

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 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 7:30 p.m.

Roll call:

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

In the absence of a quorum for the meeting, Mr. Lucovich declared a recess until the following day, Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at the same location, Freeport Area High School Audion, 625 South Pike Road, Sarver.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 22, 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 7:40 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 were student school board members Claire Crytzer and Sophia Reitz and District solicitor Mr. Daniel Conlon.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 21, 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 February 21, 2018, 2018: The Board's Finance Committee held a meeting on February 26, 2018. The Board met in Executive Session on March 14, 2018, to discuss personnel, contracts and negotiations, and confidential student matters. The Board held its Committee meeting on March 14, 2018. The Board met in Executive Session following the Committee meeting on March 14, 2018, to discuss personnel, contracts and negotiations, and confidential student matters. The Board met in Executive Session on March 22, 2018, to discuss personnel and contracts and negotiations matters.
3. Mr. Magness directed the members' attention to Administration's report attached to the agenda.
4. Dr. Prazenica reported that the board of the Armstrong Indiana Intermediate Unit (ARIN) had met the previous day. He encouraged the Board members to attend the annual ARIN School Directors Convention to be held on April 17, 2018 at Lenape Technical School. He also noted that Freeport Area School District is scheduled to host the Convention in 2020.
5. Mr. Lucovich reported that the Lenape Technical School board had issued its secondary proposed budget for 2018-2019, which provided for an increase in the budget from the prior year of 2.38%. He noted that the increase includes spending on a major project to upgrade the power grid and that the budget increase would have been just over 1% but for spending related to that single major project.
6. Ms. Bollinger reported that that week the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) presented testimony to the House Education Committee on school safety issues. Representing the association was PSBA President Michael Faccinetto, who emphasized that as schools are intensifying their efforts to identify and prevent potential threats, there is no one-size-fits-all solution to providing safe school environments.

Ms. Bollinger went on to note that PSBA's testimony also contained six recommendations for the General Assembly:

1. Continue and increase funding for the Safe Schools and Safe Schools Initiative Targeted Grants;
2. Provide resources to ensure that school districts can enhance, upgrade or install appropriate safety and security measures in their buildings;

3. Clarify that school boards can discuss security and safety measures in executive session;
 4. Encourage mental health screening in a flexible manner;
 5. Increase the availability of avenues for students to report threats; and
 6. Direct PDE, PSP, PEMA, and other involved agencies to review and enhance technical assistance and resources they currently offer to schools for the violent threats schools face.
7. Mr. Borrelli reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation had held no meetings over the winter, other than a meeting on March 1, 2018, during which the Foundation board began planning for the 2018 golf outing.
 8. Student School Board members Claire Crytzer and Sophia Reitz provided their reports on student events and activities.

Personnel

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

- a. To approve the resignation of Bethany N. Bowser, Teacher, effective August 20, 2018.
- 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 paid and volunteer positions and individuals listed on the attachment for the District's athletics programs during the 2018-2019 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
- d. To approve the paid and volunteer positions listed on the attachment for the District's extracurricular programs during the 2018-2019 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
- e. 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 approve the adoption of the Middle School Program of Studies for the 2018-2019 school year, as provided on the attachment.
- b. To approve the request of Stacie A. Isenberg, Instructional Technology Coach, to attend the Pennsylvania Institute for Instructional Coaching State-wide Professional Learning Opportunity Conference to be held in State College, Pennsylvania, on May 14-16, 2018, at a cost to the District of \$103.
- c. To approve the request of Monica L. Ferraro and Alyssa D. Toy, Teachers, to attend the National Autism Conference to be held in State College, Pennsylvania, on August 6-9, 2018, at a cost to the District of \$825.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the requests to use the athletic fields under ownership of the Freeport Area School District as provided in District Policy and according to the schedule developed by the Athletic Director for the 2018 spring-summer season as described on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve a budget transfer to provide an additional \$2,000 for the new 7/8th Grade Track program.
- c. To approve a budget transfer to provide an additional \$5,000 for the District Music Department to be used for new band instruments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To authorize Administration to enter into joint purchasing agreements with other school districts or intermediate units in Pennsylvania for purchases for the 2018-2019 school year.
- e. To approve the exoneration of Frank A. and Daralee M. Powell of Buffalo Township of 2015 real estate tax in the amount of \$2,484.41.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 906 (Public Complaint Procedures).
- b. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 918 (Title I Parent and Family Engagement).
- c. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 226 (Searches).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the attached Enrollment Contract with The University School for education services to be provided to a District resident student under the student's IEP, beginning March 13, 2018 and ending on June 6, 2018, at a cost to the District of \$5,150.
- b. To approve the attached contract with OA Systems, LLC for managed internal broadband services to be provided at a rate of \$30 per student prior to any applicable e-rate discounts for the 2018-2019 school year and renewable for one (1) additional year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the attached Commercial Service Agreement with Armstrong Utilities, Inc., for dark fiber strand delivered to three sites, for a five-year term beginning on the date service is first made available, at a cost of \$800 per month.

- d. To approve the attached Commercial Service Agreement with Armstrong Utilities, Inc., for 50M Metro Ethernet service, for a five-year term beginning on the date service is first made available, at a cost of \$150 per month.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To approve the attached Affiliation Agreement with Clarion University of Pennsylvania, for the placement of student teachers as part of the University's education program, during the 2018-2019 through 2021-2022 school years.
- f. To accept the 2017-2018 classroom grants listed on the attachment from the Freeport Area School District Foundation, in the total amount of \$2,345.
- g. To accept an Innovative Classroom Grant (2018) Award from the PPG Foundation, in the amount of \$1,000, to be used to cover expenses related to the Science Program at the Freeport Area Middle School.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- h. To accept a Grant Award from the PPG Foundation, in the amount of \$900, to be used to cover transportation expenses for Middle School Science Department field trips.
- i. To accept Grant Awards from Audubon Society Education and donorschoose.com, each in the approximate amount of \$500, to be used to cover expenses related to the Science Program at the Freeport Area Middle School.
- j. To approve the proposed agreement [*provided on the attachment*] for pupil transportation services with W. L. Roenigk, Inc., and Valley Lines, Inc., for a nine (9) year term, effective with the 2018-2019 school year and ending with the 2026-2027 school year.
- k. To contract with Roger V. Kaufman, to serve as a substitute School Police Officer, at the hourly rate of \$21.00, in accordance with the terms of the attached independent contractor agreement, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-appointment requirements.
- l. To authorize Administration to engage in safety-related upgrades at a cost not to exceed \$300,000.
- m. To approve the revised 2017-2018 District Calendar, as presented on the attachment.

Ms. Bollinger commended the District staff members whose efforts had resulted in the award of the grants being considered for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would hold its next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area High School, with a Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Borrelli reminded the members that the Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (PRSEF) Compensation would be held over the following two days, and he encouraged the members to attend the Competition to show support of the District students.

Comments from Visitors

Alexandra Shetron made a presentation to the Board regarding mental health screenings for students.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Ms. Davies, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary