

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 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 Mr. Adam Toncini, Board President, at 7:27 p.m. Due to a conflict with a student activity that evening, the meeting was held in the Freeport Area Middle School Auditorium, with signage redirecting visitors posted on the District website and at the Freeport Area High School.

Roll call:

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

Student school board members:

Madalin Burnheimer	Absent
Sylvia Crytzer	Present
Kodi Esau	Absent
Aven Heavner	Present
Anne Lindsay	Absent
Emma Michelini	Present

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

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Toncini requested a motion to add *Personnel* item 3.h., as permitted under Section 712.1(c) of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act (and to re-number *Personnel* item 3.h. on the posted agenda as item 3.i.):

3.h. Action on accepting the resignation of Ian M. Magness, Superintendent, effective October 11, 2023.

It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to add *Personnel* item 3.h. to the agenda, as read. Motion carried on a vote of eight (8) to one (1), with Mr. Risch voting *No*, on the motion to add the read-in item to the agenda.

Mr. Toncini welcomed members of the public. He solicited public comment on the items on the posted agenda and the read-in item. No public comments were offered.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Risch, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 13, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Robb introduced new District teachers Andrea McQueen, Jayme Schreckengost, and Kasey Wolford. Mr. Toncini welcomed the new teachers to the District on behalf of the Board.
3. The Board Secretary reported that the Board met as follows since the last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on September 13, 2023: The Board met in Executive Session on October 4, 2023, to discuss Personnel and Contracts and Negotiations Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting for general business matters on October 4, 2023. The Board held a Committee Meeting on October 4, 2023. The Board met in Executive Session on October 11, to discuss Personnel Matters and Legal Matters.
4. Mr. Toncini presented Mr. Huth with a desk plaque provided by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) commending him on his 32 years of service. Mr. Toncini presented Ms. Bollinger and Dr. Prazenica with certificates provided by the PSBA for their years of service to the District.
5. Mr. Robb provided the attached report on the preliminary 2023 Pennsylvania student assessment results.
6. Mr. Huth reported that Lenape Technical School's joint operating committee would meet the following week.
7. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit's executive director would attend the Board's November 8, 2023, meeting.
8. Mr. Selinger reported for the Athletics Committee that the Fall sports teams were having a successful season.
9. Mr. Haven reported that the Building Committee would attend an information session with architects HHSDR in the near future.
10. Ms. Bollinger reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation was reporting their annual Golf Outing was a success and would be providing a report of the donations collected at next month's meeting. She reminded the Board that the money collected from the Golf Outing would be used to fund Classroom Grants.
11. The Student School Board Members presented their report to the Board.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the attached resignation of Kristina L. Kushon-lusi, part-time Cafeteria Worker, effective October 6, 2023.
- b. To approve the request of Employee No. 1975 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- c. To approve the employment of S. Charles Beer as a Head Custodian, at an hourly wage rate of \$18.60, effective December 29, 2023.
- d. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2023-2024 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 the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Extracurricular Programs during the 2023-2024 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.
- f. To approve the employment of the individuals listed on the attachment as Professional Learning Mentors for the 2023-2024 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
- g. To approve the attached list of bus drivers for the 2023-2024 school year as recommended by the State Auditors.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- h. To accept the resignation of Ian M. Magness, Superintendent, effective October 11, 2023.

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

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

- i. To approve the employment of Ian M. Magness as Superintendent of the Freeport Area School District, for a term commencing October 11, 2023, and ending October 10, 2028, at an annualized salary of \$171,000, effective

October 11, 2023, as per the attached employment agreement for such appointment.

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

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the attached proposal from Valerie Piccini for Professional Development program *Structured Literacy Teacher Academy: Writing/Comprehension* to be presented on August 7-9, 2024, at a cost to the District of \$4,500.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the participation of Ian M. Magness, Superintendent, in the Forum for Western Pennsylvania School Superintendents, to be held on November 29-December 1, 2023, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at no additional cost to the District.
- b. To approve the participation of Bradley T. Walker, Director of Finance and Operations, in the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) Annual Conference to be held on March 5-8, 2024, in Hershey, Pennsylvania, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$2,188.20.
- c. To grant pre-approval for a High School student field trip to Costa Rica, in February 2025, as described on the attachment, 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. 314 (Physical Examination).

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

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the attached Government Entity Settlement Agreement with Altria Group Distribution Company in relation to the multi-district litigation involving the marketing of vaping products and authorizing the Freeport Area School District's officers, Superintendent and/or legal counsel to execute such documents as required for and by such Agreement.
- b. To approve the attached Agreement with Wesley Family Services for Child/Adolescent Partial Hospital Program services, which may be provided to District resident students during the 2023-2024 school year, at an hourly rate not to exceed \$36.25.
- c. To approve the attached Full Time Special Education Placement Agreement with The Hope Academy for special education and therapeutic services to be provided to a resident student in accordance with the student's IEP during the 2023-2024 school year, at a cost to the District of \$5,000 per month.
- d. To approve the attached Agreement with UPMC Children's Community Pediatrics, for services provided during the 2023-2024 school year related to medical review of student IEPs to identify health-related services eligible for federal Medicaid School-Based ACCESS Program reimbursement.
- e. To accept a donation of \$100 from Daniel J. Fullerton, Sr. and Rebecca Simmer Fullerton in memory of Daniel J. Fullerton, Jr., to be used to purchase books for the Buffalo Elementary School Library.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Walker provided an overview of the attached Finance Report.

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

- a. To approve the attached August 2023 financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.
- c. To approve the attached CDARS Deposit Placement Agreement and Custodial Agreement with NextTier Bank NA.
- d. To approve the attached ICS Deposit Placement Agreement and Custodial Agreement with NextTier Bank NA.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Toncini announced that the Board would hold a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the High School Audion and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the High School Audion.

Comments from the Public

James Swartz of Freeport Borough commented on signage and athletics banners.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Risch, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Toncini declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

/s/ Adam M. Toncini
Board President

/s/ Mary Dobransky
Board Secretary