

## MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2012

The special meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, First Vice President, at 7:36 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Borrelli	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Ms. Toy-Gaydos	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Ms. Lowers	Present
Mr. Lucovich	Present
Dr. Marty	Absent
Dr. Prazenica	Present
Mr. Shoaf	Absent

Also present was John Vogel, solicitor and Angela Ravotti, student board member.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Mr. Huth, to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 14, 2011 as written. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Reilly reported that the Board met as follows:
  - a. Executive Session on January 4 and 25, 2012 for personnel, student and legal matters.
  - b. Negotiating Committee on January 9, 2012 for the Support Personnel contract.
3. Mr. Robb reported on student achievement data, Key Club Wake-A-Thon fund raiser, K-12 guidance program, and program of studies recommendations.

Mr. DeVivo announced the I-Pad Expo, Girls' Basketball Games admission reduction, State Auditor's exit conference, Governor's budget presentation, Region 2 band qualifiers, and School Board recognition of service.

4. Ms. Toy-Gaydos suggested that further public discussion on the feasibility study be deferred until the 2012-2013 budget is completed in June 2012 which was the Board consensus.
5. Dr. Prazenica discussed Arin finances and their revised budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.
6. Mr. DeVivo reported on the progress of the Lenape Adult Education Center.

Dr. Marty arrived at 7:52 p.m.

7. Angela Ravotti reported on school activities as per the attached report.

8. Dr. Prazenica reported on the President's State of the Union message and Ms. Davies reported on other school district budgets.

Personnel

1. It was moved by Ms. Lowers, and seconded by Mr. Lucovich, to approve the following items:
  - a. To accept the resignation of Kathy Seagriff, building secretary, to be effective June 30, 2012.
  - b. To accept the resignation of Bruce Yard as Assistant Track Coach effective December 22, 2011.
  - c. To continue the employment of Casey Hicks as a long-term substitute for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year at an annual salary of \$32,000.00 prorated for days worked, to be effective January 16, 2012, and pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements.
  - d. To employ Jennifer Wilhelm as an educational assistant for the 2011-2012 school year, at a wage rate of \$8.75 per hour, to be effective January 3, 2012, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
  - e. To grant professional status for the 2011-2012 school year to John Lowry who has met the requirements for tenure as outlined in the Pennsylvania School Code.
  - f. To approve the following substitute lists as provided on separate sheets for the 2011-2012 school year and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements:
    1. Substitute teacher positions
    2. Substitute secretarial positions
    3. Substitute custodial positions
    4. Substitute cafeteria worker positions
    5. Substitute educational assistant positions
  - g. To employ the following persons during the 2011-2012 school year according to contracted terms of compensation approved by the Board and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements:

Amy Rebyanski	Assistant Track Coach
Ashley Rodgers	Seventh Grade Volleyball Coach
  - h. To approve the following persons for the 2011-2012 sports/extra-curricular season, at no cost to the District and pending Acts 34 and 151 clearances:

Eric Densmore, Mike Kocon, Derek Ritter	Volunteer Baseball Coaches
Mike Brestensky, Jeff Christy, Talon Conjack,	
Bruce Yard	Volunteer Track Coaches

- i. The request from Todd O'Shell to attend the PSADA Conference to be held at Hershey, PA from March 20-23, 2012, at an estimated cost of \$982.00 to be taken from the athletic fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. On motion by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Mr. Huth, it was moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Freeport Education Association for a confidential personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

### Curriculum and Technology

1. Action was taken when Mr. Borrelli moved, and seconded by Ms. Lowers, to grant the request from Gregory Adams and thirty (30) students in the Honors Environmental Geology class to participate in a field trip to Holly River State Park, Hacker Valley, WV on May 18-20, 2012, at no cost to the District except four (4) substitute teachers for one day (\$340.00). Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Borrelli moved, seconded by Ms. Davies, to adopt the changes to the Program of Studies recommended for the senior high school or the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 nay; 1 absent.  
Dr. Prazenica voted no.

### Athletics and Activities

1. It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Lowers, to grant the request from Dan Consuegra and eleven (11) students to participate in the DECA Competition in Hershey, PA, from February 22-24, 2012, at a cost not to exceed \$2,200.00 to the District except one (1) substitute teacher for three days (\$255.00).

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 2 nays; 1 absent.  
Ms Toy-Gaydos and Mr. Lucovich voted no.

### Finance

1. The Treasurers', Budget Status, Cafeteria Fund, Activity Fund, and Athletic Fund Reports were presented. On Motion by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Lowers, it was moved to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Huth moved, seconded by Mr. Lucovich, that bills for payment in the amount of \$613,594.56 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Action was taken when Mr. Lucovich moved, and seconded by Mr. Borrelli, to adopt a preliminary District budget for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$25,500,000 as provided individually to school directors.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 nay; 1 absent.  
Dr. Prazenica voted no.

4. It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Lowers, to authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute contracts to provide natural gas at a guaranteed reduced rate as follows:
  - a. Peoples TWP LLC gas transportation service agreement for five (5) years commencing January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016.
  - b. PA Gas Marketing LLC to supply natural gas for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously

#### Other Business

1. On motion by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Lowers, it was moved to approve the request from Northern Allegheny County Chapter Umpires Association to use a senior high school classroom to conduct the PIAA mandatory rules meeting and for chapter meetings from February to May, 2012 for no facility usage charge.

Motion not carried: 3 ayes; 5 nays; 1 absent.

Mr. Huth, Ms. Lowers and Dr. Prazenica voted yes.

2. Mr. Borrelli moved, seconded by Dr. Prazenica, to approve Chris DeVivo attending the State Budget Conference. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Prazenica recommended the Board continue to discuss the feasibility study and recognized former school board members in attendance.

#### Visitors

Mr. Bono, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Swartz all supported the Board's decision to defer a decision on the feasibility study.

A parent representing the Girl's Basketball Boosters thanked the Board for agreeing to the admission reduction proposal from them.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Ms. Davies, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The First Vice President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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First Vice President

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Secretary