

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:43 p.m.

Roll call:

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

### *Student Board Members:*

Audrey Clawson	Present
Benjamin Goldinger	Present

Also present was Mr. Wolfe, solicitor.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 13, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting held on August 13, 2014: The Board met in Executive Session on September 3, 2014, to discuss personnel and confidential student matters and met again in Executive Session on September 10, 2014, to discuss personnel and confidential student matters.
3. Mr. Robb and Mr. DeVivo provided the Board with Administration's report, as per the attachment. Mr. Robb introduced the District's new teachers for the 2014-2015 school year: Courtney L. Eiler, Robert M. Palmiter, Julianne R. Prescott, Katelyn A. Schulmeister, and Samantha M. Veights. Mr. Lucovich presented retiring districting teacher Celeste Calabrese with a gift on behalf of the District.
4. Mr. Lucovich reported that the Freeport Area Middle School Project was proceeding on schedule.

5. Dr. Prazenica reported that ARIN's board would be meeting the following week and that he would provide the Board with an update at the Board's October meeting.
6. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Vocational Technical School's Adult Education Center is nearing completion. He also reported that Lenape Vocational-Technical School's board will meet next week and that Mr. Gaiser would be attending in Mr. Lucovich's place, along with Dr. Marty.
7. Dr. Prazenica stated that he had nothing to add to the pending-legislation information provided in Administration's report.
8. Benjamin Goldinger and Audrey Clawson, student Board members, reported on school activities as per the attached reports.

### Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Heidi M. Orvosh-Kamenski, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, effective August 21, 2014.
- b. To accept the resignation of Sharon M. Conway, Food Service Director, effective August 14, 2014.
- c. To approve the employment of Dana Sue Roach as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher for the District, at a salary of \$37,000, effective September 11, 2014, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser,

- d. To approve the employment of Lynzee Ann Panchik as a full time Teacher for the District, at a salary of \$36,000, effective September 11, 2014, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To grant professional status for the 2014-2015 school year to Charles M. Shipman, Jr., who has met the requirements for tenure as outlined in the Pennsylvania School Code.

- f. To approve the Educational Assistants and Nurse Aides listed on the attachment and the Employment Guidelines for Educational Assistants for the 2014-2015 school year.
- g. To approve the bus drivers listed on the attachment for the 2014-2015 school year as recommended by the State Auditors.
- h. To approve the substitute personnel listed on the attachment for the 2014-2015 school year and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- i. To approve the employment of the personnel listed on the attachment for the District's athletic programs during the 2014-2015 school year, according to contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- j. To approve the appointment of the volunteer coaches listed on the attachment for the 2014-2015 sports season, at no cost to the District and pending satisfactory completion of all clearance and training certification requirements.

Motion carried unanimously, with the exception of item (e), which carried on a vote of six (6) to one (1), with Ms. Toy-Gaydos voting *No*.

It was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Mr. Shoaf,

- k. To approve the extension of an adjusted hourly wage rate of \$16.50 for Kimberly A. Pollino, Head Cook, to reflect the assignment of additional responsibilities to continue until the appointment of a permanent food service manager.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Athletics and Activities

It was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser,

- a. To grant the request of Thomas Koharchik for an advance of \$1,000.00 to cover the initial costs of rentals, royalties, and set construction to begin preparations for the high school play, *Cheaper by the Dozen*, to be presented in the fall of 2014, provided no outside musicians, actors, or production personnel be contracted, except according to Board guidelines under the direction of the Superintendent.
- b. To grant the request of Thomas Koharchik for an advance of \$4,000.00 to cover the initial costs of rentals, royalties, and set construction to begin preparations for the high school musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, to be presented in the spring of 2015, provided no outside musicians, actors, or

production personnel be contracted, except according to Board guidelines under the direction of the Superintendent.

- c. To approve the chorus and band festivals for the 2014-2015 school year as provided on the attachment.
- d. To grant the request of Thomas E. Phillips, Head Volleyball Coach, for approval of the varsity girls volleyball team's attendance at an overnight tournament to be held in State College, Pennsylvania, from October 10-11, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$600.
- e. To grant the request of Heather R. Fortuna, Teacher, and 32 Art students for approval of an overnight field trip to New York, NY, on October 11-14, 2014, at no cost to the District other than the cost of three (3) substitutes for one (1) day (\$255).
- f. To grant the request of Holly A. Shoaf, Teacher, and five (5) Life Skills students for approval of an overnight field trip to Crooked Creek Environmental Learning Center, Ford City, PA, on October 9-10, 2014, with costs to be paid from Access funds.

Motion carried unanimously, with the exception of item (d), which carried on a vote of six (6) to one (1), with Ms. Toy-Gaydos voting *No*.

### Finance

It was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Mr. Borrelli,

- a. To approve the attached August financial reports.
- b. To approve bills for payment listed on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously, with the exception of item (b), which carried on a vote of six (6) to one (1), with Ms. Toy-Gaydos voting *No*.

It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser,

- c. To approve the District's entering into the attached Homestead/Farmstead Contract with Government Software Services, Inc., for data processing services to be provided during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Other Business

It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos,

- a. To approve the District's entering into a two (2) year extension, through *December 31, 2016*, of the existing gas purchase agreement with PA Gas

Marketing originally dated January 1, 2012, at a cost for 2015-2016 of \$3.918 per Mcf.

- b. To approve the District's entering into the attached Service Agreement with State Security and Investigation Services, Inc., to provide uniformed security and consulting services for a term beginning on August 1, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2015, at a rate of \$14 per hour per security agent.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, to amend the motion to table item (b). Motion to amend carried unanimously.

- a. To approve the District's entering into a two (2) year extension, through *December* 31, 2016, of the existing gas purchase agreement with PA Gas Marketing originally dated January 1, 2012, at a cost for 2015-2016 of \$3.918 per Mcf.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser,

- c. To approve Frank J. Borrelli's attendance at the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators/Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PASA/PSBA) School Leadership Conference scheduled for October 21-24, 2014 in Hershey, Pennsylvania, at a cost to the District of approximately \$600, to include registration, lodging, mileage, and meals.

Motion carried unanimously.

- d. To vote on behalf of the District for the following candidates for 2015 Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) Officers: Kathy K. Swope for President, Mark B. Miller for Vice President, Otto W. Voit III for Treasurer, and Daniel J. O'Keefe for At-large Representative (West).

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board will meet for a Safety & Security Workshop on September 24, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Freeport Senior High School. Mr. Lucovich also announced that the Board will meet for a Committee Meeting on October 1, 2014 at 7:30 pm and a Regular Meeting on October 8, 2014 at the Freeport Senior High School.

#### Comments from Board Members

#### Comments from the Public

Jim Swartz of Freeport addressed the Board on the subject of the replacement of the basketball hoops at the Freeport Kindergarten Center.

It was then moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser,

- e. To approve the installation of basketball hoops at the Freeport Kindergarten Center parking lot.

Motion carried unanimously.

Melanie Bollinger, of Sarver, Pennsylvania, addressed the Board on the subject of safety and the securing of the Senior High building.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

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President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

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Secretary