

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 13, 2012

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Mark Shoaf, President, at 8:03 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Also present was Fred Wolfe, solicitor.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Ms. Lowers, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 9, 2012 as written. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Reilly reported that the Board met as follows:
 - a. Executive Session on June 6 and 13, 2012 for personnel, student, and legal matters.
 - b. Personnel Committee on June 12, 2012 for personnel matters.

Mr. Reilly also reported the school district and Buffalo Township were investigating the possibility of installing 15 MPH School Zone warning lights at Buffalo Elementary.

Personnel

1. It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, to approve the following items:
 - a. To employ Julie Shannon as an extended-term substitute during the leave of absence of Claudine Rumbaugh at a daily rate of \$130.00 to be effective March 5, 2012, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
 - b. To employ the following persons as full-time teachers for the District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year for teachers, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements:

Kami Dechant	\$34,000.00
Shane Mills	\$33,000.00
Jennifer Dell	\$33,000.00
Janelle Sanders	\$34,000.00
Sara Jeffers	\$34,000.00

- c. To grant the request from Rachel Buday for a leave of absence to attend mandatory training with the U. S. Army National Guard May 29, 2012 to June 1, 2012 (four work days).
- d. To employ the following person for the District’s extra-curricular program during the 2011-2012 school year according to contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements:

Cory Petrak	Academic Team Coach
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- e. To employ personnel for the District extra-curricular activities program during the 2012-2013 school year according to contracted terms of compensation approved by the Board and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- f. To employ personnel for the District athletic program during the 2012-2013 school year according to contracted terms of compensation approved by the Board and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- g. To grant the request from the various head coaches and band director to authorize volunteer assistant coaches/sponsors as listed on a separate sheet for the 2012-2013 sports/extra-curricular season, at no cost to the District and pending Act 34, and Act 151 clearances as required.
- h. To employ William Siegel as Athletic Trainer for the 2012-2013 school year for an annual salary of \$17,000.00.
- i. To approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Freeport Education Association for a part-time Instructional Technology Coordinator subject to final review by the solicitor.
- j. To approve the supplemental contracts for staff members to complete student scheduling and provide health care services under the direction of the administration during the summer of 2012 in accordance with the following schedule indicating up to the maximum days specified:

Guidance Staff:	
Senior High School	up to 25 days total
Junior High School	up to 10 days total
Elementary	up to 10 days total

Nurses:	
Secondary	up to 8 days total
Elementary	up to 7 days total

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

1. On motion by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Mr. Lucovich, it was moved to grant the request from Chris DeVivo, Larry Robb, Jeff Lesko, Mike Kleckner, Don Dell, Charles Kreinbucher, and Steve Poleski to attend the Common Core State Standards Summer Leadership Training to be held at State College, PA, on July 11 and 12, 2012, at an estimated cost of \$3,000.00 to be taken from ABG funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

1. Action was taken when Mr. Huth moved, and seconded by Mr. Lucovich, to approve the following items:
 - a. To approve the requests from all student activity groups and clubs to continue operations, cease operations, or begin operations as per separate sheet provided to board members.
 - b. To grant the request from Tom Phillips for the varsity girls' volleyball team to attend the following overnight tournaments at a cost not to exceed regular expenses associated with a day tournament:

Williamsport Tournament from Friday, August 31-Saturday, September 1, 2012 – departure after school on Friday and returning Saturday night.

State College Tournament from Friday, September 28-Saturday, September 29, 2012 – departure after school on Friday and returning Saturday night.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

1. Ms. Davies moved, seconded by Ms. Lowers, that the following items be approved:
 - a. The Treasurer's, Budget Status, and Cafeteria Fund Reports.
 - b. Bills for payment in the amount of \$754,226.19.
 - c. Accepting tax collection exoneration lists and furnishing these lists to the delinquent tax collectors.
 - d. To authorize the board secretary to make budgetary transfers as required to close out the 2011-2012 fiscal year records and report the required transfers to the Board of School Directors at the first regularly scheduled meeting in August 2012, as recommended by the state auditor. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. It was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Ms. Lowers to approve the following items:
 - a. To renew the WESTARM, Therapy Services agreement for a period of three years ending June 30, 2015, at a fixed rate of \$66.00 per hour.

- b.. To appoint PNC Bank as the depository for the 2012-2013 school year as per their proposal dated June 4, 2012.
- c. To award the dairy services to Marburger Farm Dairy for the 2012-2013 school year at the minimum prices as established by the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board.
- d. To appoint Freeport Medical Associates, Inc. as elementary school district physicians for the 2012-2013 school year at an annual rate of \$3,000.00.
- e. To appoint Children’s Community Pediatrics as secondary and athletic school physicians for the 2012-2013 school year at an annual rate of \$6,500.00.
- f. To appoint Drs. F. S. and D. L. DeMarco as school district dentists for the 2012-2013 school year at an annual rate of \$100.00.
- g. To appoint the firm of Tucker Arensberg, P.C. as school board solicitor for the 2012-2013 school year as per their proposal dated May 18, 2012 at their current rates of \$110.00 per hour and retainer of \$350.00 per board meeting.
- h. To award property and casualty insurance coverage for the 2012-2013 school year to Ohio Casualty through the Hallman Agency in the amount of \$55,072.00.
- i. To award workmen’s compensation insurance coverage for the 2012-2013 school year to Ohio Casualty through the Hallman Agency in the amount of \$50,490.00.
- j. To continue a contract with ARIN Intermediate Unit to provide behind the wheel practice driving for a period of one year ending June 30, 2013, at a rate of \$200.00 per student.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 nay; 1 absent.

Mr. Lucovich voted no on PNC as depository.

3. On motion by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Lowers, it was moved to adopt the attached 2012-2013 school district budget in the amount of \$24,914,000.00; providing for the reenactment of specified Act 511 taxes; authorizing computation of real estate tax equalization as established by Board motion on October 11, 1994; and setting tax rates as follows:

Earned Income Tax at ½ of 1%
Real Estate Transfer Tax at 1%
Occupation Privilege Tax at \$10.00

Real Estate Tax:	Armstrong County	53.5 Mils
	Butler County	124.1 Mils

Roll call vote:	Ms. Davies	No
	Ms. Toy-Gaydos	No
	Mr. Huth	Yes
	Ms. Lowers	Yes
	Mr. Lucovich	No
	Dr. Marty	No
	Dr. Prazenica	No
	Mr. Shoaf	No

Motion not carried: 2 ayes; 6 nays; 1 absent.

4. Action was taken when Mr. Huth moved, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to adopt the attached 2012-2013 school district budget in the amount of \$24,914,000.00; providing for the reenactment of specified Act 511 taxes; authorizing computation of real estate tax equalization as established by Board motion on October 11, 1994; and setting tax rates, including a homestead and farmstead exclusion for the 2012-2013 school year as per the separate resolution.

Earned Income Tax at ½ of 1%
Real Estate Transfer Tax at 1%
Occupation Privilege Tax at \$10.00

Real Estate Tax:	Armstrong County	52.7 Mills
	Butler County	122.1 Mills

Roll call vote:	Ms. Davies	Yes
	Ms. Toy-Gaydos	Yes
	Mr. Huth	Yes
	Ms. Lowers	Yes
	Mr. Lucovich	Yes
	Dr. Marty	Yes
	Dr. Prazenica	Yes
	Mr. Shoaf	Yes

Motion carried: 8 ayes; 1 absent.

5. Mr. Huth moved, seconded by Ms. Lowers, to transfer \$1,000,000.00 of unassigned fund balance to the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of replacement or maintenance of the Junior High School.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 1 nay; 1 absent.
Ms. Toy-Gaydos voted no.

6. It was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Dr. Marty, to approve the 2012-2013 budget recommended by the Joint Operating Committee for Lenape Vocational-Technical School in the amount of \$7,058,625.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

1. On motion by Ms. Lowers, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, it was moved to approve the final adoption of the revised District Policy on the Communications Network provided separately to Board Members. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

1. On motion by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Lowers, it was moved to appoint John Bird and Hayley Davis as student board members for the 2012-2013 school year. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Ms. Toy-Gaydos moved, seconded by Ms. Lowers, to approve board members and administrators attending the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference scheduled for Hershey, PA October 16-19, 2012, to include registration, lodging, and meals at an estimated cost of \$700.00 each. Motion carried unanimously.

Addendum

1. It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to approve the following items:
 - a. The retirement and consulting agreement for Judith Cavitt, as provided separately to Board Members, subject to final review by the Solicitor.
 - b. The changes to the Compensation Plan for Supervisory Personnel, as provided separately to Board Members.
 - c. The changes to the Compensation Plan for Other Personnel, as provided separately to Board Members.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Dr. Prazenica moved, seconded by Mr. Huth, to end the discussion to charge an annual student activity fee for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Motion not carried: 2 ayes; 6 nays; 1 absent.

Dr. Prazenica and Dr. Marty voted yes.

3. On motion by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica, it was moved to submit legislative proposals for the PSBA Legislative Platform concerning fifty (50%) percent funding statewide for public education and maintenance of the current transportation subsidy formula. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitors

Mr. Richard Hill commented on Mr. Huth and Ms. Lowers' responses for a higher tax increase in the first budget motion that did not pass and inquired about the building project timeline.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Lowers, and seconded by Ms. Davies, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

President

Secretary

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