

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 29, 2020

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:00 pm in the Audion of the Freeport Area High School, with public participation via live-stream audio and submission of comments by email, was called to order by Mr. John K. Haven, President, at 7:20 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Hill	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Mr. Lucovich	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Present
Mr. Selinger	Present
Mr. Toncini	Present

Administrators participating were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Robb, Program Director; and Mr. Manzer, Business Manager. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Matt Hoffman.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Haven welcomed members of the public participating via live-streamed audio.

Mr. Magness addressed questions and concerns raised in public comments submitted by Kammy Kemmer of Buffalo Township, Cassidy Hack of Buffalo Township, Joseph Galvanek of Buffalo Township, and Linda Windows of South Buffalo Township regarding the District's plan for the reopening of schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board Secretary confirmed that no additional comments on any agenda items had been submitted by the public.

It was moved by Mr. Toncini, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to suspend any applicable Freeport Area School District policies in order to authorize the conduct of this committee meeting of the Board of School Directors with public participation via live-stream audio in consideration of the public health concerns and governmental directives arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Notice of public participation via live-stream audio has been posted previously at the District Administration office and to the District website with information to allow public access to and public comment during the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 27, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on May 27, 2020: The Board met in Executive Session in the High School Audion on June 24, 2020, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters. The Board held its Committee Meeting in the High School Audion on June 24, 2020. The Board met in Executive Session in the High School Audion on June 29, 2020, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations matters.
3. Mr. Lucovich had reported at the Board's Committee Meeting held on June 24, 2020, that Lenape Technical School's board had met on June 18, 2020.
4. Ms. Bollinger presented the Board with her legislative report, attached.
5. Superintendent Magness thanked the students and parents of the Class of 2020 for their cooperation and the staff involved in the production of the commencement ceremony video.
6. It was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica, that the Board President appoint a representative to serve as Board Liaison to the Freeport Area School District Foundation Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel

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

- a. To approve the employment of Donald W. Dell, Jr., as Special Services Coordinator, at an annual salary of \$123,217, effective July 1, 2020.
- b. To approve the employment of Timothy E. Walters as Principal, at an annual salary of \$88,500, effective July 1, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2020-2021 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board, contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Roll call vote requested. Roll call vote:

Ms. Bollinger	Yes
Ms. Davies	Yes
Mr. Haven	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Huth	No
Mr. Lucovich	Yes
Dr. Prazenica	No
Mr. Selinger	Yes
Mr. Toncini	No

Motion *carried* on a vote of six (6) to three (3).

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the attached student handbooks/codes of conduct for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To adopt the attached Return to Play Plan and authorize submission and posting by Administration as mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

It was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Mr. Toncini,

- a. To adopt attached School Board Policy No. 246 (School Wellness).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To adopt the attached Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan and authorization for submission and posting by Administration as mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

- b. To approve the attached Second Addendum to Sublease Agreement with Freeport Baseball Association dated June 1, 2016, for the lease of a baseball field for the District's Athletics Programs, to extend the term of the Agreement through the 2031 season at the annual cost to the district listed in the Addendum for each year.
- c. To approve the attached Second Addendum to Lease Agreement with the Armstrong County Community Action Agency, for the lease of space at South Buffalo Elementary School in connection with the operation of a Pre-K Counts Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve the attached 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, 2020, through June 30, 2021, for a monthly rental payable to the District of \$500.
- e. To approve the attached Agreement with the Center for Hearing & Deaf Services, Inc., for interpreting services to be provided for any client authorized by the District from July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2022, at the rates listed in the Agreement.
- f. To approve the District's three-year membership in the ABC CREATE Lab - Satellite Network, at an annual cost of \$2,500 funded by grant dollars.
- g. To accept an Innovative Classroom Grant Award from the PPG Foundation, in the amount of \$1,000, to be used to cover expenses related to the Buffalo Elementary School Science program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger,

- a. To adopt the proposed Final Budget of the School District for the 2020-2021 fiscal year on form PDE-2028 as presented to the School Board on the attachment as a Final Budget for the School District General Fund in the amount of \$33,909,472 (0.0% and 64.3 mills for Armstrong County and 0.7% and 149.9 mills for Butler County).
- b. To approve the Annual Tax Levy Resolution as provided on the attachment providing for the levy of taxes for school purposes for the school year

beginning July 1, 2020, subject to the provisions of the Local Tax Collection Law and in accordance with the tax rates approved on Form PDE-2028.

Roll call vote requested. Roll call vote:

Ms. Bollinger	_____	Yes
Ms. Davies	_____	Yes
Mr. Haven	_____	Yes
Mr. Hill	_____	No
Mr. Huth	_____	No
Mr. Lucovich	_____	No
Dr. Prazenica	_____	No
Mr. Selinger	_____	Yes
Mr. Toncini	_____	No

Motion *did not carry* on a vote of four (4) to five (5).

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

- a. To adopt a Final Budget of the School District for the 2020-2021 fiscal year on form PDE-2028 for the School District General Fund in the amount of \$_____ (-0.6% and 63.9 mills for Armstrong County and 0.0% and 148.9 mills for Butler County).
- b. To approve an Annual Tax Levy Resolution providing for the levy of taxes for school purposes for the school year beginning July 1, 2020, subject to the provisions of the Local Tax Collection Law and in accordance with the tax rates approved on Form PDE-2028.

Roll call vote requested. Roll call vote:

Ms. Bollinger	_____	No
Ms. Davies	_____	No
Mr. Haven	_____	No
Mr. Hill	_____	Yes
Mr. Huth	_____	No
Mr. Lucovich	_____	No
Dr. Prazenica	_____	Yes
Mr. Selinger	_____	No
Mr. Toncini	_____	No

Motion *did not carry* on a vote of two (2) to seven (7).

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

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

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

- c. To authorize a homestead and farmstead real estate tax assessment exclusion for the school year beginning July 1, 2020, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), in accordance with the attached resolution and the tax rates approved on Form PDE-2028.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

Mr. Haven announced that the Board would hold its next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at the Freeport Area Middle School.

Comments from Visitors

The Board Secretary confirmed that no additional comments on any non-agenda items had been submitted by the public.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Lucovich, and seconded by Mr. Hill, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

/s/ John K. Haven

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary