

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 13, 2015

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

Roll call:

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

Student Board Members:

Audrey Clawson	Present
Benjamin Goldinger	Present

Also present was Mr. Hoffman, 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 April 8, 2015. 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 held on April 8, 2015: The Board met for an informational session regarding Budget and Finance matters on April 20, 2015. The members of the Negotiation Committee of the Board met with representatives from the Freeport Education Support Personnel Association on April 27, 2015 for a negotiating session. The members of the Negotiation Committee of the Board met with representatives from the Freeport Education Association on May 4, 2015 for a negotiating session. The Board met in Executive Session on May 6, 2015, to discuss personnel, contracts and negotiations, and legal issues. The Board met in Executive Session on May 13, 2015, to discuss personnel, contracts and negotiations, confidential student matters, and legal issues.

3. Mr. Manzer introduced Nolen Fetchko, of Nutrition Group. Mr. Fetchko made a presentation to the members describing Nutrition Group's Wellness Wednesday program, which is offered to District elementary students.
4. Mr. Robb reported that PSSA testing in the District had been completed, with Keystone testing scheduled to begin the following week. He reported that Title I monitoring had been completed. Mr. Robb noted that a site review conducted by PDE's Bureau of Special Education/Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network's Autism Initiative of the District's Autism Support programs had given the programs at each of the Kindergarten Center and Buffalo Elementary very high rankings.
5. Mr. DeVivo referred the members to Administration's attached report, noting that the Pennsylvania legislature is in recess until June 1, 2015.
6. Mr. Lucovich reported that some of the members had toured the Freeport Area Middle School prior to that day's meeting. He noted that the Middle School will be an asset to the community. Mr. Lucovich reported that the construction project was on schedule.
7. Mr. Lucovich congratulated the District's Music Department on the recognition received in connection with the High School's **Beauty & the Beast** musical production in March.
8. Dennis Russo, of Rucon, Inc., had previously provided the members with an update on the status of the Freeport Area Middle School Project, during the Board's Committee Meeting held on May 6, 2015.
9. Thomas Durkin, of VEBH Architects, had previously provided the members with an update on the status of the Freeport Area Athletics Complex Project, during the Board's Committee Meeting held on May 6, 2015.
10. Dr. Prazenica reported that ARIN would meet the following week.
11. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Vocational Technical School was finalizing its proposed budget, that the current draft of Lenape's budget envisions a 4.8% increase from the prior year.
12. Dr. Prazenica reported that he had nothing further to add to Administration's report regarding legislative affairs.
13. Mr. Lucovich referred the members to the Secretary's report for a report on the activities of the Board Committees.
14. Benjamin Goldinger and Audrey Clawson, student Board members, reported on school activities as per the attached reports. The Board recognized Mr. Goldinger and Ms. Clawson for their service as student School Board Members during the 2014-2015 school year.

15. Dr. Prazenica encouraged the members to participate in the 5K race sponsored by the District's cross country boosters to be held on May 30, 2015. He noted that the race is in its tenth year.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Christopher M. DeVivo, Superintendent, effective August 14, 2015 or on a mutually agreed upon earlier date.
- b. To approve the reassignment of Michael E. Kleckner, Senior High School Acting Principal, to the position of Senior High School Principal, at a compensation rate in accordance with the Act 93 Agreement, effective July 1, 2015.
- c. To approve the reassignment of Daniel E. Consuegra, Senior High School Acting Assistant Principal, to the position of Senior High School Assistant Principal, at an annual salary of \$78,000, effective July 1, 2015.
- d. To employ the personnel listed on the attachment for the District's extracurricular programs during the 2015-2016 school year, according to contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To purchase and adopt the textbooks listed on the attachment and displayed in the meeting room for inspection, at a purchase price not to exceed \$108,000.
- b. To grant the request of Richard A. Burns, Special Services Coordinator, to attend the Pennsylvania Department of Education Special Education Leadership Academy to be held in Bedford Springs, Pennsylvania, from July 27-30, 2015, at an estimated cost to the District of \$715.35.
- c. To grant the request of Larry P. Robb, Program Director, to attend the STEM Leadership Symposium to be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, from June 7-10, 2015, at no cost to the District.
- d. To grant the request of William L. Siegel, Teacher, to attend the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Clinical Symposia Conference to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, on June 23-27, 2015, at an estimated cost to the District of \$785.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To grant the request of Charles M. Shipman, Jr., Band Teacher, to present “A Charlie Brown Christmas” at the Freeport Area Middle School on December 4-5, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Manzer provided the members with a brief overview of the Financial Reports and Payments lists.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the transfer of funds of the Louis V. and Joyce S. Slivan Memorial Scholarship from the District's private purpose trust fund to the Freeport Area School District Foundation, with all scholarship requirements and administration will remain unchanged.

After discussion, Mr. Borrelli moved to *amend* his motion:

- c. To retain the funds of the Louis V. and Joyce S. Slivan Memorial Scholarship in the District's private purpose trust fund, with all scholarship requirements and administration to remain unchanged.

Dr. Marty seconded the *amended* motion. The *amended* motion carried on a vote of seven (7) to two (2), with Mr. Huth and Ms. Toy-Gaydos voting *No*.

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

- d. To accept the following estimated funds for the 2015-2016 school year:

IDEA-B	\$150,000
Title I	\$177,279
Title II A	\$68,588

Dr. Prazenica noted that these amounts reflect a decrease in the funding from these federal programs in prior years.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To award bids for maintenance supplies to various suppliers in the amount of \$43,846.31 as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To approve the attached budgetary transfers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To approve the final adoption of the attached School District Policies - Section 100 (PROGRAMS).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To elect Michael J. Huth as School District Treasurer for the 2015-2016 school year, to be effective July 1, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve Florida Consulting, LLC to prepare bid specifications, construction management, and ongoing inspections related to the District's roof systems, per the attached proposal.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve attached Change Order No. GC-2 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project General Construction Agreement with Massaro

Corporation dated June 5, 2014, at the decreased cost in the contract sum of \$58,454.91.

- d. To approve attached Change Order No. EC-4 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project Electrical Construction Agreement with A-1 Electric, Inc. dated June 5, 2014, at the increased cost in the contract sum of \$574.
- e. To approve attached Change Order No. EC-5 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project Electrical Construction Agreement with A-1 Electric, Inc. dated June 5, 2014, at the increased cost in the contract sum of \$92,349.
- f. To approve attached Change Order No. EC-6 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project Electrical Construction Agreement with A-1 Electric, Inc. dated June 5, 2014, at the increased cost in the contract sum of \$9,030.
- g. To acknowledge the attached Change Order No. 1 to an agreement for professional services with David E. Wooster and Associates, Inc. dated November 26, 2013 resulting in an increased cost of \$15,761.26 in the contract sum.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- h. To accept the attached proposal from Weleski Transfer, Inc., for moving services related to the opening of the Freeport Area Middle School, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.
- i. To accept the attached proposal from Tri State Video Services, Inc., for the cost (including installation and training) of a podium and projector for the Freeport Area Middle School, at a cost of \$15,426.
- j. To enter into the attached agreement with Integrated Services & Consultants, Inc., for commissioning consultant services in connection with the Freeport Area Middle School project, with a lump sum payment as compensation for services of \$88,350.
- k. To enter into the attached agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc., for education services to be provided during the 2015-2016 school year, according to the rate schedule attached to the agreement.
- l. To enter into the attached agreement with The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh, for educational services provided to a resident district student under an extended school year program from July 1, 2015 through July 29, 2015, in accordance with the student's IEP, at a cost to the District of \$3,600.

- m. To accept \$3,564.52 from the Freeport Area School District Foundation as reimbursement in full for the expenses listed on the attachment paid by the District in connection with the establishment of the Freeport Area School District Foundation.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- n. To approve the adjudication of Student A as recommended by Administration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board will hold its next Committee Meeting on June 3, 2015 at 7:30 pm and its next Regular Meeting on June 10, 2015 at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area Senior High School.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Borrelli introduced two students from Mr. Mark Dempster's class at the Freeport Area Junior High School to the members. The students demonstrated their project entered in the Fluid Power Challenge for the members.

Comments from Visitors

Tom Swisher and Jim Swartz, each of Freeport Borough, noted their concerns to the members regarding the District's raising the property tax rate and spending related to the Middle School and Athletics Complex projects.

Melanie Bollinger of Sarver expressed her appreciation to the members for their efforts in connection with the construction of the new Middle School.

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 8:37 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary