

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2023

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 Toncini, Board President, at 7:38 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. Zembrzuski	Present

### *Student school board members:*

Madalin Burnheimer	Absent
Sylvia Crytzer	Present
Kodi Esau	Absent
Aven Heavner	Present
Anne Lindsay	Absent
Emma Michelini	Present

Administrators present were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Robb, Program Director; and Mr. Walker, Director of Finance and Operations. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Matthew Hoffman.

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. Sylvia Maxwell of Buffalo Township commented on *Other Business* items 7.c. through 7.f. regarding disposition of property. James Swartz of Freeport Borough commented on items 7.c. through 7.f. regarding disposition of property.

### Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on October 4, 2023, and the Regular Meeting held on October 11, 2023. 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 October 11, 2023: The Board met in Executive Session on November 1, 2023, to discuss Safety and Security,

Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held a Committee Meeting on November 1, 2023. The Board met in Executive Session following the Committee Meeting on November 1, 2023, to discuss Personnel and Contracts and Negotiations Matters. The Board met in Executive Session on November 8, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters.

3. Kelly Valmassoni, Regional Manager of Nutrition Inc. provided the attached report on the District's school nutrition program.
4. Mr. Magness reported on the High School student advisory committee's attendance at the WPIAL Sportsmanship Summit held earlier that day.
5. Mr. Huth reported that Lenape Technical School's joint operating committee would meet the following week.
6. Brigitte Matson, Executive Director of the Armstrong Intermediate Unit 28 (ARIN), reported on the services available to the District through the Intermediate Unit.
7. Mr. Selinger provided an update from the Athletics Committee.
8. Ms. Bollinger reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation's 2023 Golf Outing fundraiser had raised \$10,000, a new record for the event. She noted that all proceeds would go to fund the Foundation's Classroom Grants.
9. The Student School Board Members presented their report to the Board.

### Personnel

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

- a. To accept the attached resignation of Lisa C. Radio, Educational Assistant, effective October 27, 2023.
- b. To approve the request of Employee No. 1765 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- c. To approve the request of Employee No. 1472 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- d. To approve the employment of Tonya N. Screen as a part-time Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly wage rate of \$12.75, effective November 9, 2023, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- e. To approve the employment of Sandra A. Laidlaw as a part-time Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly wage rate of \$12.75, effective November 27, 2023, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

- f. To approve the employment of Lyndsey D. Veneziano as an Educational Assistant for the 2023-2024 school year, at an hourly wage rate of \$14.00, effective November 9, 2023, 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 Athletics Programs during the 2023-2024 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.
- h. To grant professional status to Megan J. Davis and Katherine R. Johnson, who have each met the requirements for tenure as outlined in the Pennsylvania School Code.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the participation of Sasha R. Juarez, Teacher, in the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo & Conference (PETE&C) on February 5-6, 2024, in Hershey, Pennsylvania, at no cost to the District other than the cost of a substitute teacher for two (2) days.
- b. To approve the participation of Robert W. Harris III, Instructional Technology Coach, in the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo & Conference (PETE&C) on February 4-7, 2024, in Hershey, Pennsylvania, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$972.13.
- c. To approve the participation of Donald W. Dell, Jr., Special Services Coordinator, in the National Autism Conference on August 5-8, 2024, in State College, Pennsylvania, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$1,410.30.
- d. To approve the participation of up to five (5) District teachers in the National Autism Conference on August 5-8, 2024, in State College, Pennsylvania, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$4,900.60.
- e. To approve the participation of up to twelve (12) District educational assistants in the National Autism Conference on August 5-8, 2024, in State College, Pennsylvania, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$10,470.90, subject to Administrative review of available funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 815 (Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers, and Network Resources).
- b. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 819 (Suicide Awareness, Prevention, and Response).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the attached Change Order HC-1 to the Freeport Area High School Boiler, Electric Service & Emergency Generator Project HVAC Construction Agreement with East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc., dated October 14, 2022, for an increased cost in the contract sum of \$12,029.
- b. To authorize the Director of Finance and Operations to further analyze electricity pricing and lock in renewals on the District's behalf.
- c. To authorize the District maintenance supervisor to dispose of old emergency generator equipment (1960 Kohler generator) described on the attachment.
- d. To authorize the District maintenance supervisor to dispose of old shop equipment (1961 Delta milling machine) described on the attachment.
- e. To authorize the District maintenance supervisor to dispose of a 1995 Cub Cadet tractor described on the attachment.
- f. To authorize the District maintenance supervisor to dispose of a 2000 expansion tank, air and dirt separator described on the attachment.
- g. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission (AICDAC) providing for the sharing of district 2023-2024 Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) results with AICDAC to be used in determining risk and protective factors and improve prevention programs.
- h. To accept a \$5,000 grant from the United Way STEM School Champions Powered by Arconic Foundation Program, to be used to purchase a laser engraver machine and its software, for the Freeport Area Middle School Engineering and Design 8 Class.

- i. To set the organization meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors for December 6, 2023, at 7:30 pm at the Freeport Area High School.

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

*To modify the language of Other Business items 7.c., 7.d., 7.e., and 7.f. to indicate that the items to be disposed of would first be posted for sale before being sold for scrap value.*

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Motion carried on a vote of eight (8) to one (1), with Dr. Prazenica voting *No* on *Other Business* item 7.a.

### Finance

Mr. Walker provided an overview of the attached Finance Report.

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

- a. To approve the attached October 2023 financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To approve the attached Accelerated Budget Opt Out Resolution Certifying Tax Rate Within Inflation Index (and No Need to Comply with Act 1 Accelerated Budget Procedures) for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Next Meetings

Mr. Toncini announced that the Board would hold an Organization / Committee Meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the High School Audion and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the High School Audion.

### Comments from the Board

Dr. Prazenica noted that the meeting would be his last meeting and thanked the other School Directors and the former school directors in the audience for their support.

### Comments from the Public

James Swartz of Freeport Borough commented on the District's construction projects.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Mr. Haven, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Toncini declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

/s/ Adam M. Toncini  
Board President

/s/ Mary Dobransky  
Board Secretary