

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2020

The special meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors, for general business purposes, scheduled for 7:30 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 7:35 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Absent
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Hill	Present
Mr. Huth	Absent
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. Daniel Conlon.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Haven welcomed members of the public in the audience and participating by live stream audio.

It was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Mr. Lucovich, to suspend any applicable Freeport Area School District policies in order to authorize the conduct of this special meeting of the Board of School Directors via telephone conference in consideration of the public health concerns and governmental directives arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Notice of the conduct of this meeting via telephone conference previously has been posted 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.

Superintendent Magness read public comments submitted by Ana Maria Linares of Buffalo Township and Becky Pitkavish of Freeport Borough. Both comments related to item 7.a. on the agenda.

Superintendent Magness reviewed the District's current Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan, which was provided as an attachment to the agenda under item 7.a.

**Mr. Toncini participated by telephone.*

Personnel

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

- a. To approve the employment of Heather L. Wike and Kristen A. Karcher as Educational Assistants for the 2020-2021 school year, at an hourly rate of compensation of \$13.00, effective August 31, 2020, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- b. To approve the employment of Melissa M. Stapel as an Educational Assistant for the 2020-2021 school year, at an hourly rate of compensation of \$12.00, effective August 31, 2020, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- c. To approve the employment of the individuals whose names are listed on the attachment as Educational Assistants and Nurse Aides for the 2020-2021 school year.
- d. To approve the employment of Joyce A. Kriley and Jackie L. Plyler as part-time Cafeteria Workers, at an hourly rate of compensation of \$11.90, effective September 1, 2020, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- e. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2020-2021 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the attached assessment schedule for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To adopt the attached revised Return to Play Plan and authorize submission and posting by Administration as mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To adopt the attached new School Board Policy No. 146.1 (Trauma-Informed Approach).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached revised Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan and authorization for submission and posting by Administration as mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- b. To approve the adoption of the attached Schoolwide Title 1 School Plan for South Buffalo Elementary School.
- c. To approve student school bus transportation for the third year of a nine-year agreement, for the 2020-2021 school year as provided on the attachment.
- d. To approve the attached Annual Maintenance Agreement with AmCom for printer maintenance services to be provided from August 31, 2020, through August 31, 2023, at a cost to the District of \$673.70 per month.
- e. To approve the attached Clinical Support Tuition Service Agreement with Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc., for services to be provided during the 2020-2021 school year, at a cost to the District of \$33,642.
- f. To approve the attached agreement with Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission for the provision of services for the Student Assistance Program (SAP) Initiative for the 2020-2021 school year, at no cost to the District.
- g. To approve the attached letter of agreement with the Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program for the provision of mental health liaison services under the District's Student Assistance Program (SAP) through the Family Counseling Center during the 2020-2021 school year.
- h. To approve the attached Agreement for Services with Family Counseling Center of Armstrong County for services which may be provided to District resident students under the Child and Adolescent Partial Hospitalization

(CAP) Program during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, at a daily rate per student of \$40.

- i. To accept the donation of \$6,000 from the Buffalo Elementary School PTO to be used to purchase high-touch school supplies for each Buffalo Elementary School student.
- j. To accept the donation of \$1,118.44 from the South Buffalo Elementary School PTO to be used to purchase high-touch school supplies for each South Buffalo Elementary School student.
- k. To accept the attached proposal from Holbein, Inc., for High School parking lot sealing and line striping, at a cost of \$9,498 to be paid from the Capital Projects fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Board Members

Dr. Prazenica commended High School teacher Mr. DiSanti and his World History students for their performance on the advanced placement exams. Ms. Davies also commended the students on their performance.

Comments from Visitors

Superintendent Magness read the public comment submitted by Jack Mason of Buffalo Township.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

/s/ John K. Haven

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary