

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 9, 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 7:44 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. Zembrzusi	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 add *Personnel items* 3(j), 3(k), 3(l), and 3(m) to the agenda:

j. Action on approving the new positions “6-12 Principal” and “6-12 Assistant Principal” and attached job descriptions.

k. Action on approving the employment of Timothy E. Walters as 6-12 Principal, at an annual salary of \$118,500, effective July 1, 2022.

l. Action on approving the employment of Charles M. Shipman, Jr., as 6-12 Assistant Principal, at an annual salary of \$92,000, effective July 1, 2022.

m. Action on approving the employment of Michael R. Kleckner as Buffalo Elementary School Principal, at an annual salary of \$125,911, effective July 1, 2022.

It was moved by Mr. Risch, and seconded by Mr. Haven, to add *Personnel items* 3(j), 3(k), 3(l), and 3(m) as read.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 12, 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 May 12, 2022: The Board met in Executive Session on June 9, 2022, to discuss Personnel and Contracts and Negotiations Matters.
3. Mr. Walker presented his report on the District's 2022-2023 budget.
4. Mr. Toncini reported that Lenape Technical School's board would meet the following week. He noted Lenape's board would be discussing its teachers contract at that meeting.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Dawn E. Arrington, Educational Assistant, effective May 26, 2022.
- b. To accept accepting the resignation of Donna L. Good, Educational Assistant, effective May 26, 2022.
- c. To accept the resignation of Heidi D. Bringenberg, part-time School Nurse Assistant, effective April 5, 2022.
- d. To approve the request of Employee No. 1710 to modify a request dated February 15, 2022, for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave to provide for a return to work on a part-time schedule beginning May 16, 2022.
- e. To approve the employment of Jennifer L. Acierno, RN, as a full time School Nurse Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$24.00, effective June 10, 2022.
- f. To approve the employment of the individuals listed on the attachment as Substitute Custodians, from June 13, 2022, through August 19, 2022, at the rates provided on the attachment.

- g. To approve the employment of the individuals listed below as a full time employee of the District, effective August 22, 2022, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements:

	Name	Annual compensation set by contract for Degree/Step
i.	Danika J. Durand	Step 1 Masters - \$45,000
ii.	Edward J. Hanna	Step 1 Masters - \$45,000
iii.	Kimberly D. Osheskie	Step 1 Bachelors - \$44,000

- h. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics 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 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.
- j. To approve the new positions "6-12 Principal" and "6-12 Assistant Principal" and attached job descriptions.
- k. To approve the employment of Timothy E. Walters as 6-12 Principal, at an annual salary of \$118,500 effective July 1, 2022.
- l. To approve the employment of Charles M. Shipman, Jr. as 6-12 Assistant Principal, at an annual salary of \$92,000, effective July 1, 2022.
- m. To approve the employment of Michael R. Kleckner as Buffalo Elementary School Principal, at an annual salary of \$125,911, effective July 1, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the attached student handbooks/codes of conduct for the 2022-2023 school year.
- b. To approve the attached assessment schedule for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the request of Donald W. Dell, Special Services Coordinator, and three Special Education teachers to attend the National Autism Conference to be held in State College, Pennsylvania, from August 1-4, 2022, at a cost to the District of \$3,844.
- b. To approve a performance by the District's Marching Band at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, on August 9, 2022.
- c. To approve the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, High School Musical Advisor, for approval of the 2022-2023 High School student productions of:
 - a musical: *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, to be performed on November 11-12, 2022
 - a musical: *No, No Nanette*, to be performed on March 2-4, 2023
- d. To approve the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Middle School Dramatics Advisor, for approval of the 2022-2023 Middle School student production of:
 - a musical: *Guys and Dolls, Jr.*, to be performed on April 28-29, 2023
- e. To approve the request of Robert W. Harris, Buffalo Elementary School Musical/Play Director, for approval of the 2022-2023 Buffalo Elementary School student production of:
 - a musical: *Moana, Jr.*, to be performed on March 23-25, 2023
- f. To approve the request of Jennifer A. Dell, South Buffalo Elementary Musical/Play Director, for approval of the 2022 2023 South Buffalo Elementary School student production of:
 - a play: *Alice @ Wonderland*, to be performed on November 17-18, 2022

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 218 (Student Discipline).
- b. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 220 (Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials).
- c. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 227 (Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia).
- d. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 237 (Electronic Devices).
- e. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 808 (Food Services).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To appoint Mark C. Turnley, CPA, as school district auditors for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023; June 30, 2024; and June 30, 2025, at an annual rate of \$13,500 for each fiscal year as per the firm's attached proposal dated June 3, 2022.
- b. To appoint the firm of Tucker Arensberg, P.C. as school board solicitor for the 2022-2023 school year as per the firm's attached proposal dated May 24, 2022.
- c. To appoint Children's Community Pediatrics as elementary and secondary school physicians for the 2022-2023 school year at an annual rate of \$4,500.
- d. To approve the attached Agreement with Merakey Pennsylvania for extended school year educational services to be provided to a resident student in accordance with the student's IEP, from June 27, 2022, through July 28, 2022, at a cost to the District of \$6,582.60.
- e. To approve the attached Agreement with Merakey Pennsylvania for educational services which may be provided to resident students during the 2022-2023 school year in accordance with the students' IEPs, with costs to the District as provided on Exhibit A to the Agreement.

- f. To approve the attached Day Student Education Agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services, dba St. Stephens Lutheran Academy and St. Stephens Academy Utica, for educational services to be provided during the 2022-2023 school year, at the rates listed on Attachment A to the Agreement, contingent on District Solicitor review and approval.
- g. To approve the attached Services Agreement with The Day School in Pittsburgh (The Day School at The Children's Institute) for educational services to be provided to resident students whose IEPs provide for alternative educational placements, for a term from July 1, 2022, through July 30, 2023, and with fees as provided on Exhibit A to the Agreement.
- h. To approve the attached 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 2022-2023 school year, at the daily rates set forth on Attachment A to the Agreement.
- i. To approve the attached Agreement with Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit 28 for Licensed Professional Counselor services to be provided during the 2022-2023 school year, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$83,885.83.
- j. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Pennsylvania State Police Troop D / Butler Barracks for school years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.
- k. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Pennsylvania State Police Troop D / Kittanning Barracks for school years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.
- l. To accept two grants, each in the amount of \$250, from the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees, to be used to purchase supplies for South Buffalo Elementary School's STEAM programs.
- m. To accept a grant from the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. in the amount of \$240, to be used for the Freeport Area Middle School's Stock Market Game Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Walker referred the members to his business managers report provided as an attachment.

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

- a. To approve the attached May financial reports.

- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To authorize the Business Manager to make final year-end 2021-2022 budgetary transfers, which will be reported to the Board for approval in September 2022, as recommended by the state auditor.
- e. To approve the student activity accounts listed on the attachment for the 2022-2023 school year.
- f. To award property and casualty insurance coverage for the 2022-2023 school year to Utica Mutual Insurance Company for the premium amount of \$67,849, through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., per the attached proposal.
- g. To award workmen's compensation insurance coverage for the 2022-2023 school year to Encova Insurance for the premium amount of \$63,903, through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., per the attached proposal.
- h. To award environmental liability insurance coverage for the 2022-2023 school year to Ironshore Specialty Insurance Co. for the premium amount of \$13,123, through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., per the attached proposal.
- i. To award umbrella liability insurance coverage for the 2022-2023 school year to Utica/Graphic Arts Mutual Insurance Company for the premium amount of \$9,964, through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., per the attached proposal.
- j. To award cyber liability insurance coverage for the 2022-2023 school year to AXIS Insurance Company for the premium amount of \$5,631, through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., per the attached proposal.
- k. To award auto liability insurance coverage for the 2022-2023 school year to Utica Mutual Insurance Company for the premium amount of \$3,220, through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., per the attached proposal.

Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Risch thanked President Toncini and meeting visitor Sylvia Maxwell for taking the time to produce their recent podcast explaining school board business matters. Mr. Toncini noted that the next podcast would be released in September.

Comments from the Public

Sylvia Maxwell of Sarver commented on the approved changes to Board Policy No. 220 (Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials) and what the Board can do to encourage legislation to help fund the District.

Dan Lucovich of Sarver commented on real estate taxes.

Next Meetings

Mr. Toncini announced that the Board would hold a Special Meeting for general business purposes on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 7:30 pm, and its next Committee Meeting on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 7:30 pm, and its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Ms. Zembrzuski, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

/s/ Adam M. Toncini

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Board Secretary