

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2014

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:40 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Borrelli	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Gaiser	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
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. Borrelli, and seconded by Mr. Shoaf, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 10, 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 September 10, 2014: The Board held a Safety & Security Workshop on September 24, 2014. The Board met in Executive Session on October 1, 2014, to discuss personnel and contracts/negotiations matters. The Board met for an informational session on October 7, 2014, for a presentation of stadium design proposals. The Board met in Executive Session on October 8, 2014, to discuss personnel and contracts/negotiations matters.
3. Mr. Robb and Mr. DeVivo provided the Board with Administration's report, as per the attachment.

4. Mr. Lucovich reported that the Middle School building project is on schedule. He also reported that the District is in the process of obtaining proposals for a stadium and for the area across from the Middle School for softball and baseball. Mr. Lucovich also reported that the District has obtained appraisals of the two buildings in Freeport Borough and would be meeting with Borough officials to discuss options with respect to those buildings. Finally, he reported that the District would be holding a public meeting to discuss the closing of the Freeport Area Kindergarten Center and the Freeport Area Junior High School.
5. Dr. Prazenica reported that ARIN's board had been asked to prepare and submit evaluations of ARIN's new director and that he had done so. He reported that the board members would be discussing the evaluation with the director in the near future.
6. Mr. Gaiser reported that he attended the last meeting of the Lenape Vocational Technical School board in Mr. Lucovich's place and that Lenape would shortly be awarded a permanent occupancy permit for Lenape's Adult Learning Center. Mr. Gaiser noted that Lenape was able to trim \$10,000 in transportation costs by adjusting bus routes and that Lenape cut maintenance costs as well. He reported that Lenape's next meeting is October 16, 2014.
7. Dr. Prazenica stated that he had nothing to add to the pending-legislation information provided in Administration's report. He noted that property taxes would be a big issue in the next term.
8. Benjamin Goldinger and Audrey Clawson, student Board members, reported on school activities as per the attached reports.

Mr. Borrelli commended student Board member Audrey Clawson on her performance in a recent golf competition.

Ms. Davies noted that Buffalo Elementary educational assistant Andrea Wyant had been recognized by the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees with the Association's Laretta Woodson Award.

#### Personnel

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

- a. To employ Tahnelle E. Herrit as an English as a second language (ESL) instructor for the 2014-2015 school year, at a daily rate of \$130, effective September 29, 2014, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the request of Charles M. Shipman, Jr., Band Director, and 141 members of the Senior High School Marching Band and Choir and seven (7) faculty and staff for approval of a field trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, on March 17-22, 2015, at no cost to the District other than the cost of six (6) substitutes for three (3) days (\$1,371).

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

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

- a. To approve the attached September financial reports.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve bills for payment listed on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the District's entering into the attached contract for regional wide area network, internet and other related consortium services with ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 and the attached service order agreement to allocate additional bandwidth to the District.
- b. To approve the authorization of the District Business Manager to execute the sale of four (4) wireless access points and two (2) network appliances at a price of \$1,000, per the attached purchase agreement.
- c. To approve the District's entering into the attached contract for educational services with Armstrong School District for the 2014-2015 school year.
- d. To approve the District's entering into the attached contract for special education learning support services with Armstrong School District for the 2014-2015 school year.

- e. To approve the District's entering into the attached agreement with Catapult Learning to provide Title I services at Evangel Heights Christian Academy for the 2014-2015 school year.
- f. To approve the District's entering into the attached agreement with Precision HR Solutions, Inc. to provide contracted substitute teacher services to supplement the District's current substitute teacher pool, for a term beginning August 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, per the attached agreement.
- g. 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- h. To approve the District's entering into the attached Consultant Agreement with Nutrition, Inc., for oversight of the District's food service program, for an initial term beginning on October 9, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2014, at a monthly rate of \$1,500 plus a daily rate of \$200 for days Nutrition's Food Service Director is onsite or working for the District off-site.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- i. To recognize the District's PTO's and Booster groups, as listed on the attachment, for the sole purpose of facilitating the application for small games of chance licenses issued by Butler County and Armstrong County.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- j. To approve the attached Comprehensive Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board will meet for a Committee Meeting on November 5, 2014 at 7:30 pm and a Regular Meeting on November 12, 2014 at the Freeport Senior High School.

Comments from Board Members

Dr. Prazenica noted that he and Mr. Gaiser had attended a breakfast at South Buffalo Elementary School and wanted to extend their appreciation on behalf of the Board to the district employees who worked to provide the breakfast. Mr. Lucovich reported that he had attended a similar breakfast at Buffalo Elementary School and that the breakfasts are greatly appreciated by the community.

Mr. Borrelli extended congratulations on behalf of the Board to Freeport Area Junior High School teacher Donald Orlowski and Buffalo Elementary educational assistant Andrea Wyant on receiving the Laretta Woodson Award from the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees.

Mr. Borrelli recognized the efforts of district student Case Haberstroah, who organized a fundraiser to benefit children with Hirschsprung's disease, raising \$3,300.

Comments from the Public

Case Haberstroah's mother, Leslie Haberstroah, provided the Board members with a report of her son's fundraising efforts conducted on behalf of children with Hirschsprung's disease. She reported that they raised \$3,300, surpassing their goal of \$2,000, and that they intend to hold the fundraising event each year going forward. She also expressed her appreciation for the efforts of Buffalo Elementary teacher John E. Gaillot, Jr.

Mr. Brestensky of South Buffalo Township, Margie Swartz of Freeport Borough, Dolores Austin of South Buffalo Township, and Pat McCurdy of South Buffalo Township commented on the District's agreement with Nutrition, Inc., for oversight of the District's food service program.

Jim Swartz of Freeport Borough commented on the parking situation behind the Freeport Area Kindergarten Center, the Borough football field, and the District's agreement with Nutrition, Inc, for oversight of the District's food service program.

Comments from Board Members

Dr. Prazenica noted on behalf of the members the Board's appreciation for the work of the District's food service workers. Mr. Lucovich reported that the school breakfasts highlight the quality of the District's food service program for the community.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

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President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

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Secretary