

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11, 2021

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:30 pm in the Audion of the Freeport Area High School, 625 South Pike Road, Sarver, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:38 p.m. Due to COVID-19 pandemic precautions, and as noticed, public participation was via live stream audio and submission of comments by email.

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

Student School Board Members

Paige Semanko	Present*
Michael Hower	Present*

Administrators participating were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Robb, Program Director; and Mr. Manzer, Business Manager. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Daniel Conlon.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Lucovich welcomed members of the public listening by live stream audio.

Mr. Lucovich read add-on agenda items 3.e. and 7.g. 7.h, and 7.i. and solicited public comment on the items on the posted agenda and on the add-on items.

The Board Secretary read the following comments submitted by the public: Rebekah Shearer, Rachel Buchanan, and Erin Morrissey, all of Buffalo Township, stated their support for the asynchronous Fridays previously approved as part of the 2020-2021 District calendar.

**Dr. Prazenica and Student School Board Members Ms. Semanko and Mr. Hower participated in the meeting by telephone.*

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Toncini, and seconded by Mr. Huth, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on February 11, 2021: The Board's Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session with representatives from Freeport Education Association on February 23, 2021. The Board's Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session with representatives from Freeport Education Support Personnel Association on March 2, 2021. The Board met in Executive Session on March 4, 2021, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting for general business matters on March 4, 2021. The Board held its Committee Meeting on March 4, 2021. The Board's Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session with representatives from Freeport Education Association on March 9, 2021. The Board met in Executive Session on March 11, 2021, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters.
3. Mr. Robb had reported, at the Board's March 4, 2021, Committee Meeting, on a multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) initiative intended to ensure successful education outcomes. Mr. Magness thanked the *Butler Eagle* for its recent stories featuring the classrooms of Mrs Urik and Ms Killian and their students' kindness projects.
4. Mr. Lucovich reported on activities in March at Lenape Technical School, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, and the ongoing District negotiations with the teachers and the support staff associations. He noted that Administration and staff had been diligent in their efforts to follow pandemic precautions and keep all students and staff safe.
5. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Technical School's board was working on the 2021-2022 budget and the board's next meeting would be held the following week.
6. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong Indiana Intermediate Unit's board would also meet the following week.
7. Ms. Bollinger presented her Legislative report as provided on the attachment.
8. Ms. Bollinger presented her Freeport Area School District Foundation report as provided on the attachment.
9. Student School Board Members Paige Semanko and Michael Hower provided the members with their reports of student activities.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Lianna P. Davis, Educational Assistant, effective March 22, 2021.
- b. To approve a request from Employee No. 2456 for Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Individual Leave.
- c. To approve a request from Employee No. 4101 for Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Family Leave.
- d. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2020-2021 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- e. To approve the employment of Samuel Charles Beer as a full time Custodian, at an hourly rate of compensation of \$13.45, effective March 18, 2021, contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the adoption of 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.

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

- b. To approve the requests to use the athletic fields under ownership of the Freeport Area School District as provided in District Policy and according to the schedule developed by the Athletic Director for the 2021 spring-summer season as described on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To re-approve the adoption of the Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan that the Board approved at its Special Meeting on March 4, 2021.
- b. To approve the proposed budget of the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, as presented on the attachment.
- c. To approve the attached agreement with The Children's Institute, for education services to be provided to a resident student in accordance with the student's IEP, at a daily rate of \$379.75.
- d. To approve the attached Master Service Agreement with SchoolPointe, for website hosting and maintenance services to be provided from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024, at an annual cost of \$3,900.
- e. To approve the proposal of Johnson Controls Inc. to provide indoor air quality upgrades described as Phase I on the attachment, including installation of bipolar ionization at Buffalo Elementary School and South Buffalo Elementary School, at a cost of \$249,066, to be paid by the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II Grant (ESSER II), with the final form of agreement subject to the review and approval of the Solicitor.
- f. To approve the enrollment of Student A as a tuition student, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried unanimously, with the exception of item 7.e., with Dr. Prazenica voting *No* on item 7.e.

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

- g. To direct Administration to commence in-person instruction five (5) days per week for all grade levels, implementing Centers for Disease Control, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and Pennsylvania Department of Education guidelines and mandates to the extent feasible, effective on a date to be determined.

Motion *DID NOT carry*, on a vote of three (3) to six (6), with Ms. Bollinger, Mr. Haven, Mr. Huth, Mr. Lucovich, Mr. Selinger, and Mr. Toncini voting *No*.

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

- h. To approve the attached Agreement with PowerSchool Group LLC for the deployment of a new student data management system at a one-time cost of \$20,000 with ongoing yearly subscription fees of \$17,700.61, for a 40-month term beginning March 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2024, with the final form of agreement subject to the review and approval of the Solicitor.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- i. To authorize Administration to apply for and accept an Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Fund grant to support the attached list of priority projects.

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

Finance

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

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

- a. To approve the attached February 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. Lucovich announced that the Board would hold a Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 7:30 pm and its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 7:30 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. Toncini, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary