

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2024

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:00 pm in the Audion of the Freeport Area High School, 625 South Pike Road, Sarver, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Mr. Gary Risch, Jr., Board President, at 7:09 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. DiGiacobbe	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Ms. Maxwell	Present
Mr. Risch	Present
Mr. Ritter	Present
Mr. Selinger	Present
Ms. Zembrzuski	Absent

Student school board members:

Madalin Burnheimer	Present
Sylvia Crytzer	Absent
Kodi Esau	Absent
Aven Heavner	Present
Anne Lindsay	Present
Emma Michelini	Absent

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

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Risch welcomed members of the public and asked for comments on any agenda item. No public comments were offered.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 17, 2024. 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 January 17, 2024: The Board met in Executive Session following the January 17, 2024, Regular Meeting, to discuss Personnel Matters and Confidential Student Matters. The Legislative Committee met for an informational session on February 2, 2024. The Board met in Executive Session on February 7, 2024, to discuss Personnel, and Contracts and

Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held a Committee Meeting on February 7, 2024. The Board met in Executive Session on February 14, 2024, to discuss Contracts and Negotiations and Confidential Student Matters.

3. During the Board's February 7, 2024, Committee Meeting, Kim Turnley, from the office of Mark C. Turnley CPA, had presented her review of the June 30, 2023 Year-End Audit.
4. Mr. Risch thanked the Board's committee members for the time and effort spent on committee matters.
5. Mr. Selinger reported that Lenape Technical School's joint operating committee would meet the following day.
6. Mr. Selinger presented the Athletics Committee's report.
7. Mr. DiGiacobbe presented the Safety Committee's report.
8. Mr. Haven and Ms Maxwell presented the Legislative Committee's report.
9. The Student School Board Members presented their reports to the Board.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the attached retirement resignation of Peter G. Schell, Teacher, effective June 1, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the request of Employee No. 3043 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- c. To approve the request of Employee No. 3479 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- d. To approve the request of Employee No. 4098 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- e. To approve the request of Employee No. 2163 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To approve the employment of Erin L. Joyce as an Educational Assistant for the 2023-2024 school year, at an hourly wage rate of \$14.00, effective February 15, 2024, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's 2023-2024 Athletics Programs, 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 Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. DiGiacobbe,

- a. To adopt the High School Programs of Study for the 2024-2025 school year, as provided on the attachment and subject to change at Administration's discretion.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To adopt the Middle School Programs of Study for the 2024-2025 school year, as provided on the attachment and subject to change at Administration's discretion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve a High School student field trip to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region II Honors Band Festival in Meadville, Pennsylvania, from February 22-24, 2024, at a cost to the District of \$1,551.63 plus the cost of one substitute teacher for two days.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve a High School student field trip to the PMEA Region II Chorus Festival in Oil City, Pennsylvania, from March 7-9, 2024, at a cost to the District of \$805.08 plus the cost of one substitute teacher for two days.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To adopt the attached revised School Board Policy No. 200 (Enrollment of Students).
- b. To adopt of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 202 (Eligibility of Nonresident Students).
- c. To adopt the attached revised School Board Policy No. 217 (Graduation).
- d. To adopt the attached new School Board Policy No. 254 (Educational Opportunity for Military Children).
- e. To adopt the attached revised attachment (Procurement) to School Board Policy No. 626 (Federal Fiscal Compliance).
- f. To adopt the attached revised School Board Policy No. 810 (Transportation).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve Dino A. DiGiacobbe as Board representative on the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit board for a 1 ½-year term expiring June 30, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the proposed budget of the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, as presented on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the District's continuing participation in ARIN's Pregnant and Parenting Teens Program, at an estimated cost of \$900 in matching funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve the attached final payment application from Fred L. Burns, Inc. (Contract No. 1 - General Construction) for the High School Renovations Project.
- e. To approve the attached final payment application from Hunt Valley Environmental, LLC (Contract No. 4 - Asbestos Abatement) for the High School Renovations Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To approve the attached Planned Service Agreement with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP, for fire alarm system maintenance services, from March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, at a cost of \$6,250.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. To approve the attached Software License, Maintenance and Services Agreement with N. Harris Computer Corporation, for licensing of its SmartFusion solution and maintenance and support services for a term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027, at a cost of \$64,137.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- h. To approve the attached Hosting Service Agreement with N. Harris Computer Corporation, for hosting services to be provided from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, at a cost of \$16,332.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- i. To approve the request of the Buffalo Elementary School PTO to move forward with planning, designing, and information-gathering in connection with upgrades to the Buffalo Elementary School playground.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- j. To accept the donation from MetPlas Inc. of UHMW plastic valued at approximately \$1,500, for use in the Freeport Area High School Technology Education program.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Davies, and seconded by Mr. DiGiacobbe,

- k. To accept a donation of \$100 from The Hallman Agency for the District's April 27, 2024 Autism Conference.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- l. To approve the 2024-2025 District Calendar as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- m. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication for Student F, as recommended by Administration.
- n. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication for Student G, as recommended by Administration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Walker provided an overview of the attached Finance Report.

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

- a. To approve the attached January 2024 financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To accept the District's Financial Statements and Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2023, in substantially the form attached.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Risch announced that the Board would hold a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 7:00 pm and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

Comments from the Board

Mr. DiGiacobbe noted that he would not be able to attend the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit board's meeting to be held in March due to a schedule conflict.

Comments from the Public

Cathy Burnheimer of Buffalo Township commented on the District's technical school program at Lenape Technical School.

Miranda Virone of Buffalo Township commented on mental health programs.

Dan Lucovich of Buffalo Township commented on Lenape Technical School's programs and on the District's performing arts programs.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. Haven, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Risch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

 /s/ Gary L. Risch, Jr.
Board President

 /s/ Mary Dobransky
Board Secretary