shots for no charge on October 23, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the senior high school cafeteria. He also noted that Children's Community Care Pediatrics reported 180 shots were administered in 2012 and that they expect up to 250 individuals to receive flu shots on October 23, 2013.

Personnel

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

- a. To employ Stacey Straub as a teacher for the District beginning October 23, 2013, at an annual salary of \$35,000 prorated for days worked, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Lowers, and seconded by Mr. Shoaf, to approve the following agenda items:

- b. To implement the Employment Guidelines for Educational Assistants, attached to these Minutes.
- c. To employ Valerie Smith as a part-time Accounting Assistant at an hourly rate of \$15.00 to be effective on or about November 4, 2013 pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- d. To establish an hourly rate of \$9.35 as per contract, for the following part-time cafeteria workers, to be effective as listed after satisfactory completion of the probationary period: Margaret Logue, 9/17/13; Robert Weltner, 9/16/13; Linda Zeidler, 9/16/13.
- e. To employ personnel for the District's athletic and extra-curricular activities program during the 2013-2014 school year according to contracted terms of compensation approved by the Board and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- f. To grant the request from the various head coaches and activity sponsors to approve the volunteer assistant coaches/sponsors as listed on a separate sheet for the 2013-2014 sports/extra-curricular season, at no cost to the District and pending Act 34 and Act 151 clearances as required.

- g. To approve Michael Helman as an assistant in the District's Television Productions program under the sponsorship of ITT Technical School, pending Acts 34 and 151 clearances.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Mr. Borrelli, to approve the following agenda items:

- a. To approve the request from Gregory Adams, Environment/Geology/Earth Science Teacher, and twenty (20) students in the Advanced Environmental Geology class to participate in a field trip to Willow Bay State Park and Watkins Glen State Park, on October 18-19, 2013, at no cost to the District except three (3) substitute teachers for one-half (½) day (\$127.50).
- b. To approve the request from Philip Grasha, Chemistry/Advanced Chemistry Teacher, to attend a Marine Corps Educator/Leadership Conference in Paris Island, South Carolina, on February 11-14, 2014, at no cost to the District except one (1) substitute teacher for four (4) full days (\$340).
- c. To approve the request from Larry Robb, Program Director, to attend the Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Annual Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on November 2-4, 2013, at a cost of \$1,200.

Motion carried unanimously except for item *b.*, with Ms. Davies and Mr. Lucovich voting no on agenda item *b.*

Athletics and Activities

It was moved by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and seconded by Mr. Shoaf, to approve the following items:

- a. To approve the engagement of High School Title IX Consulting Service of State College for assistance in completion of a Title IX audit for the athletic department, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.
- b. To approve the acceptance of an anonymous donation for \$100 to be used toward transportation costs of the Junior High Cross Country team, for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Mr. Borrelli, to approve the following items:

- a. To approve the Treasurer's Report.
- b. To approve the Budget Status Report.
- c. To approve the Activities Fund Report.
- d. To approve the Athletic Fund Report.
- e. To approve bills for payment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

- a. The Board discussed and reviewed the attached draft District policy titled "Responsible Use of Personal Technology."

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Borrelli noted that Dr. Prazenica was named the interim superintendent for Leechburg Area School District, effective July 1, 2013.

Visitors

Kenneth Kemmer volunteered to answer questions from the Board about the Freeport Youth Lacrosse Association's proposal for the creation of a Freeport High School Lacrosse Team. Ms. Toy-Gaydos noted that the Board could take no action on the proposal until the results of the Title IX audit were available. Mr. Lucovich thanked Mr. Kemmer for his efforts in preparing the proposal.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Dr. Marty, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Daniel P. Lucovich

President

Mary Dobransky

Secretary