

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2018

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:38 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Mr. Borrelli	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Hill	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Mr. Lucovich	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Present
Ms. Toy-Gaydos	Present

Also present was District solicitor Mr. Fred Wolfe.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Mr. Haven, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 17, 2018. 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 on January 17, 2018: The Board's Finance Committee held a meeting on February 5, 2018. The Board met in Executive Session on February 21, 2018, to discuss personnel, contracts and negotiations, and confidential student matters.
3. Mr. Magness directed the members' attention to Administration's report attached to the agenda. He noted that Mr. Robb was not in attendance because he was attending an awards reception with the Middle School student winners of the *What Makes Manufacturing So Cool* student video contest. Mr. Magness provided the members with an overview of the changes in the High School Program of Studies for the 2018-2019 school year.
4. Dr. Prazenica reported that the February meeting of the board of the Armstrong Indiana Intermediate Unit (ARIN) was held on February 20, 2018, but that he did not attend the meeting.
5. Karen Brock and Wesley Kuchta of Lenape Technical School were in attendance and reported that the Lenape Technical School board had begun holding their

budget meetings. Ms. Brock and Mr. Kuchta invited the Board's members to attend the ARIN Convention to be hosted by Lenape Technical School, on April 17, 2018.

6. Ms. Bollinger reported that Pennsylvania lawmakers had introduced 11 bills aimed at tightening access to assault style weapons, boosting student protection and intervening in potentially dangerous mental health cases and that one of these bills includes a bill to outfit every Pennsylvania school with a metal detector at a main entrance and "at least one armed safety officer" at every school function before, during and after school. She noted that there are 14,527 public, private and higher education schools in Pennsylvania. Metal detectors range from \$1,000 to \$30,000, according to the U.S. Justice Department, and the bill would cost between \$14.5 million and \$438.8 million on the equipment and hiring additional police or other security would cost even more.

Ms. Bollinger went on to report that on February 6, 2018, Governor Wolf delivered his state budget address to the General Assembly, a \$32.9 billion proposal that included an increase of \$100 million for the basic subsidy and a \$20 million boost for special education, as well as increases for early childhood education programs, with most other education programs receiving an increase or level funding. Ms. Bollinger noted that, even with these increases, public schools continue to face huge increases in costs outside of their control such as pensions and special education, and the Governor's proposed budget provides for an additional \$263 million (11.62%) increase to \$2.5 billion to cover the state's share of pension costs and that with the state's share of pension costs increasing \$263 million, PSBA estimates that the share to be paid by school districts is about \$215 million.

Personnel

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

- a. To approve the employment of Jessica N. Queck as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher, at an annual salary of \$37,500 prorated for days worked, effective January 17, 2018, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- b. To approve the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's athletics programs during the 2017-2018 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
- c. To approve the substitute personnel listed on the attachment for the 2017-2018 school year, at compensation rates approved by the board, contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

It was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger,

- a. To adopt the High School Program of Studies for the 2018-2019 school year, as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the creation of a 7th and 8th Grade track program, with the District providing transportation to a maximum of two (2) away meets.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Choir Director, for approval of a field trip with five (5) High School students, to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region II Chorus Festival, to be held in Erie, Pennsylvania, on March 1-3, 2018, at a cost to the District of \$640, including the cost of one substitute teacher for two days.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Choir Director, for approval of a field trip with certain High School students to be determined, to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All State Conference to be held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on April 18-21, 2018, at a cost to the District of \$1,350, including the cost of one substitute teacher for three days.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve the request of Eleanor T. Savage, Teacher, and 20 High School and 9 Middle School students for approval of an overnight field trip to attend the 2018 Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) State Competition in University Park, Pennsylvania, on May 20-22, 2018, at a cost to the District of \$800, including the cost of one substitute teacher for two days.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To grant preliminary approval of the biannual High School Marching Band and Choir trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, for a date in the spring of 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to approve agenda items 6.a. and 6.b.

Mr. Manzer provided the members with an overview of the attached January financial reports and payments lists.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the election of Timothy Scaife as the Lenape Technical School Joint Operating Committee (JOC) Treasurer, for the remainder of the term of Dan Lucovich expiring on June 30, 2018, effective January 18, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the attached contract with Lifesteps, Inc., for program services to be provided to a resident student in accordance with the student's IEP, beginning March 5, 2018 and continuing through the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger,

- c. To authorize 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. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Borrelli,

- d. To approve the attached agreement with Education Inc. for education services to be provided to a District resident student, at an hourly rate for services of \$30, effective February 5, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To approve the attached Lease Agreement with the Armstrong County Community Action Agency, for the lease of space at South Buffalo Elementary School, to be used for the purpose of operating a Head Start Program, at a cost to the Agency of \$500.00 per month rental, for a 36-month term beginning on July 1, 2018, to renew automatically unless canceled by either party.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To accept a HOPE PSA Contest Winner award from the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation, in the amount of \$5,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. To approve Student A as a non-resident student for the 2018-2019 school year, with tuition to be paid by the student's parents.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- h. To approve the revised 2017-2018 District Calendar, as presented on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- i. To approve the proposed 2018-2019 District Calendar, as presented on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would hold its next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area High School, with a Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Hill requested clarification from Mr. Wolfe regarding the need for the members to vote repeatedly on a motion that resulted on a 4-4 vote during the January 17, 2018 regular meeting.

Comments from Visitors

James Swartz of Freeport Borough noted that the Board had voted to hold one meeting per month in 2018. Mr. Lucovich responded that the additional meeting to be held each month would be a committee meeting.

Keenan McGaughey, of Buffalo Township, Nathan Woodside, of Buffalo Township, Edward Selker, of Buffalo Township, and Vicky Hoffman, of Buffalo Township, each spoke about their concerns regarding school safety and security.

Mr. Borrelli noted for the visitors that parental participation at every level is always encouraged and welcomed by the Board.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary