

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2020

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:30 pm in the Auditorium of the Freeport Area High School, with public participation via live-stream audio and submission of comments by email, was called to order by Mr. John K. Haven, President, at 7:39 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Hill	Present
Mr. Huth	Present*
Mr. Lucovich	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Present
Mr. Selinger	Present
Mr. Toncini	Present

Administrators participating were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; and Mr. Robb, Program Director. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Matthew Hoffman.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Haven welcomed members of the public in the audience and participating by live stream audio.

Superintendent Magness read public comments submitted by Stephanie McCoy of Buffalo Township, Kristina Kushon-Iusi of Freeport Borough, Becky Jenkins of Buffalo Township, Emily Campbell of Buffalo Township, Lori Kibler of Buffalo Township, Kristen Chodkowski of South Buffalo Township, Christine Cepec of Buffalo Township, Christopher Vorse of Freeport Borough, commented on the District's school reopening plans, and Kristin Heasley of Buffalo Township commented on the format of marching band performances.

It was moved by Mr. Hill, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to suspend any applicable Freeport Area School District policies in order to authorize the conduct of this regular meeting of the Board of School Directors via telephone conference in consideration of the public health concerns and governmental directives arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Notice of the conduct of this meeting via telephone conference previously has been posted at the District Administration office and to the District website with information to allow public access to and public comment during the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mr. Huth participated by telephone.*

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Toncini, and seconded by Mr. Lucovich, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 15, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.
2. It was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 22, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on July 15, 2020: The Board held a Special Meeting for general business purposes on July 22, 2020. The Board met in Executive Session on August 6, 2020, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Legal, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting for general business purposes and a Committee Meeting on August 6, 2020. The Board met in Executive Session on August 13, 2020, to discuss [*Safety and Security, Personnel, and Legal Matters*].
4. Mr. Haven commented that the District is working through an unsettled time. He acknowledged that not everyone will agree with the Board's decisions but that he hoped those decisions would be respected.
5. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Technical School's board had met on July 23, 2020, when it approved a five-year contract with the school's support professionals association. He also reported that the board had voted to delay the first day of school until September 8, 2020.
6. Ms. Bollinger presented the Board with her legislative report, attached.

Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Toncini, and seconded by Mr. Selinger,

- a. To approve the employment of Megan J. Davis and Katherine R. Lewis as full time Teachers, at an annual salary of \$38,500, effective August 31, 2020, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the employment of Kelly J. Freeman as a full time Custodian, at an hourly rate of compensation of \$12.95, effective August 14, 2020, contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. Action on approving the attached list of bus drivers for the 2020-2021 school year as recommended by the State Auditors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

It was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Mr. Selinger,

- a. To adopt the attached revised Return to Play Plan and authorize submission and posting by Administration as mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

It was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Mr. Toncini,

- a. To approve the attached revised School Board Policy No. 103 (Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students).
- b. To approve the attached revised School Board Policy No. 104 (Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff).
- c. To approve the attached revised School Board Policy No. 247 (Hazing).
- d. To approve the attached revised School Board Policy No. 249 (Bullying/Cyberbullying).
- e. To approve the attached revised School Board Policy No. 252 (Dating Violence).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To re-approve the adoption of the attached Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan and authorization for submission and posting by Administration as mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Ms. Davies,

- b. To approve the attached Agreement with Buffalo Township for traffic control services to be provided during certain athletic events and special events to be held during the 2020-2021 school year, at the hourly rates set forth in the Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Toncini, and seconded by Mr. Lucovich,

- c. To approve the attached Agreement to Sell or Purchase Meals from Sponsor to Sponsor with Butler County Children's Center from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. *To table agenda item 7.d.:* Action on approving the attached Intra-district Agreement for Title I Services with the Armstrong School District, for the provision of Title I instructional services at non-public schools during the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Mr. Selinger,

- e. To approve the attached Third-Party Letter of Agreement for Nonpublic Title I Services with Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, for the provision of Title I instructional services at non-public schools during the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Ms. Davies,

- f. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donations for the South Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Fresh, Functional Furniture for the Art Room!" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$2,910).

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. Action on approving the Phased Return to School framework as recommended by the administration with the beginning of the 2020-2021 academic year starting remotely.

Mr. Magness summarized parent surveys conducted over the summer. He commended the community on the high level of participation in those surveys.

Roll call vote requested. Roll call vote:

Ms. Bollinger	_____	Yes
Ms. Davies	_____	Yes
Mr. Haven	_____	Yes
Mr. Hill	_____	Yes
Mr. Huth	_____	Yes
Mr. Lucovich	_____	Yes
Dr. Prazenica	_____	No
Mr. Selinger	_____	No
Mr. Toncini	_____	Yes

Motion *carried* on a vote of seven (7) to two (2).

Finance

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

- a. To approve the attached July financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachment.
- c. To adopt the Free and Reduced Lunch Policy and Guidelines as established by the Department of Education to be included in district policy for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Hill, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

/s/ John K. Haven

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary