

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:34 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Mr. Borrelli	Absent
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Hill	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Mr. Lucovich	Present
Dr. Marty	Absent
Dr. Prazenica	Absent
Ms. Toy-Gaydos	Absent

Also present were student school board members Claire Crytzer and Sophia Reitz, and District solicitor Mr. Daniel Conlon.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Reports

1. It was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 13, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last Secretary's report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on September 13, 2017: The Board met in Executive Session on October 4, 2017, to discuss personnel, contracts and negotiations, and legal matters. The Board held its Committee Meeting on October 4, 2017. The Board met in Executive Session on October 11, 2017, to discuss personnel matters.
3. Mr. Lucovich recognized the District's 2016-2017 retiring teachers: Cathi L. Cooper, Garrie L. Davies, Kimberly A. Nichol, Donald L. Orlowski, Pamela J. Romaniw, and Holly A. Shoaf, and presented the retirees who were in attendance with their golden apples.
4. Mr. Magness and Mr. Robb directed the members' attention to Administration's report attached to the agenda.
5. Mr. Lucovich recognized the service of the District's retiring teachers and presented each retiree with a gift from the District. Mr. Lucovich noted that between them the six retiring teachers had served the students of the Freeport

Area School District for a total of nearly 200 years, and he thanked the retirees for their dedication to the field of education.

6. Mr. Lucovich reported that the next meeting of Lenape Technical School's board would be held the following week.
7. Ms. Bollinger reported that, with no consensus on a revenue package and several failed attempts in the House of Representatives this week to successfully move a plan forward, Governor Wolf had announced that he would act to securitize profits from the state's liquor system to close most of the state's deficit. Ms. Bollinger noted that school districts are not expected to have any more delays or cuts in payments from the state and that Governor Wolf has indicated that he wants to ensure that schools and human services organizations are provided with the needed funding to operate and keep their doors open.
8. Mr. Borrelli reported at the Board's Committee Meeting on October 4, 2017, that the Foundation had held a meeting on October 2, 2017. Mr. Magness reported that the Foundation's EITC application has been filed and comments received and the requested revisions submitted.
9. Student school board members Clair Crytzer and Sophia Reitz provided the members with their reports on student activities.

#### Personnel

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

- a. To approve the employment of Donna L. Good as an Educational Assistant for the 2017-2018 school year, at an hourly rate of compensation of \$10.00, effective October 10, 2017, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- b. To approve the employment of Casey L. Skiles as a full time Custodian, at an hourly rate of compensation of \$11.95, effective October 15, 2017, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- c. To approve the substitute personnel listed on the attachment for the 2017-2018 school year, at compensation rates approved by the board, contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve items (a), (b), and (c), below.

Mr. Manzer provided the members with an overview of the attached September financial reports and payments lists.

- a. To approve the attached September 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.

Policy

It was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Ms. Davies,

- a. To tentatively adopt attached new School Board Policy Section 000 (LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES).
- b. To tentatively adopt attached new School Board Policy Section 700 (PROPERTY).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the attached Comprehensive Plan, to remain in effect through June 30, 2020.
- b. To approve the attached Lease Agreement with the Armstrong County Community Action Agency, for the lease of space at South Buffalo Elementary School, to be used for the purpose of operating a Head Start Program, at a cost to the Agency of \$500.00 per month rental, for a 12-month term beginning on July 1, 2017 to renew automatically unless canceled by either party.
- c. To approve the attached Consulting Agreement with Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc., for special education services to be provided to one or more District students, at the hourly rates set forth in the Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To accept the attached proposal submitted by Mazzitti & Sullivan EAP Services to provide Employee Assistance Program services at a rate of \$18 per employee per year.

Motion did not carry, on a vote of three (3) to two (2), with Ms. Davies and Mr. Hill voting *No*.

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

- e. To approve the attached Addenda to the Agreements with the individuals listed to serve as School Police Officers.

Motion did not carry, on a vote of four (4) to one (1), with Mr. Hill voting *No*.

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

- f. To approve the participation of District staff and students in the Allegheny Conference Student and Educator Surveys.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger,

- g. To accept the donation of the time and materials to construct new shelving in the High School instrument storage room, from Bergad Specialty Foams & Composites.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would hold its next Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, and its next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area High School.

#### Comments from Board Members

Mr. Hill requested information about how residents would apply for the establishment of a middle school girls softball team. Mr. Lucovich indicated that the first step would be to make a presentation to the members at a future meeting providing more information about the need for a middle school girls softball team and the estimated cost of establishing and maintaining a team.

#### Comments from Visitors

James Swartz of Freeport Borough asked for more information about the District's Fire Prevention Week activities.

Kimberly Nichol of Buffalo Township and Cathi Cooper of Freeport Borough each commended the District's school police officers on the support they provide to the staff and students of the District.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Ms. Davies, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

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President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

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Secretary