



FREEPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Happenings

*During the regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors held on Wednesday, **December 11, 2013**, the following agenda items were approved:*

Personnel

The creation of the position of Director of Safety and Security and authorization of the administration to initiate the District's pre-employment process.

The request of Sara Sypulski, Teacher, to use accrued sick leave followed by child rearing leave for the period beginning on or around March 28, 2014 and continuing through the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

The employment of Stephanie Bearden as an extended-term substitute during the leave of absence of Catherine Gollatz, effective October 29, 2013.

The request of Cheryl A. Byers, full time Custodian, to resign effective December 6, 2013.

Employment of the following personnel for the District's athletic and extra-curricular activities program during the 2013-2014 school year:

Shaun Cartiff, Web Master (Secondary)
Cindy Donnelly, 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach
Brandon Federici, JV Baseball Coach
Danielle Kirkwood, Yearbook Advisor - Junior High
Paul Sylba, Head Girls Basketball Coach

The appointment of the following volunteer coach for the 2013-2014 sports season:

Chris Speer, Volunteer Boys Varsity Basketball Coach

Curriculum and Technology

The District's entering into a contract for regional wide area network, internet and other related consortium services with ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 and a letter of agency authorizing ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 to apply for eRate reimbursements on the District's behalf.

Athletics and Activities

The request of Gregory Adams, Environmental Geology Teacher; David Jones, Physics Teacher; Sarah Mitch, French Teacher; and approximately twenty-five (25) 11th and 12th grade students, for approval of the Advanced Environmental Geology Class trip to Holly River State Park, in Hacker Valley, West Virginia, on May 16-18, 2014.

The request of Chaz Shipman, Junior High/Senior High Band Director, and four (4) Senior High School students for approval to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 3 Band Festival in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, on February 5-8, 2014.

Finance

The November financial reports and a list of bills for payment.

The establishment of a Junior High Student Activity Fund, containing a yearbook account, a student body activities account, and a junior high student council account.

The designation of authorized users and check signers for district bank accounts.

The appointment of Ryan Manzer, Business Manager, as the delegate for Freeport Area School District to the Butler County Tax Collection Committee replacing William Reilly, and the appointment of Jon P. McCullough, Payroll & Benefits Coordinator, and Valerie J. Smith, Accounting Assistant, as alternates.

The authorization of Valerie J. Smith, Accounting Assistant, to make requests and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer relative to the collection of taxes.

The District's entering into joint purchasing agreements with other school districts or intermediate units in Pennsylvania for the purchase of general supplies and equipment for the 2013-2014 school year.

Other Business

The retention of Wooster and Associates to make application to PennDOT for the Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) for the Monroe Road Extension.

The submission of Plancon Part F, "Construction Documents" for the Freeport Middle School project to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for review and approval.

The appointment of Daniel P. Lucovich to the Lenape Vo-Tech Joint Operating Committee for a term ending December, 2016.

The request of Dawn Brennan, owner of Studio 356 in Sarver, that the District waive facilities use fees for the Jingle Jamz charity event to benefit the University of Pittsburgh/Colorectal Surgery and Natrona Heights Cancer Center in honor of Jennifer Koedel, 12-month Secretary, to be held on December 15, 2013.

The hiring of A.L.M. Tree Pros to provide tree removal services.

The acceptance of the donation to South Buffalo Elementary School of 35 iPad covers with a total value of \$840, from Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bergad, parents.