

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 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 limited in-person public participation due to gathering size-limit mandates and public participation via live-stream audio and submission of comments by email, was called to order by Mr. John K. Haven, President, at 7:34 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; Mr. Robb, Program Director; and Mr. Manzer, Business Manager. 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 those participating by live stream audio.

The Board Secretary read public comments submitted by the following Buffalo Township residents: Beth Davis, Jennifer Anderson, Heather Mell, Lynnea Selinger, Laura and Mike McKivigan, Scott Parke, Kristin Heasley, Julie Warren, Mandy Blystone, Matt Smith, Rachel Borromeo, Dawn Gasbarro, and Erika Clark, Lindsay Mielecki, Ana Linares and Phill Claditis, and South Buffalo Township resident Beth Zboran.

The following visitors attending in person addressed the Board with their comments: Jim Swartz of Freeport Borough regarding in-person school attendance four or five days a week, attendance at athletics events, and COVID-19 grants; Cathy Burnheimer of Buffalo Township regarding school attendance options other than hybrid attendance; Drew Rummel of Buffalo Township regarding return to in-person school attendance; Lindsey Selfridge regarding hybrid learning; Megan Sproat regarding in-person school attendance; Jesse Kirkpatrick regarding return to full time in-person instruction; and Jackie Gaughan regarding issues with remote learning.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Hill, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 31, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.
2. It was moved by Mr. Hill, and seconded by Mr. Toncini, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 3, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.
3. It was moved by Mr. Hill, and seconded by Mr. Toncini, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 10, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on September 10, 2020: The Board met in Executive Session on October 1, 2020, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting for general business purposes on October 1, 2020. The Board met in Executive Session a second time on October 1, 2020, to discuss Personnel Matters. The Board held its Committee Meeting on October 1, 2020. The Board met in Executive Session on October 8, 2020, to discuss Safety and Security and Personnel Matters.
5. Mr. Magness reported on a proposed Charter School Funding Reform Resolution.
It was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica,
 - a. To approve the attached resolution regarding Charter School Funding Reform.Motion carried unanimously.
6. During the Board's Committee Meeting held on October 1, 2020, retirees Richard A. Burns and David J. Kradel were recognized for their years of service to the District.
7. Mr. Haven presented Mr. Lucovich with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) Certificate of Appreciation for 16 years of service on the Board.
8. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Technical School's board had reached a settlement on a transportation agreement. He noted that current enrollment at Lenape Technical School is 524 students, with 41 from Freeport Area School District.
9. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong Indiana Intermediate Unit board would meet on October 20, 2020.
10. Ms. Bollinger presented the Board with her legislative report, and noted that the 2020 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference would be held virtually on

October 14-15. She reminded the members that they could sign up at no cost through October 13 but that no same-day registrations would be permitted.

11. Ms. Bollinger presented the Board with her Freeport Area School District Foundation report, including the results of the FASD Foundation Golf Outing held on September 20, 2020: Two Corporate Sponsors (NexTier Bank - \$5,000 and Oberg Industries - \$850); 21 Tee-Sponsors and 18 foursomes participating. Ms. Bollinger reported that the Golf Outing was a great success and profited over \$8,000, a new record, with the funds raised to be used for classroom grants. Ms. Bollinger reported that the Foundation is working on its annual Renewal and Monitoring Reports for the state in connection with the Foundation's EITC classification.

Other Business

It was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to re-order the items on the agenda in order that "Other Business" items could be voted on first. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. To approve the attached revised Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan and authorization for submission and posting by Administration as mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- b. To authorize the District solicitor to file the attached Amended Petition for Appointment of School Police Officer with the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County, Pennsylvania.
- c. To approve the attached Agreement with MHY Family Services for services which may be provided to District resident students under the Private Academy Program at Longmore Academy during the 2020-2021 school year, at the daily rates set forth on Attachment B to the Agreement.
- d. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Freeport Area Middle School Project: "Clean and Sanitized Art Tools!" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$202.54).
- e. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Safe and Smart in Second Grade" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$391.50).

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To direct Administration to commence K-12 in-person instruction Mondays through Thursdays, with asynchronous instruction on Fridays, implementing

CDC, DOH, and PDE guidelines and mandates to the extent feasible, effective October 13, 2020.

Motion carried on a vote of eight (8) to one (1), with Ms. Bollinger voting *No*.

Personnel

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

- a. To approve a request from Employee No. 2389 for Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Family Leave.
- b. To approve a request from Employee No. 2208 for Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Family Leave.
- c. To approve the request of Employee No. 3747 for Sabbatical Leave during the 2020-2021 school year.
- d. To approve the request of Employee No. 3990 for Sabbatical Leave during the 2020-2021 school year.
- e. To approve the employment of Lianna P. Davis as an Educational Assistant for the 2020-2021 school year, at an hourly rate of compensation of \$13.00, effective October 9, 2020, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- f. To approve the employment of Jamie S. Bacon as an Educational Assistant for the 2020-2021 school year, at an hourly rate of compensation of \$13.00, effective October 9, 2020, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- g. To approve the employment of Coleen R. Whalen as an Educational Assistant for the 2020-2021 school year, at an hourly rate of compensation of \$13.00, effective October 9, 2020, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

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

- h. To approve the employment of Tawnya L. Petrovic as an Educational Assistant for the 2020-2021 school year, at an hourly rate of compensation of \$13.00, effective October 9, 2020, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- i. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Freeport Education Association-PSEA-NEA and Renee M. Bogan providing for her appointment as Interim Assistant Principal/Dean of Students at the Freeport Area Elementary Schools for the first semester and potentially second semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- j. To approve the attached revised Compensation Plan for Administrators of the Freeport Area School District (2017-2022), effective immediately.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve 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. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger,

- a. To tentatively adopt the attached new School Board Policy No. 829 (Electronic Records/Signatures).

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Manzer referred the members to his attached Business Manager's report.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Haven announced that the Board would hold its next Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 7:30 pm and its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 7:30 pm.

Comments from Board Members

Dr. Prazenica thanked the members of the community who submitted comments for the meeting.

Mr. Hill thanked Administration and the District's teachers for their efforts during the pandemic.

Mr. Selinger thanked Administration for the work it had done behind the scenes to keep school in session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Mr. Toncini, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

/s/ John K. Haven

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary