

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 13, 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 7:07 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. Daniel Conlon.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Reports

1. It was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 9, 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 May 9, 2018: The Board met in Executive Session on June 6, 2018, to discuss personnel and contracts and negotiations and confidential student matters. The Board held its Committee meeting on June 6, 2018. The Board met in Executive Session on June 13, 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 presented a video produced by the High School staff and students titled "Welcome to Freeport Area High School."
4. Mr. Lucovich directed the members' attention to his report attached to the agenda.
5. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Technical School's board would meet the following week.
6. Ms. Bollinger reported on four legislative topics of interest to the members. She noted that that day the Senate Education Committee amended and approved Senate Bill 1095, legislation that provides multiple options for students to

\*Mr. Haven participated in the meeting by conference call.

demonstrate readiness for high school graduation, the culmination of extensive discussion and collaboration with leaders in the Senate and the education community, including PSBA, and recommendations from the Department of Education and feedback received by PSBA from its members. Ms. Bollinger went on to report that Senate Bill 1095 revises the current requirement that students pass the Keystone Exams in Literature, Algebra I and Biology in order to graduate, and instead, measures of success are aligned to a student's career goals and reflect the coursework and achievements earned. As amended, pathways include meeting local grade-based requirements and demonstrating competency through completion of one of four options. Ms. Bollinger also reported that the Pennsylvania House of Representatives had passed legislation that would allow parents to opt their children out of the Keystone Exams, the standardized tests given to high school students, thereby permitting school boards to adopt a policy to excuse students from the tests if a parent or guardian submits a written objection to school officials. Ms. Bollinger went on to report on a bill prohibiting the sale of vaping products to minors that had unanimously passed the House and was moving to the Senate for consideration. She noted that, if passed and signed into law, the bill would align the state law with that of federal regulation that already prohibits the sale of electronic cigarettes, with the difference between the proposed bill and federal law being that under the proposed bill individuals 18 and older would be prohibited from using e-cigarettes on school property. Finally, Ms. Bollinger reported that, the prior week, the House of Representatives voted to approve a package revoking about \$7 billion in funding reserved for the Children's Health Insurance Program.

7. Mr. Borrelli encouraged the members to attend the Foundation Golf Outing to be held in August.

### Personnel

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

- a. To approve the employment of the individuals listed below as full time Teachers for the District, effective August 20, 2018, subject to satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements:

	Name	Annual compensation set by contract for Degree/Step
i.	Cara M. Masters	\$38,000
ii.	Kristy A. Lagnese	\$39,000
iii.	Kristen M. O'Block	\$38,000
iv.	Trista L. Graham	\$38,000

- b. To approve the employment of Tahnelle E. Herrit as an English as a second language (ESL) instructor for the 2018-2019 school year, at a daily rate of

compensation of \$130, effective August 20, 2018, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

- c. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer 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 employment of the paid and volunteer individuals 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 employment of the substitute personnel listed on the attachment for the 2018-2019 school year, at compensation rates approved by the board, contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- f. To accept the retirement resignation of Grace A. Seitam, Secretary, effective June 30, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously, with the exception of item 3.a., with Mr. Hill voting *No* on item 3.a.

#### Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Musical Advisor, for approval of the 2019 High School Spring Musical, *Legally Blonde*, to be performed on March 14-17, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Finance

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Mr. Borrelli, to approve items 6.a. through 6.h. and item 6.n.

Mr. Manzer provided the members with an overview of the financial statements and payment lists.

- a. To approve the attached May financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachment.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.

- d. To authorize the Business Manager to make final year-end 2017-2018 budgetary transfers, which will be reported to the Board for approval in September 2018, as recommended by the state auditor.
- e. To approve the depositories listed on the attachment for continued use.
- f. To approve the student activity accounts listed on the attachment for the 2018-2019 school year.
- g. To award property and casualty insurance coverage for the 2018-2019 school year to Liberty Mutual Insurance through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., per the attached proposal.
- h. To award workmen's compensation insurance coverage for the 2018-2019 school year to Highmark Casualty Insurance Company in the amount of \$69,238, per the attached proposal.
- n. To approve the attached Agreement for Collection Services with Creditech, Inc., for debt collection services to be provided beginning August 15, 2018, and ending August 15, 2019, and continuing until terminated by either party, for a commission of 18% of debts collected.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- i. To adopt the proposed Final Budget of the School District for the 2018-2019 fiscal year on form PDE-2028 as presented to the School Board as a Final Budget for the School District General Fund in the amount of \$32,706,480:

Index Plus Exceptions Tax Increase  
3.2% (2.0 mills) Armstrong County  
5.3% (7.6 mills) Butler County  
Net Additional Revenue: \$797,131

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Mr. Borrelli *to table* the motion. Motion *to table* the motion on item 6.i. carried unanimously.

- j. *[There was no motion made on agenda item 6.j.]*

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

- k. To adopt the proposed Final Budget of the School District for the 2018-2019 fiscal year on form PDE-2028 as presented to the School Board as a Final Budget for the School District General Fund in the amount of \$32,706,480:

Tax Rebalance Due to County Assessment Equalization  
0% (0 mills) Armstrong County

2.1% (3 mills) Butler County  
Net Additional Revenue: \$335,579

Roll call vote was requested:

Ms. Bollinger	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Borrelli	<u>No</u>
Ms. Davies	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Haven	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Hill	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Huth	<u>No</u>
Mr. Lucovich	<u>No</u>
Dr. Prazenica	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Toy-Gaydos	<u>No</u>

Motion carried on a vote of five (5) to four (4).

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

- I. To approve the attached Annual Tax Levy Resolution providing for the levy of taxes for school purposes for the school year beginning July 1, 2018, subject to the provisions of the Local Tax Collection Law and in accordance with the tax rates approved on Form PDE-2028.
  
- m. To authorize a homestead and farmstead real estate tax assessment exclusion for the school year beginning July 1, 2018, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), in accordance with the attached resolution and the tax rates approved on Form PDE-2028.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Other Business

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

- a. To approve the attendance of Frank J. Borrelli, Daniel P. Lucovich, and Frank C. Prazenica, Jr., at the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators/Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PASA/PSBA) School Leadership Conference on October 17-19, 2018, in Hershey, Pennsylvania, at a cost to the District of approximately \$800 each, including the cost of registration, lodging, toll charges, meals, and mileage.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To appoint Frank J. Borrelli and Daniel P. Lucovich as the Board's Voting Delegates to the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) 2018 Delegate Assembly to be held on October 19, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To *table* agenda item 8.c.

Motion to *table* agenda item 8.c. carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve the District's one-year membership in the University of Pittsburgh's Tri-State Area School Study Council, at a cost of \$600.
- e. To approve the disposal of student and teacher furniture of indeterminate value located at the High School, by public auction and/or donation to non-profit organizations, with any remaining furniture to be scrapped or discarded.
- f. To approve Sharp Collections as the District's delinquent earned income tax collector, for tax years 2011 and prior, for Buffalo Township and Freeport Borough, through June 30, 2020.
- g. To approve the attached Service Agreement with Valentis Security Services, Inc., for uniformed security and consulting services, for a term beginning on July 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2019, at a rate of \$15.25 per hour per security agent.
- h. 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 May 22, 2018.
- i. To approve the attached agreement with The University School, Inc., for education services to be provided to a District resident student, beginning June 11, 2018, and ending August 2, 2018, for a fee of \$3,900.
- j. To approve the District's membership in the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit Guest Teacher Consortium for the 2018-2019 school year, at a cost of \$400.
- k. To approve the attached agreement with the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit, to provide driver education program component

instruction, from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, at no cost to the District.

- l. To approve the attached contract with WESTARM Therapy Services, Inc., for services to be provided to District students in accordance with the students' IEPs during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020 2021 school years, at hourly rates of \$70 for services performed by a licensed physical therapist, \$68 for services performed by a licensed occupational therapist, and \$55 for services performed by a certified occupational therapy assistant.
- m. To appoint the firm of Tucker Arensberg, P.C. as school board solicitor for the 2018-2019 school year as per the firm's proposal dated May 23, 2018.
- n. To appoint Children's Community Pediatrics as elementary and secondary and athletic school physicians for the 2018 2019 school year at an annual rate of \$4,500.
- o. To appoint Drs. F.S. and D.L. DeMarco as school district dentists for the 2018 2019 school year at an annual rate of \$100.
- p. To approve the attached agreement with W.L. Roenigk Inc. for the lease of a golf cart to be used at the High School/Middle School campus, at a cost of \$1 per year.
- q. 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.
- r. To accept a Pennsylvania Department of Education Office of Safe Schools Grant Award, in the amount of \$9,990.80, to be used to cover the cost of supplies.

Motion carried unanimously, with the exception of item 8.l., with Ms. Toy-Gaydos *abstaining* from the vote on agenda item 8.l.

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

- s. To accept a Highmark Foundation Grant Award, in the amount of \$6,800, to be used in connection with the Physical Education Program at Buffalo Elementary School.
- t. To accept a Highmark Foundation Grant Award, in the amount of \$6,600, to be used in connection with the Physical Education Program at Freeport Area High School.
- u. To accept a Highmark Foundation Grant Award, in the amount of \$6,500, to be used in connection with the Physical Education Program at Freeport Area Middle School.

- v. To accept a Highmark Foundation Grant Award, in the amount of \$4,027, to be used in connection with the Physical Education Program at South Buffalo Elementary School.
- w. To approve the revised 2018-2019 District Calendar, as presented on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would hold its next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the Freeport Area High School, and that there would be no Committee Meeting held in July.

Comments from Visitors

James Swartz of Freeport expressed his appreciation to District Band Director Chaz Shipman for the band's performance at the Freeport Borough's Memorial Day Parade. He went on to note that he accompanied the state champion High School volleyball team to Harrisburg, where the players were congratulated by State Representative Jeff Pyle on the floor of the state senate.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

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President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

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Secretary