

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 10, 2022

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. Adam M. Toncini, President, at 7:42 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Present*
Mr. Risch	Present
Mr. Selinger	Present
Mr. Toncini	Present
Ms. Zembrzusi	Present

Student School Board members Michael Hower, Ava Soilis, Elise Whitlinger, and Crystal Zembrzusi were also present. Administrators present were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; and Mr. Walker, Business Manager. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Daniel Conlon.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Toncini welcomed members of the public. He solicited public comment on the items on the posted agenda. No public comments were offered.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Risch, and seconded by Mr. Huth, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 10, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
2. The Board Secretary reported that the Board met as follows since the last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on February 10, 2022: The Board met in Executive Session on March 3, 2022, to discuss Personnel Matters. The Board held a Committee Meeting on March 3, 2022. The Board met in Executive Session on March 10, 2022, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters.
3. Mr. Magness referred the members to Mr. Robb's presentation made during the March 3, 2022, Committee Meeting regarding the textbooks on the agenda for approval.

**Dr. Prazenica participated in the meeting by telephone.*

4. Mr. Toncini reported that Lenape Technical School's board would meet the following week.
5. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Board of the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit 28 would meet the following week.
6. Mr. Selinger reported for the Athletics Committee on the success of the District's winter sports programs.
7. Ms. Bollinger provided her Legislative Report to the members as provided on the attachment.
8. The Student School Board members presented their reports of student events and activities.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Megan N. Manke, Educational Assistant, effective February 15, 2022.
- b. To accept the resignation of William L. Siegel, Teacher, effective June 30, 2022.
- c. To approve the request of Employee No. 1710 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- d. To approve the employment of Rebecca J. Abel as an Educational Assistant for the 2021 2022 school year, effective March 11, 2022, at an hourly wage rate of \$14.00, 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 2021-2022 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.
- f. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2022-2023 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.
- g. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Extracurricular Programs during the 2022-2023 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 unanimously carried.

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

- h. To approve the attached revised Compensation Plan for Administrators of the Freeport Area School District (2022-2027), effective July 1, 2022.

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>Yes</u>
Mr. Huth	<u>Yes</u>
Dr. Prazenica	<u>No</u>
Mr. Selinger	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Toncini	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Lucovich	<u>Yes</u>

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

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the purchase and adoption of the textbooks listed on the attachment and displayed in the meeting room for inspection.

The Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the requests to use the athletic fields under ownership of the Freeport Area School District as provided in District Policy and according to the schedule developed by the Athletic Director for the 2022 spring-summer season as described on the attachment.
- b. To approve an overnight High School Band student field trip to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All State Conference and Band Festival at Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania, from April 7, 2022, through April 9, 2022, at a cost to the District of \$815.21, plus the cost of a substitute teacher for two (2) days.

- c. To approve an overnight High School Music Department field trip to Nashville, Tennessee, from June 7, 2022, through June 10, 2022, with arrangements as provided on the attachment, at no cost to the District.
- d. To grant pre-approval of an overnight High School Music Department field trip to Disney World, in Orlando, Florida, in late March 2023.

The Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the adoption of Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit's 2022-2023 Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds by School District, as provided on the attachment.
- b. To approve the attached contract with Lifesteps, Inc. for transition education services to be provided to a resident student in accordance with the student's IEP, from March 1, 2022, through the end of the 2021-2022 school year, at a cost of \$5.23 or \$6.98 per quarter hour based on the type of service.
- c. To approve the attached contract with The Watson Institute for education services to be provided to a resident student in accordance with the student's IEP, from March 7, 2022, through the end of the 2021-2022 school year, at an annual cost of \$49,312, prorated for days enrolled.
- d. To approve the District's participation in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Western Pennsylvania Gasoline/Diesel Consortium for the 2022-2023 School Year.
- e. To accept the proposal of Builders' Hardware and Specialty Company for replacement of security doors at the Freeport Area High School, at a cost not to exceed \$17,600.

The Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to modify item (f) to read as follows:

- f. To approve the attached Lease-Purchase Agreement with De Lage Landen Public Finance LLC for the lease of office equipment, over a 60-month term, and the associated Maintenance Agreement with The Wilson Group for office equipment parts and maintenance, at a cost of ~~\$144,277.54~~ **\$245,940**. The Wilson Group agreement includes an annual presentation of \$2,000 in scholarship money to a graduating senior via the Kyle B. Wilson Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Walker provided an explanation for the modification. Public comment was solicited, and none was offered. The Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. To approve the request of Mentor Security LLC to terminate its contract with the District, effective March 12, 2022.
- h. To approve the attached contract with Kenneth D. Walker, to serve as a School Police Officer, at the hourly rate of \$29.00, in accordance with the terms of the attached independent contractor agreement, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-appointment requirements.
- i. To authorize the District solicitor to file the attached Petitions for Appointment of School Police Officer with the Court of Common Pleas of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, and the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County, Pennsylvania.
- j. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Freeport Area Middle School Project: "Sensory Station" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$801.91).

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Walker presented his Business Manager's report to the Board.

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

- a. To approve the attached February financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To award bids for maintenance supplies to various suppliers in the amount of \$43,876.24, as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Toncini announced that the Board would hold its next Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2022, and its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Mr. Risch, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

/s/ Adam M. Toncini

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Board Secretary