

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2015

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 8:02 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Also present was student board member Audrey S. Dougherty and Mr. Hoffman, solicitor.

The Board had earlier recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, prior to the Board's Organizational Meeting.

Lynn Foltz, Pennsylvania School Board Association Region 2 Director, asked the members present to recognize Mr. Huth, Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and Dr. Prazenica, reelected members to the Board with, respectively, 24 years, 20 years, and 8 years of service to the District.

Reports

1. It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. Huth, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 11, 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 November 11, 2015: The Board met for a Special Meeting to discuss Athletics matters on November 18, 2015. The Board met in Executive Session on December 2, 2015, to discuss personnel and contracts and negotiations matters. The Board held its Committee Meeting on December 2, 2015. The Board met in Executive Session on December 9, 2015, to discuss personnel, safety and security matters, and contracts and negotiations matters.

3. During the Board's *December 2, 2015 Committee Meeting*, Mike Lechleitner of Florida Consulting, presented the members with a report on the state of the District's school building roofing systems.
4. Mr. Magness referred the members to the Administration reports attached to the agenda. He noted that there had been minimal progress on the state budget since he posted his report for review. He also noted upcoming changes to the federal No Child Left Behind law that will affect school districts greatly. Mr. Magness affirmed that the number one focus of Administration is kids.
5. Mr. Lucovich announced an early dismissal for students on Wednesday, December 23, 2015.
6. During the Board's *December 2, 2015 Committee Meeting*, Dennis Russo of Russo Construction Services, Middle School Project Manager, gave the members an update on the status of the Freeport Area Middle School Project.
7. Thomas Durkin of VEBH Architects, PC, provided the members with a presentation of the alternative design options for the proposed Baseball/Softball Fields Project, and an update on the Athletics Complex Project. *Mr. Huth left the meeting at 8:32 pm and returned at 8:36 pm, during Mr. Durkin's presentation.* Dr. Prazenica suggested that the Board's Athletics Committee provide the members with the Committee's recommendation as to the design of the proposed baseball/softball fields.
8. Dr. Prazenica reported at the Board's *December 2, 2015 Committee Meeting* that ARIN secretary Jeannette Lemmon was retiring, to be replaced by secretary Danielle Patterson, with an approved annual salary for Ms. Patterson of \$40,000. Mr. Magness asked Mr. Magness to encourage ARIN Administration to take whatever steps necessary to reduce the costs passed on to the District by the Intermediate Unit.
9. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Vocational Technical School's joint operating committee would meet during the following week.
10. Student School Board member Audrey S. Dougherty provided the members with her report of student activities in the District.

Personnel

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

- a. To employ Ann V. Durst and Suzanne M. Conger as part-time Cafeteria Workers, at a probationary hourly wage rate of \$9.90, effective as of December 9, 2015.

- b. To approve the request of Melanie A. Love, Teacher, for approximately eight (8) weeks of uncompensated Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave beginning on or around April 1, 2016.
- c. To approve the request of Deborah A. Loevlie, Teacher, for approximately four (4) weeks of uncompensated Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave beginning on November 6, 2015 and ending on December 10, 2015.
- d. To approve the requests from the various head coaches to approve the volunteer coaches listed on the attachment for the 2015-2016 school year, at no cost to the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the request of Gregory T. Adams, Teacher, for approval of the Advanced Environmental Geology class field trip to Holly River State Park, in Hacker Valley, West Virginia, on May 13-15, 2016, and the participation of approximately thirty (30) 11th and 12th Grade students and six (6) staff members, at no cost to the District other than the cost of six (6) substitutes for one day (\$540).

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Manzer provided the members with a brief overview of the Financial Reports and Payments lists, noting that the cafeteria reports would be provided to the members at a later date.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the attached resolution authorizing the public display and advertising of the proposed preliminary budget as well as authorizing District Administration to seek approval for referendum exceptions.
- d. To approve the District's entering into joint purchasing agreements with other school districts or intermediate units in Pennsylvania for the

purchase of general supplies and equipment for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the District's entering into the attached agreement with Dennis Russo, d/b/a Russo Construction Services, for owner's representative services related to the District's Athletics Complex Project, with fees not to exceed a total of \$76,000.
- b. To approve the attached Change Order No. GC-4 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project General Construction Agreement with Massaro Corporation dated June 5, 2014, at a decreased cost in the contract sum of \$8,220.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To authorize Administration and Florida Consulting, LLC, to prepare bid documents and to solicit bids for partial roof replacement projects at Buffalo Elementary School and South Buffalo Elementary School.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To authorize District Administration to purchase additional supplies and equipment for the Freeport Area Middle School Project, with costs not to exceed \$3,885 to be paid from the Middle School Capital Projects Fund.
- e. To approve the District's entering into the attached Addendum to October 8, 2014 Contract for Regional Wide Area Network, Internet and Other Related Consortium Services with ARIN Intermediate Unit 28, for Ethernet WAN Transport services to be provided effective July 1, 2016, at a monthly cost of \$2,400 prior to e-rate discounts.
- f. To accept a grant from the Community Drug Abuse Prevention Program, funded through the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, in the amount of \$2,000.

Dr. Marty left the meeting at 9:10 pm.

- g. To approve the renewal of the District's annual membership in the Alle Kiski Strong Chamber for 2016, at a cost of \$250.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- h. To approve, subject to the District solicitor's approval, the attached Addendum to Agreement of Sale dated July 21, 2015 for the sale of the real estate property formerly known as the Freeport Area Junior High School and the Freeport Area Kindergarten Center to Ronald Mailki.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would hold its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area High School. He noted that the Board would not hold a Committee Meeting in January in accordance with past practice.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary