



FREEPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Happenings

*During the Regular Meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors held on Thursday, **August 12, 2021**, the following agenda items were **approved**:*

Personnel

The resignation of Terri L. Ramer, part-time Cafeteria Worker, effective August 11, 2021.

The employment of Amanda T. Devola, Megan N. Manke, Shannon M. Kooser, and Julie M. McKay as Educational Assistants, effective August 13, 2021.

The employment of William P. Swedish as a full time Custodian, effective August 13, 2021.

A list of Educational Assistants and School Nurse Assistants for the 2021-2022 school year.

A list of bus drivers for the 2021-2022 school year as recommended by the State Auditors.

A contract settlement between the Freeport Education Association and the Freeport Area School District.

The employment of the following individuals for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2021-2022 school year:

Benjamin A. Bailey	<i>Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach</i>
Edward M. Carr	<i>Head Baseball Coach</i>
Michael R. DeZort	<i>Assistant 7th & 8th Grade Football</i>
Mark D. Jones	<i>7th & 8th Grade Football Coach</i>
Cameron K. Kirkland	<i>Junior Varsity Boys Soccer Coach</i>
L. Kelly Mason	<i>Volunteer Head Hockey Coach</i>
Craig M. Swiergol	<i>Assistant 7th & 8th Grade Football</i>
Brian C. Welsh, Jr.	<i>Assistant Varsity Football Coach</i>
Mark S. Wyant	<i>Weight Room Monitor</i>

The employment of Bobbi Jo O'Shell and Charles M. Shipman, Jr., as National Honor Society sponsors (split position) for the 2021-2022 school year.

Curriculum and Technology

A revised High School student handbook/code of conduct for the 2021-2022 school year.

Athletics and Activities

A revised Return to Play Plan and submission and posting by Administration as mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Musical Advisor, for approval of the 2021-2022 High School student productions of a musical on November 20-21, 2021, and a musical on March 3-5, 2022.

The request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Musical Advisor, for approval of the 2021-2022 Middle School student production of a musical on April 1-3, 2022.

The request of Robert W. Harris, Buffalo Elementary School Choral Director, for approval of the 2021-2022 Buffalo Elementary School student production of a musical on March 17-19, 2022.

Pre-approval for the Music Department High School student field trip to Nashville, Tennessee, in June 2022.

Policy

The adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 146.1 (Trauma-Informed Approach).

The adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 218.1 (Weapons).

The adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 218.2 (Terroristic Threats).

The tentative adoption of new School Board Policy No. 236.1 (Threat Assessment).

The adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 246 (School Wellness).

The adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 247 (Hazing).

The adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 249 (Bullying/Cyberbullying)

The adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 252 (Dating Violence).

The adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 334 (Sick Leave).

The adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 805 (Emergency Preparedness and Response).

The adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 805.2 (School Security Personnel).

The adoption of revised School Board Policy No. 916 (Volunteers).

Other Business

Adoption of a revised District 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.

The attendance of Daniel P. Lucovich at the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators/Pennsylvania School Boards Association School Leadership Conference on September 27-29, 2021, in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania.

The authorization of the Board President and the Board Secretary to execute a Confirmatory Deed.

A Temporary Construction Agreement with Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC for the grant of a temporary easement for access to construct and install a gas pipeline on District property in South Buffalo Township, Armstrong County.

An Agreement to Sell or Purchase Meals from Sponsor to Sponsor with Early Learning Connections (Headstart) from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

A Program Placement Agreement with Butler Area School District for the potential placement of students in the Center Avenue Community School during the 2021-2022 school year.

A Services Agreement with The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh for educational services to be provided to resident students whose IEPs provide for alternative educational placements, for a term from July 1, 2021, through July 30, 2022.

An Agreement with MHY Family Services for services which may be provided to District resident students under the Private Academy Program at Longmore Academy during the 2021-2022 school year.

A 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 through the Family Counseling Center during the 2021-2022 school year.

A Clinical Support Tuition Service Agreement with Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc., for services to be provided during the 2021-2022 school year.

A Lease Agreement with the Butler County Children's Center, Inc., for the lease of space at South Buffalo Elementary School in connection with the operation of a Head Start Program, from August 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

A PSBA Policy Maintenance Program Participation Agreement with Pennsylvania School Boards Association for participation in the PSBA School Board Policy Maintenance Program from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

A Mutual Aid Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Management with the other districts and vocational technical schools in Armstrong and Indiana counties.

The acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from The Blackbaud Giving Fund on behalf of PPG for the Freeport Area Middle School Recycling and Sustainability Projects.

The acceptance of a DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Ms Manofsky's Book Nook!"

The acceptance of the donation, in the name of Garrett King, from Make-A-Wish Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia of 75 new uniforms (jerseys, pants, cleats, arm guards, and mouth guards) to the Freeport Area High School Football program.

Finance

The June and July financial reports and lists of bills for payment.

The adoption of Free and Reduced Lunch Policy and Guidelines as established by the Department of Education to be included in district policy for the 2021-2022 school year.

The authorization of Administration to prepare and file objections, as provided under 71 P.S. §§ 1709.1507, to the finding of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's State Tax Equalization Board dated June 30, 2021.

Next Meetings

Thursday, September 2, 2021 – Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 9, 2021 – Regular Meeting