

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2015

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:35 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Borrelli	Absent
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Gaiser	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Mr. Lucovich	Present
Dr. Marty	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Absent
Mr. Shoaf	Absent
Ms. Toy-Gaydos	Present

Also present were student board members Audrey S. Dougherty and K. Derek Jones, and Mr. Wolfe, solicitor.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. During the Board's October 7, 2015 Committee Meeting, Dennis Russo of Russo Construction Services, Middle School Project Manager, gave the members an update on the status of the Freeport Area Middle School Project, noting that the project was on schedule with the gymnasium to be completed on October 14, 2015 and that all other areas of the school would be completed by October 31, 2015.
2. During the Board's October 7, 2015 Committee Meeting, Thomas Durkin of VEBH Architects, PC, provided the members with a summary of the bids received in response to the request for bids issued in connection with the district's Athletics Complex Project.
3. It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last Secretary's report to the Board at the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2015: The members of the Athletics Committee of the Board met on October 7, 2015 for a planning session. The Board met in Executive Session on October 7, 2015, to

discuss personnel matters and again in Executive Session on October 14, 2015, to discuss personnel and contracts and negotiations matters.

5. Mr. Robb referred the members to Administration's attached report and provided the members with a summary of district student assessment data included in that report.
6. Mr. Lucovich recognized and commended the district's 2014-2015 retiring teachers, Catherine P. Gollatz, Albert D. Smith, Jr., and Michael L. Lewandroski, noting that the three retirees had together served the District for a total of 79 years. Mr. Lucovich stated that on behalf of the District and the members of the school board he would like to wish the retirees well on their retirement.
7. Nolen Fetchko, of Nutrition Inc., provided information about how the number of portions and portion sizes are determined in the district's School Nutrition Program.
8. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Vocational Technical School currently enrolls 568 students, with 11 part-time and 25 full time students attending from Freeport Area School District.
9. Dr. Prazenica reported at the Board's October 7, 2015 Committee Meeting that he is continuing to monitor the status of the state budget talks.
10. Student School Board members Audrey S. Dougherty and K. Derek Jones provided the members with their report of student activities in the District. Mrs. Davies thanked Ms. Dougherty and Mr. Jones and suggested that they enlist the help of the student council members and the Middle School and High School students in keeping the school grounds clean and free of litter.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Robert D. Binz, part-time Custodian, effective September 14, 2015.
- b. To accept the resignation of Bonnie J. Reckhart, part-time School Nutrition Program worker, effective October 5, 2015.
- c. To accept the resignation of Denise L. English, part-time School Nutrition Program worker, effective October 5, 2015.
- d. To employ Deena R. Mitchell as a part-time Custodian, at an hourly wage rate of \$10.95 as per collective bargaining agreement, effective October 14, 2015, pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

- e. To employ Erin S. Bowser, Mary Ann Boyko, Julie M. Domhoff, Cindy L. Hazelett, Mary Beth Hietsch, Elaine R. Korbeck, Irina Rylowa, Stacy L. Waltenbaugh, and Lugene S. Young as part-time Cafeteria Workers, at a probationary hourly wage rate of \$9.90, effective as of the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year, pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- f. To employ Dawn E. Arrington as an Educational Assistant for the 2015-2016 school year, at an hourly rate of \$9.10, effective October 14, 2015.
- g. To employ Tahnelle E. Herrit as an English as a second language (ESL) instructor for the 2015-2016 school year, at a daily rate of \$130, effective October 1, 2015, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- h. To approve the request of Peggy Jo Corry, Educational Assistant, for uncompensated Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave beginning on or around October 26, 2015 and ending on or around November 13, 2015.
- i. To employ the personnel listed on the attachment for the District's athletics programs during the 2015-2016 school year, according to contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
- j. To grant the requests from the various head coaches to approve the volunteer coaches listed on the attachment for the 2015-2016 school year, at no cost to the District.
- k. To employ the personnel listed on the attachment for the District's extracurricular programs during the 2015-2016 school year, according to contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
- l. To grant the requests from the building principals to approve the volunteer sponsors listed on the attachment for the 2015 2016 school year, at no cost to the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

It was moved by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and seconded by Ms. Davies,

- a. To grant the request from Mark L. Caruso and Tiffany M. Trudgen, teachers, to attend the Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) PSSA Item Scoring/Training Conference to be held in Erie, Pennsylvania, from October 21-22, 2015, at an estimated cost of \$627, including the cost of two (2) substitute teachers for two (2) days.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the request from John J. Beneigh, Teacher, for pre-approval of the High School trip to Washington, D.C., on March 19-21, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos,

- b. To approve the request from Thomas D. Koharchik and Charles M. Shipman, Jr., teachers, for pre-approval of the Symphonic Band and Concert Choir trip to Hershey, Pennsylvania, on May 20-22, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and seconded by Dr. Marty,

- c. To approve the establishment of a cooperative sponsorship, as part of the requirements of the WPIAL and PIAA, between Freeport Area High School and Armstrong Jr Sr High School for Girls' Lacrosse, at no additional cost to the District and contingent on the approval of the Armstrong School District.
- d. To approve the establishment of a cooperative sponsorship, as part of the requirements of the WPIAL and PIAA, between Freeport Area High School and Armstrong Jr Sr High School for Wrestling, at no cost to the District and contingent on the approval of the Armstrong School District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Manzer provided the members with a brief overview of the Financial Reports and Payments lists.

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

- a. To approve the attached September financial reports.
- b. To approve bills for payment listed on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

It was moved by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and seconded by Dr. Marty,

- a. To award the Athletics Complex Project General Construction Contract number 174801-1, to DiMarco Construction Co., calculated as follows:

Base Bid	\$2,244,000
Less, the amount of the following Alternates:	
Alternate G2:	-\$32,000
Alternate G3:	-\$79,500
Alternate G4:	-\$11,000
Alternate G6:	<u>-\$24,000</u>
Total General Construction Contract Award	<u>\$2,097,500</u>

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos,

- b. To award the Athletics Complex Project Plumbing Construction Contract number 174801-2, to Rabe Environmental Systems, Inc., in the Base Bid amount of \$184,900.
- c. To award the Athletics Complex Project HVAC Construction Contract number 174801-3, to D&G Mechanical, Inc., in the Base Bid amount of \$79,100.
- d. To award the Athletics Complex Project Electrical Construction Contract number 174801-4, to Bronder Technical Services, Inc., in the Base Bid amount of \$617,735.
- e. To award of a Synthetic Turf System Construction Contract, obtained through the state contract purchasing network, to ProGrass, LLC, in the amount of \$585,639 subject to an agreement acceptable in form as approved by the solicitor.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and seconded by Mr. Huth,

- f. To authorize VEBH Architects, PC to prepare conceptual design documents and budget estimates for the new Baseball and Softball Fields adjacent to the Freeport Area Middle School, for a fee not to exceed \$5,500, and with the amount of said conceptual phase fee to be credited to VEBH Architects, PC's project fee.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and seconded by Dr. Marty,

- g. To authorize Pennsylvania Soil & Rock to prepare a topographic survey of the proposed baseball and softball field area, for use by the Architect in preparing conceptual diagrams for the new field, in an amount not to exceed \$6,500, subject to the District solicitor's approval of contractual terms and conditions.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Mr. Huth,

- h. To approve the District's entering into the attached Addendum to the Agreement between Owner and Owner's Representative dated August 14, 2013, between the District and Dennis Russo, d/b/a Russo Construction Services, for services provided in connection with the Freeport Area Middle School Project, to continue the term of the Agreement through November 30, 2015, and with additional compensation of a lump sum payment of \$15,600.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos,

- i. To approve the attached Change Order (No. 9) to the SR 0356 Highway Improvement Project Agreement with A. Folino Construction, Inc. dated March 11, 2015, resulting in an increased cost of \$4,290.00 in the contract sum.
- j. To approve the attached Change Order (No. 10) to the SR 0356 Highway Improvement Project Agreement with A. Folino Construction, Inc. dated March 11, 2015, resulting in an increased cost of \$17,301.24 in the contract sum.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser,

- k. To approve the District's entering enter into the attached contract for educational services with Armstrong School District for the 2015-2016 school year.
- l. To approve the District's entering into the attached contract for special education learning support services with Armstrong School District for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Dr. Marty,

- m. To approve the District's entering into the attached agreement with Catapult Learning to provide Title I services at Evangel Heights Christian Academy for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Dr. Marty,

- n. To approve District's entering into the attached Service Agreement with State Security and Investigation Services, Inc., to provide uniformed security and consulting services for a term beginning on August 21, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2016, at a rate of \$14.43 per hour per security agent.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would hold its next Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at 7:30 pm and its next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area High School.

Comments from Visitors

Steve Reckhart of Sarver requested more information about agenda items (i) and (j) under Other Business. Mr. Manzer explained that the additional work in connection with the Route 356 HOP Project was for additional paving at the Middle School and on Silverview Drive.

Melanie Bollinger of Sarver requested more information about the decision to take Alternate G6 under the General Construction contract for the Athletics Complex Project. Mr. Lucovich explained that the decision came out of the members' desire to be supportive of all sports while also being fiscally responsible. He noted that it is the Board's responsibility to do what is best for the entire community and that that has always been the goal of the current Board.

A visitor who did not identify himself or his address suggested that the members consider a grass field in the upcoming deliberations about the design for the proposed baseball/softball fields.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Ms. Davies, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary