

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 18, 2023

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 Ms. Melanie Bollinger, Second Vice President, at 7:46 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Present*
Mr. Risch	Present
Mr. Selinger	Absent
Mr. Toncini	Absent
Ms. Zembrzuski	Present

### *Student School Board Members:*

Ava Soilis	Absent
Elise Whitlinger	Absent
Crystal Zembrzuski	Present
Madalin Burnheimer	Present
Kodi Esau	Present
Anne Lindsay	Present

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

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Bollinger welcomed members of the public. She solicited public comment on the items on the posted agenda. No public comments were offered.

### Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Risch, and seconded by Mr. Haven, to approve the minutes of the Organization Meeting held on December 1, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
2. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 1, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
3. It was moved by Mr. Risch, and seconded by Mr. Haven, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 8, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

\* Dr. Prazenica participated in the meeting by telephone.

4. The Board Secretary reported that the Board met as follows since the last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on December 8, 2022: The Board met in Executive Session on January 11, 2023, to discuss Personnel and Contracts and Negotiations Matters. The Board met in Executive Session on January 18, 2023, to discuss Personnel Matters, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters.
5. Kelly Valmassoni, The Nutrition Group Regional Manager, reported on the District's food service program.
6. Elizabeth Vaughn, School Counselor, presented her report on a proposed therapy dog program, and Mr. Magness summarized the provisions of a proposed new Board policy regarding the use of therapy dogs in the District schools.
7. Mr. Huth reported that Lenape Technical School's board would meet the following day.
8. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit's board would not meet during the month of February.
9. Ms. Bollinger reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation board had met earlier in the week and announced the Foundation had received \$25,000 in EITC funds, an increase of \$5,000 from the previous year. Ms. Bollinger also reported that applications for Foundation grants in a total amount of \$9,000 had been submitted from District teachers. She announced that the Foundation's annual golf outing was scheduled for September 17, 2023, at Buffalo Golf Course.
10. The Student school board members in attendance provided their report on student activities.

#### Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Cortney H. Ferguson, part-time Cafeteria Worker, effective January 4, 2023.
- b. To re-approve the employment of Nicholas B. Cirrincione as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher, at an annual salary of \$44,000, prorated for days worked.
- c. To approve the employment of Susan G. Bargerstock as a full time Custodian, at an hourly wage rate of \$15.50, effective January 19, 2023 and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- d. To approve the employment of Alecia L. McKeag as a part-time Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly wage rate of \$12.75, effective January 19, 2023 and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

- e. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Freeport Education Association regarding reimbursement of Employee ID 2139 for college tuition.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2022-2023 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.

Motion carried on a vote of six (6) to zero (0). *Dr. Prazenica abstaining.*

#### Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the attached Dual Enrollment Agreement with Indiana University of Pennsylvania, to permit participation of District students in the University's dual enrollment program during the 2023-2024 through 2027-2028 school years, at no cost to the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve a High School student field trip to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 3 Honors Band Festival in DuBois, Pennsylvania, from February 8-10, 2023, at a cost to the District of \$2,297.22 plus the cost of one substitute teacher for two days.
- b. To approve a High School student field trip to the DECA State Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, from February 21-24, 2023, at a cost of the District of \$2,228.00 plus the cost of one substitute teacher for three days.
- c. To approve the attendance of Thomas D. Koharchik, Teacher, at the PMEA State Conference in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania, on April 19-22, 2023, at a cost to the District of \$1,403.94 plus the cost of one substitute teacher for three days.
- d. To approve the District's hosting the Armstrong County Chorus Festival to be held on November 15-16, 2023, at the Freeport Area Middle School, and

the Armstrong County Jr County Chorus at the Freeport Area Middle School on February 13, 2024, all at no cost to the District.

- e. To grant pre-approval to host the PMEA District 3 Choir Festival at the Freeport Area Middle School on January 24-26, 2024, at no cost to the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Policy

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

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 011 (Principles for Governance and Leadership).
- b. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 200 (Enrollment of Students).
- c. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 202 (Eligibility of Nonresident Students).
- d. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 204 (Attendance).
- e. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 217 (Graduation).
- f. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 221 (Dress and Grooming).
- g. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 233 (Suspension and Expulsion).
- h. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 251 (Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and other Educational Instability).
- i. To rescind School Board Policy No. 255 (Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care).
- j. To approve the adoption of the attached revised Attachment (Procurement - Federal Programs) to School Board Policy No. 626 (Federal Fiscal Compliance).
- k. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 718 (Service Animals in Schools).

- l. To tentatively approve (*first read*) the adoption of the attached new School Board Policy No. 719 (Therapy Dogs).
- m. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 810 (Transportation).

Motion carried unanimously.

### Other Business

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

- a. To approve the election of Anthony Shea and Brady Shafer, to the offices of President and Vice President, respectively, of the Lenape Technical School Joint Board, each for one-year terms.
- b. To approve the request of Daniel M. O'Donnell to terminate his contract with the District, effective December 31, 2022.
- c. To authorize the superintendent or his designee, in accordance with District Policy No. 711, to dispose of books, furniture, equipment, supplies, or other school property deemed to have no value to the educational purpose of the District and a current value of \$100 or less, in a manner prescribed under the School Code, for the 2022-2023 school year.
- d. To approve the District's continuing participation in the Armstrong Indiana Intermediate Unit (ARIN) coordinated Cooperative Purchasing Program during 2023-2024, at a cost to the District of \$125.
- e. To accept an Innovative Classroom Grant from the PPG Foundation in the amount of \$2,500, to be used to purchase iMacs for the High School Art and TV Production Departments.
- f. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Spectacular Special Education" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$131.50).

Motion carried unanimously with the exception of item 7.a. Ms. Davies voted *No* on item 7.a.

### Finance

Mr. Magness referred the members to the business managers reports for December provided as an attachment.

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

- a. To approve the attached December financial reports.

- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Ms. Bollinger announced that the Board would hold a Special Meeting followed by a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the High School Audion and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the High School Audion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Risch, and seconded by Mr. Haven, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Bollinger declared the meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

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/s/ Melanie K. Bollinger  
Second Vice President

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/s/ Mary Dobransky  
Board Secretary