

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:30 pm in the Audion of the Freeport Area High School, 625 South Pike Road, Sarver, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:45 p.m. Due to COVID-19 pandemic precautions, and as noticed, public participation was via live stream audio and submission of comments by email.

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

### *Student School Board Members*

Paige Semanko	Present*
Michael Hower	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. Lucovich welcomed members of the public listening by live stream audio.

### Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Toncini, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 3, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.
2. It was moved by Mr. Toncini, and seconded by Mr. Haven, to approve the minutes of the Organization Meeting held on December 10, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.
3. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Huth, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 17, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

*\*Dr. Prazenica and Student School Board Members Ms. Semanko and Mr. Hower participated in the meeting by telephone.*

4. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on December 17, 2020: The Board's Negotiations Committee met on December 29, 2020. The Board met in Executive Session on January 7, 2021, to discuss Safety and Security and Personnel and Contracts and Negotiations Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting for general business matters on January 7, 2021. The Board held its Committee Meeting on January 7, 2021. The Board's Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session on January 12, 2021. The Board met in Executive Session on January 14, 2021, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters.
5. Mr. Magness reported on the District's recent experience with regard to cyber charter enrollments, noting that those enrollments are low thanks largely due to the efforts of the District's teachers and the quality of the remote education they provide. Mr. Magness went on to note that January is School Board Appreciation Month and stated that the current Board members should be recognized for their efforts advocating for children and youth, especially during the previous 12 months.
6. Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board and Administration continue to work with federal, state, and local officials toward the goal of having all children attend school in-person full time, and the primary concern is always the safety of District students, staff, and the community. Mr. Lucovich thanked the community for its patience. He noted that even as the Board continues to respond to the circumstances that arise out of the current pandemic, it will also be addressing many other significant issues, including the 2021-2022 budget, the teachers and support staff contracts, contactor agreements, and an update of the safety and security plan.
7. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Technical School's board would meet the following week.
8. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong Indiana Intermediate Unit's board would also meet the following week and that the search for a new executive director was under way.
9. Ms. Bollinger presented her Legislative report as provided on the attachment.
10. Ms. Bollinger reported that Freeport Area School District Classroom grants were awarded as reviewed at last week's Committee Meeting. She went on to report that the Foundation had received another EITC donation from NexTier Bank.
11. Student School Board Members Paige Semanko and Michael Hower provided the members with their reports of student activities.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Carrie L. Godlewski, Cafeteria Worker, effective January 15, 2021.
- b. To approve a request from Employee No. 1464 for Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Individual Leave.
- c. To renew Ryan M. Manzer's employment contract as Business Manager for an extended term through and terminating on June 30, 2026, at an adjusted annual salary of \$126,500 commencing July 1, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously, except item (c), which passed on a vote of seven (7) to two (2), with Mr. Hill and Dr. Prazenica voting *No* on item (c).

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the revisions marked on the attachment to the High School Programs of Study for the 2020-2021 school year, subject to change at Administration's discretion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- b. 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 Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Hill,

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 103 (Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students).
- b. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 217 (Graduation Requirements).

- c. To tentatively approve the adoption of the attached new School Board Policy No. 218.3 (Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault).
- d. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 252 (Dating Violence).
- e. To approve the adoption of the attached new School Board Policy No. 309.1 (Telework).

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Other Business

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

- a. *TO TABLE*, the motion 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 and the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To direct Administration to commence 1) in-person instruction for students in all grade levels, Monday through Thursday, and 2) remote instruction for students in all grade levels on Fridays, implementing Centers for Disease Control, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and Pennsylvania Department of Education guidelines and mandates to the extent feasible, effective January 18, 2021.

Motion carried on a vote of seven (7) to two (2), with Ms. Bollinger and Mr. Huth voting *No*.

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

- c. To approve the election of Daniel P. Lucovich and Anthony G. Shea, Jr., to the offices of President and Vice President, respectively, of the Lenape Technical School Joint Board, each for one-year terms.
- d. To authorize the superintendent or his designee, in accordance with District Policy No. 711, to dispose of books, furniture, equipment, supplies, or other school property that has no longer been deemed of value to the educational purpose of the District and has current value of \$100 or less, in a manner prescribed under the School Code, for the 2020-2021 school year.

- e. To accept the 2020-2021 classroom grants listed on the attachment from the Freeport Area School District Foundation, in the total amount of \$9,614.14.
- f. To accept the 2019-2020 District grants listed on the attachment from the Freeport Area School District Foundation, in the total amount of \$7,896.86.

Motion carried unanimously, with the exception of item (c), with Ms. Davies voting *No* on item (c) with respect to the election of Anthony G. Shea, Jr.

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

- g. To approve the extension of Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) benefits for District employees until March 31, 2021, with eligibility requirements and length of leave to remain as provided by law.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Finance

Mr. Manzer referred the members to his attached Business Manager's report.

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

- a. To approve the attached December financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachment.
- c. To approve a list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To approve the attached resolution authorizing 2021-2022 proposed preliminary budget display and advertising and authorizing referendum exception.

Motion carried unanimously, with the exception of item (d), which carried on a vote of six (6) to three (3), with Ms. Davies, Mr. Haven, and Mr. Hill voting *No* on item (d).

### Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would hold a Committee Meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 7:30 pm and its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 7:30 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Hill, and seconded by Mr. Toncini, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

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President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

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Secretary