

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 24, 2020

The special meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:00 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 7:04 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
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; and Mr. Robb, Program Director. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Matt Hoffman.

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 she had received no public comment on items on the posted agenda.

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

Personnel

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

- a. To approve a request from Employee No. 1710 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the employment of Donald R. Sacco and Nathanael L. Swope as full time Custodians, at an hourly rate of compensation of \$12.95, effective June 25, 2020, contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the employment of Tahnelle E. Herrit as an English as a second language (ESL) instructor for the 2020-2021 school year, at a daily rate of compensation of \$130, effective August 24, 2020, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve the attached list of bus drivers for the 2020-2021 school year as recommended by the State Auditors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve pay rates for officials and athletic-event workers as listed on the attachment, effective July 1, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the election of Timothy Scaife as the Lenape Joint Operating Committee and Armstrong County Area Vocational-Technical School Board Treasurer for a one (1) year term expiring on June 30, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the attached agreement with the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit 28, to provide Licensed Professional Counselor services,

from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$83,885.83, contingent on Administration approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the appointment of the firm of Tucker Arensberg, P.C. as school board solicitor for the 2020-2021 school year as per the firm's proposal dated June 12, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve the appointment of Children's Community Pediatrics as elementary and secondary school physicians for the 2020-2021 school year at an annual rate of \$4,500.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To approve the appointment of Merit Dental as school district dentists for the 2020-2021 school year at an annual rate of \$100.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To approve the attached agreement with The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh, for educational services to be provided to a District resident student in an extended school year program, from June 17, 2020, through July 14, 2020, in accordance with the student's IEP, at a cost to the District of \$4,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. To approve an agreement with Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc., for educational services to be provided to a District resident student in an extended school year program in accordance with the student's IEP, for up to fifteen (15) hours per week (not to exceed a total of 145 hours) from June 8, 2020, through August 26, 2020, at the hourly rate of \$60.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- h. To approve an agreement with the Pace School, for educational services to be provided to a District resident student in an extended school year program in accordance with the student's IEP, from June 29, 2020, through July 29, 2020, at a cost to the District of \$1,750.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- i. To approve an agreement with the MHY Family Services, for educational services to be provided to a District resident student in an extended school year program in accordance with the student's IEP, from June 8, 2020, through July 24, 2020, at a cost to the District of \$4,420.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- j. To approve an agreement with the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children, for educational services to be provided to a District resident student in an extended school year program, from July 6, 2020, through July 24, 2020, in accordance with the student's IEP, at a cost to the District of \$775.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- k. To approve the attached request from American Healthcare Group, LLC, for the donation of laptops and/or tablets.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- l. To accept a Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) COVID-19 Disaster Emergency School Health and Safety Grant, in the amount of \$193,675, to be used for the purchase of student laptops.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- m. To accept an Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund Grant from the U.S. Department of Education, in the amount of \$147,904, to be used for the purchase of student laptops.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- n. To accept a Local Grant in the amount of \$250 from the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees awarded to the Freeport Area Middle School.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

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

- a. To approve the attached May financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachment.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To approve the authorization of the Business Manager to make final year-end 2019-2020 budgetary transfers, which will be reported to the Board for approval in September 2020, as recommended by the state auditor.
- e. To approve the depositories listed on the attachment for continued use.
- f. To approve the student activity accounts listed on the attachment for the 2020-2021 school year.
- g. To approve the award of property and casualty insurance coverage for the 2020-2021 school year to Liberty Mutual Insurance through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., per the attached proposal.
- h. To approve the award of workmen's compensation insurance coverage for the 2020-2021 school year to Highmark Casualty Insurance Company in the amount of \$64,975, per the attached proposal.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Haven announced that the Board would hold its next Regular Meeting on Monday, June 29, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., with public participation via live-stream audio.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Ms. Davies, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

/s/ John K. Haven

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary