

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 11, 2013

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Dan Lucovich, President, at 7:35 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Also present was Mr. Hoffman, solicitor.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Mr. Borrelli, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 13, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows: The Athletics Committee met on December 4, 2013. The Board met in Executive Session on December 4, 2013, December 10, 2013, and December 11, 2013, for personnel, real estate, and confidential student matters.
3. Mr. DeVivo reported on school activities as per the attached report.
4. Mr. Lucovich reported that he intends to provide a list of Board committees to the members in January, and he announced an early dismissal for students on Friday, December 20, 2013.
5. Dr. Prazenica reported that he would be meeting on December 12, 2013 with Karen Devine, Pennsylvania School Board Association Director of Member Relations, and invited other members to attend the meeting or provide him with items for discussion at that meeting. Dr. Prazenica also reported that he would be attending the National School Boards Association Federal Relations Network's Advocacy Institute to be held in Washington, D.C. on February 2-4, 2014, as a representative of the Board and at no cost to the District.

6. Ms. Toy-Gaydos read the attached statement from the Board's Athletics Committee regarding the request of representatives from Freeport Youth Lacrosse for the creation of a boys and girls varsity lacrosse team. A discussion followed, including comments from Todd O'Shell, District Athletic Director, and visitors Kenneth Kemmer, Karen Leonard, and Bill Kronen, of Freeport Youth Lacrosse, and Rich Manko and Dave Kennedy, parents of Freeport Youth Lacrosse players. Dr. Prazenica and Mr. Lucovich noted that the Board supports the efforts of parents and coaches to provide District students with opportunities to participate in interscholastic athletic programs.
7. Hayley Davis and Benjamin Goldinger, student Board members, reported on school activities as per the attached report.
8. Mr. Borrelli commended the members of the Freeport Senior High School Key Club on their efforts on behalf of the medical mission trip to Guatemala of Seton Hill University's Physician Assistant Program.

Personnel

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

- a. To approve the position of Director of Safety and Security and authorize the administration to initiate the District's pre-employment process.

Motion passed on a vote of 7 to 1, with Dr. Prazenica voting *No*.

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, to approve the following agenda items:

- b. To approve the request of Sara Sypulski, Teacher, to use accrued sick leave followed by child rearing leave for the period beginning on or around March 28, 2014 or when medically necessary as specified by her physician and continuing through the end of the 2013-2014 school year, in accordance with Board Policy.
- c. To approve the employment of Stephanie Bearden as an extended-term substitute during the leave of absence of Catherine Gollatz, at a daily rate of \$130, effective October 29, 2013.
- d. To approve the request of Cheryl A. Byers, full time Custodian, to resign effective December 6, 2013.
- e. To employ the personnel listed on a separate sheet for the District's athletic and extra-curricular activities program during the 2013-2014 school year according to contracted terms of compensation approved by the Board and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

- f. To grant the request from a head coach to approve the volunteer assistant coach listed on a separate sheet for the 2013-2014 sports/extra-curricular season, at no cost to the District and pending Act 34, Act 114, and Act 151 clearances as required.

Motion carried, with Mr. Borrelli voting *No* on items e. and f.

Curriculum and Technology

It was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica, to approve the following agenda item:

- a. To approve the District's entering into the attached contract for regional wide area network, internet and other related consortium services with ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 and the attached letter of agency authorizing ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 to apply for eRate reimbursements on the District's behalf.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the request of Gregory Adams, Environmental Geology Teacher; David Jones, Physics Teacher; Sarah Mitch, French Teacher; and approximately twenty-five (25) 11th and 12th grade students, for approval of the Advanced Environmental Geology Class trip to Holly River State Park, in Hacker Valley, West Virginia, on May 16-18, 2014, at no cost to the District other than the cost of three (3) substitutes for one (1) day (\$255).
- b. To approve the request of Chaz Shipman, Junior High/Senior High Band Director, and four (4) Senior High School students for approval to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 3 Band Festival in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, on February 5-8, 2014, at a cost to the District of \$558.25, including the cost of a substitute teacher for two (2) days.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

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

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

- c. To approve the establishment of a Junior High Student Activity Fund, containing a yearbook account, a student body activities account, and a junior high student council account.
- d. To approve the establishment of the authorized users and check signers for district bank accounts listed on the attachment to these minutes.
- e. To approve Ryan Manzer, Business Manager, as the delegate for Freeport Area School District to the Butler County Tax Collection Committee (BCTCC) replacing William Reilly and to approve Jon P. McCullough, Payroll & Benefits Coordinator, and Valerie J. Smith, Accounting Assistant, as alternates.
- f. To approve the authorization of Valerie J. Smith, Accounting Assistant, to make requests and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer relative to the collection of taxes as per the attached resolution.
- g. 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 2013-2014 school year.

After discussion, including an overview presented by Mr. Manzer of the new reports being provided to the Board, the Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To retain Wooster and Associates to make application to PennDOT for the Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) for the Monroe Road Extension, at a cost not to exceed \$6,300.
- b. To approve and authorize the submission of Plancon Part F, "Construction Documents" for the Freeport Middle School project (POE #3708) to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for review and approval.
- c. To appoint Daniel P. Lucovich to the Lenape Vo-Tech Joint Operating Committee for a term ending December, 2016.
- d. To approve the request of Dawn Brennan, owner of Studio 356 in Sarver, that the District waive facilities use fees for the Jingle Jamz charity event to benefit the University of Pittsburgh/Colorectal Surgery and Natrona Heights Cancer Center in honor of Jennifer Koedel, 12-month Secretary, to be held on December 15, 2013.

- e. To approve the hiring of A.L.M. Tree Pros to provide tree removal services, at a cost of \$1,400.

After discussion, the motion carried, with Dr. Prazenica and Mr. Gaiser voting *No* on items a. and e. and Dr. Prazenica voting *No* on item b.

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

- f. To accept the donation to South Buffalo Elementary School of 35 iPad covers with a total value of \$840, from Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bergad, parents.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Daniel P. Lucovich

President

Mary Dobransky

Secretary