

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 27, 2020

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 6:00 pm in the Auditorium of the Freeport Area High School, with public participation via live-stream audio and submission of comments by email, was called to order by Mr. John K. Haven, President, at 6:01 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Ms. Davies	Absent*
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Hill	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Mr. Lucovich	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Present
Mr. Selinger	Present
Mr. Toncini	Present

Administrators participating were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Robb, Program Director; and Mr. Manzer, Business Manager. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Fred Wolfe.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Haven welcomed members of the public participating via live-streamed audio.

The Board Secretary reported that no comments on any agenda items had been submitted by the public.

It was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to suspend any applicable Freeport Area School District policies in order to authorize the conduct of this committee meeting of the Board of School Directors with public participation via live-stream audio in consideration of the public health concerns and governmental directives arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Notice of public participation via live-stream audio has been posted previously at the District Administration office and to the District website with information to allow public access to and public comment during the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

### Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 29, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

\*Ms. Davies joined the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

2. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on April 29, 2020: The Board's Negotiations Committee held a session by web conference with representatives from Freeport Education Support Professionals Association on April 30, 2020. The Board's Negotiations Committee held a session by web conference with representatives from Freeport Education Association on May 5, 2020. The Board's Negotiations Committee held a joint session by web conference with representatives from the Freeport Education Association and Freeport Education Support Professionals Association on May 11, 2020. The Board met in Executive Session in the High School Audion on May 20, 2020, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Real Estate, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters. The Board's Negotiations Committee met in the High School Audion on May 20, 2020.
3. Superintendent Magness yielded his report time to Mr. Manzer for his report on the proposed final budget for 2020-2021.
4. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Technical School's board had held its officer elections by mail-in ballot. He referred the members to the attached minutes of the board's April 2020 meeting.
5. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong-Indiana Intermediate Unit (ARIN) board was preparing to meet in June and the ARIN Unit offices paving project was nearing completion.
6. Ms. Bollinger presented the Board with her legislative report, attached.

#### Personnel

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

- a. To approve a request from Employee No. 4048 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the employment of Matthew R. Grove as an intern with the District's information technology group, at an hourly wage rate of \$7.25, effective June 8, 2020, through August 26, 2020, with approval contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

It was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Mr. Selinger,

- a. To elect Michael J. Huth as School District Treasurer for the 2020-2021 school year, to be effective July 1, 2020.
- b. To appoint Daniel P. Lucovich as the Board's Voting Delegate to the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) 2020 Delegate Assembly to be held on November 7, 2020.
- c. ***To table action on approving the attached agreements with The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh, for educational services to be provided to two District resident students in an extended school year program, from \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 through \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, in accordance with the students' IEPs, at a cost to the District of \$4,000.***
- d. To approve the attached Agreement with Merakey Pennsylvania, for educational services to be provided from August 1, 2020, through July 31, 2021, at the rates set forth on Exhibit A to the Agreement.
- e. To accept the donation of \$736.71 from the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees to be used to purchase an electric cutting machine and supplies described on the attachment to be used at the Buffalo Elementary School.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Davies joined the meeting, at 6:11 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. Toncini,

- f. To authorize Administration to utilize Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act dollars to initiate the purchase of laptops for all District K-12 students.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. To authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for the purchase of a Chrome Book for each District K-12 student.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Ryan Manzer, Business Manager, referred the members to his attached report and provided his update on the issues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

- a. To approve the attached April financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachment.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To accept a list of IDEA-B, Title I, Title IIA, and Title IV funds for the 2020-2021 school year.
- e. To approve Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. to provide student accident insurance for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$27.00 for school time and \$98.00 for 24-hour coverage.
- f. To approve the attached management contract with Nutrition, Inc., d/b/a The Nutrition Group, for school nutrition program management services to be provided during the 2020-2021 school year, for the guaranteed school nutrition program loss of \$73,340.41.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. To approve the proposed Final Budget of the School District for the 2020-2021 fiscal year on form PDE-2028, providing for the following:

Armstrong County Millage Rate of 63.8 (0.8% decrease from 2019-2020)  
Butler County Millage Rate of 148.9 (0.0% increase from 2019-2020)

Roll call vote requested. Roll call vote:

Ms. Bollinger	_____	<i>No</i>
Ms. Davies	_____	<i>No</i>
Mr. Haven	_____	<i>Yes</i>
Mr. Hill	_____	<i>Yes</i>
Mr. Huth	_____	<i>No</i>
Mr. Lucovich	_____	<i>No</i>
Dr. Prazenica	_____	<i>Yes</i>
Mr. Selinger	_____	<i>No</i>
Mr. Toncini	_____	<i>No</i>

Motion *did not carry*, on a vote of three (3) to six (6).

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

- g. To approve the proposed Final Budget of the School District for the 2020-2021 fiscal year on form PDE-2028, providing for the following:

Armstrong County Millage Rate of 64.3 (0.0% increase from 2019-2020)  
Butler County Millage Rate of 150.0 (0.7% increase from 2019-2020)

Roll call vote requested. Roll call vote:

Ms. Bollinger	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Davies	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Haven	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Hill	<u>No</u>
Mr. Huth	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Lucovich	<u>Yes</u>
Dr. Prazenica	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Selinger	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Toncini	<u>Yes</u>

Motion carried, on a vote of eight (8) to one (1).

It was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger,

- h. To direct the Board Secretary to advertise the Final Budget Notice in substantially the form as presented on the attachment in a newspaper of general circulation at least ten (10) days before the date scheduled for adoption of the Final Budget and to post the Notice conspicuously at the School District offices.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Next Meetings

Mr. Haven announced that the Board would hold its next Committee Meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, and its next Regular Meeting on Monday, June 29, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Freeport Area High School.

#### Comments from Visitors

Mr. Magness addressed several comments submitted by the public regarding the District's graduation ceremony.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Haven commended Administration for their work on behalf of District students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Toncini, and seconded by Ms. Davies, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

/s/ John K. Haven

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President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

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Secretary