

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 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 7:46 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Student Board Members:

Audrey Clawson	Present
Benjamin Goldinger	Present

Also present was Mr. Wolfe, solicitor.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, to approve the minutes of the Organization Meeting held on December 3, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
2. It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 10, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last Secretary's report to the Board at the Regular Meeting held on December 10, 2014: The Board met for an informational session on January 9, 2015, along with representatives from the Freeport Education Association, for introductions and to schedule negotiating sessions. The Board met for an informational session with representatives from Nutrition, Inc. on January 14, 2015 to view a presentation regarding the District's food service program. The Board met in Executive Session on January 14, 2015, to discuss personnel, contracts and negotiations, confidential student matters, and legal issues.

4. Mr. DeVivo referred the members to Administration's report, attached, and in particular to the information provided in the report regarding the state budget and new state regulations governing clearances.
5. Mr. Lucovich expressed sympathy on behalf of the members for the family of Beth Ann Becker, a 1985 graduate from the District who passed away on December 25, 2014. He acknowledged Ms. Becker's 25 years of service to the students and staff of the District and noted that she will be truly missed.
6. Mr. Lucovich congratulated Alisha Colangeli, a 6th Grade student at South Buffalo Elementary School, who was awarded the grand prize in the 20th Annual Armstrong County Recycling Center Poster Contest. He noted that Alisha's drawing is featured on the front cover of the Recycling Center's 2015 Calendar.
7. Mr. Lucovich announced the creation of an Athletics Committee and of an *ad hoc* Negotiation Committee. He reported that the members of the Athletics Committee will be Mr. Huth, Dr. Marty, and Ms. Toy-Gaydos. Mr. Lucovich reported that the members of the Negotiation Committee will be Mr. Borrelli, Mr. Gaiser, and Ms. Toy-Gaydos and noted the first negotiation session with representatives from the Freeport Education Association and the Freeport Education Support Personnel Association was held on January 9, 2015.
8. In observance of School Director Recognition Month, Mr. Lucovich acknowledged the efforts and accomplishments of the other members and District Administration during a challenging year in 2014.
9. Dennis Russo, of Rucon, Inc., provided the members with an update on the status of the Middle School Project. He noted that the Project is on schedule.
10. Dr. Prazenica reported that ARIN will hold its next regular meeting next week.
11. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape is currently in negotiations with its custodial group and that the Lenape board's next regular meeting would be the next day.
12. Dr. Prazenica reported that the state house is expected to address re-authorization of No Child Left Behind in the coming months.
13. Benjamin Goldinger and Audrey Clawson, student Board members, reported on school activities as per the attached reports.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Donald W. Dell, Jr. as Junior High Developmental Volleyball extracurricular sponsor, effective January 8, 2015.

- b. To employ the personnel listed on the attachment for the District's extracurricular programs during the 2014-2015 school year, according to contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- c. To approve the substitute teachers, substitute educational assistants, substitute secretaries, substitute cafeteria workers, and substitute custodial workers listed on the attachment for the 2014-2015 school year and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Junior/Senior High School Choral Director, for approval to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region II Chorus Festival in Oil City, Pennsylvania, with approximately four (4) Senior High School students to be named later, on February 25-28, 2015, at a cost to the District of \$603, including the cost of a substitute teacher for two and one-half (2 ½) days.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the creation of interscholastic boys and girls lacrosse programs at Freeport Area High School, with the District paying for officials and transportation for the girls program and all other costs for both the girls and boys lacrosse programs to be the responsibility of the Freeport Youth Lacrosse Association or future lacrosse booster program.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the creation of a new athletic stadium at the site designated as "2B" in the presentation given at the public meeting held on November 12, 2014.

Motion carried on a vote of eight (8) to one (1), with Ms. Toy-Gaydos voting *No*.

Finance

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

- a. To approve the attached December financial reports.

- b. To approve bills for payment listed on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lucovich left the meeting at 8:19 pm and returned at 8:20 pm.

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

- c. To accept the District's Financial Statements and Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

Kim Turnley, on behalf of Mark Turnley, CPA, made a presentation to the members providing an overview of the June 30, 2014 year-end audit review.

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

- d. To approve the attached resolution authorizing proposed preliminary budget display and advertising and authorizing referendum exception.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To approve the tentative adoption of the attached Policy No. 916 (School Volunteers).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the District's entering into the attached Agreement for professional services with David E. Wooster and Associates, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$20,900, in connection with bid package preparation for the Buffalo Township HOP, subject to the District Solicitor's approval of the final Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To establish an Athletics Committee, in accordance with Board Policy No. 007, composed of three (3) School Board members, for a period of one (1) year, beginning on January 14, 2015, for the purpose of providing

oversight of, and recommendations to the Board concerning, the District's athletics programs, with members to be appointed by the Board President.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the nomination of Joseph Close and John Marty to the offices of President and Vice President, respectively, of the Lenape Technical School Joint Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To authorize the superintendent or his designee, in accordance with Policy No. 711, to dispose of books, furniture, equipment, supplies, or other school property that has no longer been deemed of value to the educational purpose of the District and has current value of \$100 or less, in a manner prescribed under the School Code for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To approve the adjudication of Student A as recommended by Administration.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To approve the revised school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Addendum

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

To approve the District's entering into a contract with Martin P. Moorhead to serve as a School Police Officer, at an hourly rate of \$20.00, effective February 2, 2015, and in accordance with the terms of the attached independent contractor agreement.

Motion carried on a vote of six (6) to three (3), with Dr. Marty, Mr. Shoaf, and Ms. Toy-Gaydos voting *No*.

Next Meetings

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

Comments from Board Members

Dr. Prazenica expressed his thanks to the other Board members for their service to the community, and acknowledged the service of the student board members.

Mr. Borrelli suggested that the members consider an alternative to District snow days that would allow students to complete a graded assignment at home on days that the District schools are closed due to inclement weather.

Comments from Visitors

Ken Kemmer of Sarver expressed his thanks to the members for their efforts on behalf of the District's student lacrosse players. Dr. Marty and Mr. Lucovich commended Mr. Kemmer and the parents of the District's student lacrosse players for their diligence and patience with the process of establishing a lacrosse program in the District.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Dr. Marty, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary