

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 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 7:30 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Present
Mr. Risch	Absent
Mr. Selinger	Present
Mr. Toncini	Present
Ms. Zembrzuski	Present

Administrators present were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Robb, Program Director; and Mr. Walker, Business Manager. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Weston Pesillo.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Toncini requested a motion to add *Personnel* item 3.e. to the agenda:

3.e. Action on approving the payment of a stipend in the amount of \$3,000 to Superintendent Magness, based on a Distinguished performance evaluation for the 2021-2022 school year, in accordance with the terms of Mr. Magness' contract with the District.

It was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. Haven, to add *Personnel* item 3.e. to the agenda, 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 item. No public comments were offered.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 1, 2022, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 8, 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 September 8, 2022: The Board met in Executive Session on October 6, 2022, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel Matters, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting for

general business purposes followed by a Committee Meeting on October 6, 2022. The Board met in Executive Session on October 13, 2022, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters.

3. At the Board's Committee Meeting on October 6, 2022, Vincent Ordinario of HHSDR answered questions from the Board and the public regarding the Freeport Area High School Science Wing/Masonry Project and the Freeport Area High School Boiler/Electrical Project.
4. Mr. Robb introduced new school counselor McKenna Hohman and new teacher Kimberly Osheskie. The Board welcomed Ms. Hohman and Ms. Osheskie to the District.
5. ARIN IU 28 Executive Director Brigette Matson reported on the support services available to member districts through the Intermediate Unit.
6. Mr. Toncini reported that he was aware of concerns regarding a memorial plaque at South Buffalo Elementary School and that those concerns were being addressed by the District.
7. Mr. Toncini reported that Lenape Technical School's board would meet in November. Mr. Magness noted that the Grade 8 student tour of Lenape Technical School was scheduled for the following week.
8. Mr. Selinger reported that the Golf team was 16-1 for the Fall season. He congratulated the team on behalf of the Board.
9. Mr. Haven reported on pending legislation in the Pennsylvania General Assembly.
10. Ms. Bollinger reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation's 2022 Golf Outing was held on September 18, 2022, at Buffalo Golf Course. She noted that the funds raised were still being calculated so she would report them at the Board's next meeting. Ms. Bollinger reported that the Foundation was preparing to address this year's classroom grants. She further reported that the Foundation was considering a donation to assist with the Middle School Auditorium equipment upgrade included on the agenda for consideration that evening.
11. Incoming student school board member Elise Whitlinger provided a report on student activities.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the attached resignation of Heather L. Cooper, Educational Assistant, effective October 13, 2022.

- b. To grant professional status to Stephanie Febbraio, Lydia Gasienski, Carly Neigh, and Jessica Queck, who have each met the requirements for tenure as outlined in the Pennsylvania School Code.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To approve the payment of a stipend in the amount of \$3,000 to Superintendent Magness, based on a Distinguished performance evaluation for the 2021-2022 school year, in accordance with the terms of Mr. Magness' contract with the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Toncini thanked Superintendent Magness on behalf of the Board for his service and dedication to the students of the District.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the request of Bradley T. Walker, Business Manager, for approval to attend the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) Annual Conference in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania, on March 14-17, 2023, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$1,500.
- b. To approve an overnight student field trip to Orlando, Florida, as described on the attachment, on March 27, 2023, to April 1, 2023, at no cost to the District other than the cost of three substitute teachers/support staff for four days.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

It was moved by Mr. Huth, and seconded by Mr. Selinger (out of sequence),

- a. To approve the attached Educational Services Agreement with The School at McGuire Memorial for educational services to be provided to District resident students in accordance with the students' IEPs, from August 22, 2022, through June 30, 2023, with fees as provided on Exhibit A to the Agreement.
- b. To authorize the purchase of the camera and switcher described on the attachment for the Freeport Area Middle School Auditorium, at a cost not to exceed \$5,500.
- c. To approve the attached Reimbursement Resolution regarding the District's intention to reimburse itself with the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations for the purpose of Capital Expenditures for the Freeport Area High School Masonry Repairs Project and the Freeport Area High School Boiler and Electrical Projects which may occur prior to the issuance of the tax-exempt obligations.
- j. To authorize Administration to dispose of a 1995 Cub Cadet Model 7275 tractor with an estimated value of \$3,500.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To authorize PFM to proceed with preliminary services to prepare for the sale of tax-exempt bonds in the anticipated amount of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of capital expenditures for the Freeport Area High School Renovations Project.
- e. To accept the proposal of Grahamboys LLC, dba Graham Construction, for repairs to the High School science classrooms pursuant to the drawings and specifications as prepared by the project architect, HHSDR, at a cost of \$535,969.
- f. To accept the proposal of Fred L. Burns, Inc., for Contract #1 General Construction of the Freeport Area High School Boiler and Electrical Projects pursuant to the drawings and specifications as prepared by the project architect, HHSDR, at a cost of \$232,500.
- g. To accept the proposal of East West Manufacturing & Supply Company, Inc., for Contract #2 HVAC Construction of the Freeport Area High School Boiler and Electrical Projects pursuant to the drawings and specifications as prepared by the project architect, HHSDR, at a cost of \$831,000.

- h. To accept the proposal of Right Electric, Inc., for Contract #3 Electrical Construction of the Freeport Area High School Boiler and Electrical Projects pursuant to the drawings and specifications as prepared by the project architect, HHSDR, at a cost of \$738,210.
- i. To accept the proposal of Hunt Valley Environmental, LLC, for Contract #4 Asbestos Removal of the Freeport Area High School Boiler and Electrical Projects pursuant to the drawings and specifications as prepared by the project architect, HHSDR, at a cost of \$89,700.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Walker referred the members to his business managers reports for September provided as an attachment.

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

- a. To approve the attached September financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.
- c. To approve the attached Act 57 Resolution providing for the waiver of additional charges for real estate taxes under certain specified circumstances, effective July 1, 2023.
- d. To authorize the investment of \$250,000 in a Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) Term Investment Account for a 12-month period.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Toncini announced that the Board would hold a Special Meeting and Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 7:30 pm, and its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 7:30 pm. He also announced a work session to be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 7:30 pm to discuss the High School renovations projects.

Comments from the Public

Karen DeWitt of Buffalo Township commented on the proposed elementary school reconfiguration plans. Sam Ross of Buffalo Township commented on the District's Softball program.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Ms. Davies, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

 /s/ Adam M. Toncini
 President

 /s/ Mary Dobransky
 Board Secretary