

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 2016

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:27 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Also present were student school board members Claire Crytzer and Sophia Reitz and District solicitor Mr. Fred Wolfe.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 12, 2016. 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 October 12, 2016: The Board's noticed Committee Meeting scheduled to be held on November 2, 2016 was canceled. The Board's Finance Committee met on November 7, 2016. The Board met in Executive Session on November 9, 2016, to discuss personnel, safety and security, and contracts and negotiations matters.
3. Mr. Magness directed the members' attention to Administration's report attached to the agenda and asked them to note in particular the information provided in his report regarding PlanCon reimbursements.
4. Mr. Robb, Richard Burns, Special Services Coordinator, and school counselors Alison Dorogi, Nina Fulton, Sara Lang, Douglas Stanko, and Elizabeth Vaughn provided the members with a report of the District's college and career readiness plan. Mr. Magness noted that diligent work had been undertaken over the prior six months, putting the District in a leadership position on this issue.

5. Mr. Lucovich reported that he had attended a groundbreaking at Northpointe Industrial Park for a new 40,000 square foot data center for Involta, to be completed in September 2017.
6. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape's board would meet in the following few days to discuss fee structures for member districts.
7. Dr. Prazenica reported that the board of the Armstrong Indiana Intermediate Unit's board would meet the following week.
8. Ms. Bollinger reported that Donald Trump had won the US Presidential election and that US Senator Pat Toomey, State Senator Don White and State Representative Jeff Pyle had all been reelected to their offices.
9. Student School Board members Claire Crytzer and Sophia Reitz provided the members with their report of student activities in the District. Ms. Crytzer congratulated the girls volleyball and girls soccer teams on their winning seasons. Mr. Borrelli commended the efforts of the community in connection with a fundraiser that had been held recently for the family of a former District teacher.
10. Dereck Malzi, of Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc., provided the members with an overview of a proposal for Cyber Liability Insurance.

Mr. Lucovich asked for a motion on agenda item 6.d. It was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser,

To approve a Cyber Liability Insurance Policy with an annual premium in the amount of \$6,830.00, prorated for the 2016-2017 year.

Motion *did not carry*, on a vote of 4 (four) to 4 (four), with Ms. Davies, Mr. Huth, Dr. Prazenica, and Ms. Toy-Gaydos voting *No*.

Personnel

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

- a. To employ Lisa M. Knapp as an Educational Assistant for the 2016-2017 school year, at an hourly rate of \$10.00, effective November 7, 2016.
- b. To grant professional status to Cynthia R. Jones, Sasha R. Killian, Elizabeth R. Lynch, Philip L. Parks, Erika L. Planavsky, Laura L. Scherba, and Stacey L. Straub, who have each met the requirements for tenure as outlined in the Pennsylvania School Code.

Motion carried, with Ms. Toy-Gaydos voting *No* on item (b).

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the request from Larry P. Robb, Jr., Program Director, for approval to attend the Standards Aligned System (SAS) Institute Conference to be held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on December 4-6, 2016, at a cost to the District of approximately \$600.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the request from Carolyn J. Van Cott, Teacher, for pre-approval of the High School trip to Washington, D.C., on April 8-10, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, High School Choral Director, for approval of a field trip with eight (8) High School students to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 3 Chorus Festival to be held at Marion Center, Pennsylvania, on January 11-13, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Manzer provided the members with an overview of the October Financial Reports, the Payments lists, and the other Finance items on the agenda.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the attached proposal submitted by GLS Lawncare Service, for snow removal services at Buffalo Elementary School during the 2016-2017 school year at the cost set forth in the proposal.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the attached proposal submitted by Mailki Mechanical Snow & Ice Management, for snow removal services at South Buffalo Elementary School during the 2016-2017 school year at the cost set forth in the proposal.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the recommendation to contract with Joseph R. Sonafelt, Sr., to serve as a School Police Officer, at the hourly rate of \$20.00, effective November 9, 2016, in accordance with the terms of the attached independent contractor agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve the acceptance of a donation of \$330 from the Freeport Renaissance Association, to cover a portion of the transportation costs and the cost of materials for an 8th Grade computer concepts mapping project field trip to Freeport Borough on November 7, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To approve the acceptance of a donation of \$220 from Carnegie Mellon University's CMU Create Lab Fluency Team Division, to cover a portion of the transportation costs for an 8th Grade computer concepts mapping project field trip to Freeport Borough on November 7, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To approve the acceptance of a donation of \$9,717.51 from the Kindergarten Center Playground Committee, to cover the purchase of exercise equipment for Freeport Area Middle School.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. To approve the acceptance of a School Resource Officer Grant, in the amount of \$46,650, to be used to hire an additional School Police Officer.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- h. To approve the acceptance of a Targeted Equipment Grant, in the amount of \$24,995.44, to be used to purchase and install a public address system at the High School.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- i. To approve the attached Comprehensive Plan, to remain in effect from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- j. To set the organization meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors for December 7, 2016, at 7:30 pm at the Freeport Area High School.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- k. To exonerate Taxpayer A, a resident of Buffalo Township, for real estate tax owed to the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that Board would hold its Organization Meeting and its next Committee Meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at 7:30 pm, and its next Regular

Meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area High School.

Comments from Board Members

Dr. Prazenica noted that he encourages the District to continue to maintain the existing cross country trail and to continue to work toward connecting the existing campus trail with the Rails to Trails Butler Freeport Trail.

Dr. Prazenica reported that he would attend the events to be held at the High School in recognition of Veterans Day.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary