

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2015

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:37 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Student Board Members:

Audrey Clawson	Present
Benjamin Goldinger	Present

Also present was Mr. Wolfe, solicitor.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last Secretary's report to the Board at the Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2015: The Board met in Executive Session on February 4, 2015, to discuss personnel, contracts and negotiations, confidential student matters, and legal issues. The members of the Negotiation Committee of the Board met with representatives from the Freeport Education Support Personnel Association on February 9, 2015 for a negotiating session. The Board met in Executive Session on February 11, 2015, to discuss personnel, contracts and negotiations, and confidential student matters.
3. Mr. Robb reported that he would present the Board with a draft of the 2015-2016 school calendar for the members' approval at the March meeting. He indicated

that the draft will provide for a start date after the Labor Day holiday and a last day of school on June 10, 2016.

4. Dennis Russo, of Rucon, Inc., provided the members with an update on the status of the Middle School Project at the Board's Committee Meeting held on February 4, 2015. Mr. Russo noted that the Project is on schedule.
5. Dr. Prazenica reported at the February 4, 2015 Committee Meeting that ARIN's Pregnant & Parenting program had received praise from two young fathers at ARIN's most recent board meeting.
6. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape's board would meet on February 19, 2015.
7. During the Board's Committee Meeting on February 4, 2015, Dr. Prazenica advised the members to be watchful of new programs being initiated by the new governor's administration. He also noted that the federal government has announced Title II programs projected to amount to \$3 billion and that, if those programs are approved, some opportunities may become available to the District.
8. Mr. Lucovich reported that the Negotiation Committee held its first negotiation session with the Freeport Education Support Personnel Association on February 9, 2015.
9. Benjamin Goldinger and Audrey Clawson, student Board members, reported on school activities as per the attached reports. Mr. Borrelli suggested that Nutrition, Inc. might provide food for the parents at the parent-teacher conferences reported by the Student Board members scheduled for February 26-27, 2015, to showcase the District's food service. The Board directed Administration to make arrangements with Nutrition, Inc. to provide food during the February 26-27 parent-teacher conferences, at locations and times to be determined by Administration.

Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser,

- a. To accept the resignation of Brandon H. Federici as Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, effective January 22, 2015.
- b. To approve the volunteer coaches listed on the attachment for the 2014-2015 sports season, at no cost to the District and pending satisfactory completion of all clearance and training certification requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To adopt the changes to the Program of Studies recommended for the Senior High School for the 2015-2016 school year.

Dr. Prazenica expressed thanks on behalf of the members to Mr. Shipman, Band Teacher, for his efforts in connection with the formulation of the recommended Program of Studies and for his presentation to the Board at its February 4, 2015 Committee Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the request of Gregory Adams, Environmental Geology Teacher, for approval of a field trip to Willow Bay State Park (Pennsylvania) and Watkins Glen State Park (New York), with approximately thirty (30) Honors Environmental Geology students, four (4) staff members, and two (2) volunteers participating, on May 14-15, 2015, at no cost to the District other than the cost of four (4) substitute teachers for one and one-half (1 ½) days (\$510).

Ms. Davies noted that the absence of four teachers to attend a field trip for thirty students is a concern. Mr. Lucovich noted that future trips will be scrutinized and that the Board intends to focus on these programs going forward.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Junior High/Senior High Choir Director, for approval to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) 2015 Annual In-service Conference, in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on March 25-28, 2015, at a cost to the District of \$1,389.51, including the cost of a substitute teacher for two and one-half (2 ½) days.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Junior High/Senior High Choir Director and Musical Advisor/Coordinator, to present one additional performance of the spring 2015 Senior High School musical, on Thursday, March 12, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Manzer presented the Board with an overview of the January Financial reports and payment lists.

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

- a. To approve the attached January financial reports.
- b. To approve bills for payment listed on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos,

- c. To approve the attached resolution approving the preliminary budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and authorizing the referendum exception and final budget notice.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve the attached budgetary transfers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

It was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser,

- a. To approve final adoption of the attached Policy No. 916 (School Volunteers).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos,

- a. To enter into an agreement, in accordance with the attached proposal, with Rucon Inc. for management services related to the Route 356 Road Construction project, with fees not to exceed a total of \$16,000.
- b. To approve attached Change Order No. GC-1 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project General Construction Agreement with Massaro

Corporation dated June 5, 2014, at the increased cost in the contract sum of \$19,102.

- c. To approve attached Change Order No. EC-1 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project Electrical Construction Agreement with A-1 Electric, Inc. dated June 5, 2014, at the decreased cost in the contract sum of \$20,000.
- d. To approve attached Change Order No. EC-2 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project Electrical Construction Agreement with A-1 Electric, Inc. dated June 5, 2014, at the decreased cost in the contract sum of \$30,000.
- e. To approve attached Change Order No. EC-3 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project Electrical Construction Agreement with A-1 Electric, Inc. dated June 5, 2014, at the decreased cost in the contract sum of \$3,650.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Dr. Marty,

- f. To rescind the approval granted on October 8, 2014 for the District to enter into the attached agreement with Precision HR Solutions, Inc. to provide contracted substitute teacher services to supplement the District's current substitute teacher pool for a term beginning August 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos,

- g. To authorize the District's continuing participation in ARIN's Pregnant and Parenting Teens Program, at an estimated cost of \$900 in matching funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- h. To approve the revised school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board will hold a Public Hearing on the issue of the closing of the Freeport Area Junior High School building and the Freeport Area Kindergarten Center building on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at 6:30 pm in the Freeport Area Senior High School Audion/Room 83. He also announced that the Board will hold

its next Committee Meeting on March 4, 2015 at 7:30 pm and its next Regular Meeting on March 11, 2015 at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area Senior High School.

Comments from Visitors

Kristen Ziemkiewicz of Sarver commented for the members that as a member of one of the District's PTOs she would appreciate guidance on the issue of clearances for volunteers, in light of the newly approved Board policy. Mr. Lucovich responded that it is his understanding that volunteers will be required to obtain all three of the required clearances, except that volunteers who have resided in Pennsylvania for more than ten years will not be required to obtain an FBI fingerprint clearance.

Mikaela Zubal, a student at Buffalo Elementary School, made a presentation to the Board regarding school lunches. The members commended Mikaela for her enthusiasm and thanked her for her ongoing interest in the District's food service program.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary