

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 12, 2022

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 M. Toncini, President, at 7:35 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 Michael Hower, Ava Soilis, Elise Whitlinger and Crystal Zembrzuski were also present. Administrators present were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Robb, Program Director; and Mr. Walker, Business Manager. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Daniel Conlon.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Toncini requested a motion to revise *Finance* item 8(f) on the agenda to read as follows:

To direct the Board Secretary to advertise display of the Preliminary Proposed Budget twenty (20) days in advance of the Final Budget adoption and to advertise the Final Budget Notice in substantially the form as presented on the attachment in a newspaper of general circulation at least ten (10) days before the date scheduled for final adoption of the Final Budget and to post the Notice conspicuously at the School District offices.

It was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. Risch, to revise item 8(f) as read.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Toncini welcomed members of the public. He solicited public comment on the items on the posted agenda. No public comments were offered.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 14, 2022. 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 April 14, 2022: The Board met in Executive Session following the Regular Meeting on April 14, 2022, to discuss Personnel Matters. The Board met in Executive Session on May 5, 2022, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held a Committee Meeting on May 5, 2022. The Board met in Executive Session following the Committee Meeting on May 5, 2022, to discuss Confidential Student Matters. The Board met in Executive Session on May 12, 2022, to discuss Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters.
3. J. Greer Hayden of HHSDR Architects & Engineers made the attached presentation describing proposed renovations to the Freeport Area High School building.
4. Jamie Doyle, Managing Director of PFM Financial Advisors LLC, presented the attached report virtually.
5. The Student School Board members presented their reports of student events and activities as provided on the attachment.
6. Mr. Toncini reported that Lenape Technical School's board would meet the following week.
7. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Board of the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit 28 would meet the following week.
8. Ms. Bollinger reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation had scheduled its 2022 Golf Outing fundraiser for Sunday, September 18, 2022.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Stacy L. Waltenbaugh, cafeteria worker, effective May 4, 2022.
- b. To accept the resignation of Deanna J. Henry, Teacher, effective June 30, 2022.
- c. To approve the attached addendum to the Compensation Plan for Administrators of the Freeport Area School District (2022-2027), effective July 1, 2022.

- d. To approve the attached Compensation Plan for Administrative Support Employees of the Freeport Area School District (2022-2027), effective July 1, 2022.
- e. To approve the position of Behavioral Specialist/LPC and attached job description.
- f. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Extracurricular Programs during the 2021-2022 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.
- g. To approve the employment of the individuals listed on the attachment as Professional Learning Mentors for the 2021-2022 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
- h. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Extracurricular Programs during the 2022-2023 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.
- i. To approve the request of employee ID No. 3990 for uncompensated leave.
- j. To accept the retirement resignation of Steven D. Poleski, Principal, effective July 15, 2022.

Motion unanimously carried.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve a Middle School student field trip to State College, Pennsylvania, to participate in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) State Competition, to be held from May 15-17, 2022, at a cost to the District of \$1,045 plus the cost of one substitute teacher for two days.
- b. To grant pre-approval for a High School student field trip to Puerto Rico, from April 15-19, 2023, as described on the attachment, at no cost to the District other than the cost of two substitute teachers for three days.
- c. To approve pay rates for officials and athletic-event workers as listed on the attachment, effective July 1, 2022.

The Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To elect Michael J. Huth as School District Treasurer for the 2022-2023 school year, effective July 1, 2022.
- b. To approve no increase in the student lunch price of \$2.75 for secondary students and \$2.65 for elementary students and the student breakfast price of \$1.25, for the 2022-2023 school year.
- c. To accept the attached proposal from The Nutrition Group for operation of a food service program during the 2022-2023 school year (renewable annually for a period of up to five (5) years).
- d. To approve Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. to provide student accident insurance for the 2022-2023 school year in the amounts of \$27.00 for coverage during school time and \$98.00 for 24-hour coverage.
- e. To approve the attached School District Affiliation Agreement with Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania for placement of student teachers during the 2022-2023 through 2026-2027 school years.
- f. **TO TABLE Other Business item (f):** Action on approving the attached School District Affiliation Agreement with Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania for placement of student school nurses during the 2022-2023 through 2026-2027 school years.
- g. To approve the attached Affiliation Agreement for Internship/Practicum with Robert Morris University for placement of student teachers during the 2022-2023 through 2026-2027 school years.
- h. To approve the attached Affiliation Agreement with Clarion University for placement of student teachers during the 2022-2023 through 2026-2027 school years.
- i. To approve the attached Agreement for Computer Services with Government Software Services, Inc., for data processing services to be provided from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024, with fees as provided in Paragraph 5 of the Agreement.
- j. To approve the attached Applicant Participation Certification in connection with the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit's Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT) program application.
- k. To approve the proposed budget of the Lenape Technical School for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented on the attachment.

- l. To approve the renewal of the District's membership in the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) for 2022-2023, at a cost of \$11,691.58.
- m. To approve W. L. Roenigk to provide student transportation services for the summer 2022 program as listed on the attachment.
- n. To approve the attached Athletic Training Services Agreement with UPMC Sports Medicine for athletic training services during the 2022-2023 through 2024-2025 school years at a cost of \$30,000 per school year, contingent on District Solicitor review and approval.
- o. To approve the attached contract with Lifesteps, Inc. for extended school year transition education services to be provided to a resident student in accordance with the student's IEP, from July 1, 2022, through July 31, 2022, at a cost of \$4.13 or \$5.85 per quarter hour depending on the type of service.
- p. To approve the attached letter agreement with the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for extended school year education services to be provided to a resident student in accordance with the student's IEP, from July 11, 2022, through July 29, 2022, at a cost of \$2,000.
- q. To approve an agreement with Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc., for educational services to be provided to a District resident student in an extended school year program in accordance with the student's IEP, for up to fifteen (15) hours per week (not to exceed a total of 162 hours) from May 27, 2022, through August 24, 2022, at the hourly rate of \$64.20.
- r. To approve the attached agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc., for education services to be provided during the 2022-2023 school year, at the following daily rates: one (1) guaranteed seat reserved at a rate of \$92.14 for regular education and \$101.44 for special education and any additional seats at a rate of \$94.91 each for regular education and \$104.48 each for special education.

The Motion carried unanimously, except that Ms Davies and Mr Haven voted *No* on item (k), which carried on a vote of seven (7) to two (2).

Finance

Mr. Walker presented his Business Manager's report to the Board.

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

- a. To approve the attached April financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.

- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To accept the following estimated funds for the 2022-2023 school year:

IDEA-B	\$255,000
Title I	\$193,587
Title II A	\$37,890
Title IV	\$13,406

The Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To adopt the proposed Final Budget of the School District for the 2022-2023 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 \$36,420,022 (1.33% and 66.77 mills for Armstrong County and 4.50% and 164.75 mills for Butler County).

Roll call vote requested. Roll call vote:

Ms. Bollinger	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Davies	<u>No</u>
Mr. Haven	<u>No</u>
Mr. Huth	<u>Yes</u>
Dr. Prazenica	<u>No</u>
Mr. Risch	<u>No</u>
Mr. Selinger	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Zembrzuski	<u>No</u>
Mr. Toncini	<u>Yes</u>

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

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

- e. To adopt the proposed Final Budget of the School District for the 2022-2023 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 \$36,420,022 (0.00% and 65.90 mills for Armstrong County and 3.15% and 162.61 mills for Butler County).

Roll call vote requested. Roll call vote:

Ms. Bollinger	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Davies	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Haven	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Huth	<u>No</u>
Dr. Prazenica	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Risch	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Selinger	<u>No</u>
Ms. Zembrzuski	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Toncini	<u>No</u>

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

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

- f. To direct the Board Secretary to advertise display of the Preliminary Proposed Budget twenty (20) days in advance of the Final Budget adoption and to advertise the Final Budget Notice in substantially the form as presented on the attachment in a newspaper of general circulation at least ten (10) days before the date scheduled for final adoption of the Final Budget and to post the Notice conspicuously at the School District offices.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Toncini announced that the Board would hold its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 7:30 pm and a Special Meeting for general business purposes on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. Risch, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 10:13 pm.

/s/ Adam M. Toncini

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Board Secretary