

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2016

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:

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

Also present were student board members Audrey S. Dougherty and K. Derek Jones, and Mr. Wolfe, solicitor.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, to approve the minutes of the Organization Meeting held on December 9, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
2. It was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 9, 2015. 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 9, 2015: The Board held an Informational Session for Safety and Athletics matters on December 16, 2015, and the Board met in Executive Session on January 14, 2016, to discuss personnel, legal, and confidential student matters.
4. Mr. Magness referred the members to the Administration reports attached to the agenda. He noted that the LifeSkills grant to be discussed under agenda item 8.n., with a value of over \$10,000, as well as the expected award of Safe Schools grants and the proposed college and high school programs, would be a benefit to District students.

5. Mr. Lucovich presented Mr. Huth with a plaque prepared by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association in honor of Mr. Huth's 24 years of service on the Freeport Area School District school board.
6. Mr. Lucovich reported that the Board would be voting on new officers at Lenape Vocational-Technical School. He noted that the members were continuing to work on moving the Baseball/Softball fields project along. Mr. Lucovich announced to the visitors that a Middle School open house was being planned for March 2016.
7. Dennis Russo of Russo Construction Services, Middle School Project Manager, gave the members an update on the status of the Middle School Project and the Athletics Complex Project.
8. Mr. Lucovich thanked Mark Wyant's 2015-2016 Honors Government class on behalf of the Board for the class' work on a research project proposed by the members to compile an historical list of District school board members and officers.
9. Kim Turnley, on behalf of Mark Turnley, CPA, made a presentation to the members providing an overview of the June 30, 2015 year-end audit review.
10. Dr. Prazenica reported that ARIN's board would meet the following week.
11. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Vocational Technical School's board would meet the following week.
12. Ms. Bollinger reported that the state had released some money to the school districts. She noted that the Pennsylvania School Boards Association is suing the governor and the state legislature for withholding funds from school districts, arguing that doing so was illegal and unconstitutional.
13. Student School Board member K. Derek Jones provided the members with his report of student activities in the District.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Danielle I. Emings, Teacher, effective January 4, 2016.
- b. To employ Teresa M. Porco as an Educational Assistant for the 2015-2016 school year, at an hourly rate of \$9.10, effective January 14, 2016.
- c. To grant professional status for the 2015-2016 school year to Jennifer A. Dell, Shane J. Mills, and Janelle M. Sanders, who have met the requirements for tenure as outlined in the Pennsylvania School Code.

- d. To employ the personnel listed on the attachment for the District's athletics programs during the 2015-2016 school year, according to contracted terms of remuneration to be determined and approved by the Board.
- e. To approve the volunteer coaches listed on the attachment for the 2015-2016 sports season, at no cost to the District.
- f. To approve Nadine Buchanan as a volunteer coach for the 2015-2016 sports season, at no cost to the District, contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- g. To approve the substitute lists as provided on the attachment for the 2015-2016 school year and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously, with the exception of item 3.c., with Mr. Borrelli, Mr. Gaiser, and Ms. Toy-Gaydos voting *No* on item 3.c.

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

- h. To approve the employment of Stacey Lynne Chounet as a full time Teacher for the District beginning on a date to be determined, at an annual salary of \$44,000, prorated for days worked, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried on a vote of seven (7) to one (1), with Ms. Davies voting *No* on item 3.h.

Finance

Mr. Manzer provided the members with a brief overview of the Financial Reports and Payments lists.

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

- a. To approve the attached December financial reports.
- b. To approve bills for payment listed on the attachment.
- c. To accept the District's Financial Statements and Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2015, subject to Business Manager review.
- d. To approve the attached resolution approving the preliminary budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and authorizing the referendum exception and final budget notice.
- e. To approve the attached proposed budgetary transfers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To authorize DiMarco Construction to remove unsuitable subgrade material within the access driveway and building footprint of the New Athletic Stadium and replace it with suitable fill material in specific locations and quantities to be determined by Pennsylvania Soil & Rock, for an estimated cost of \$70,000, with that cost to include replacement of an existing storm pipe to be encountered in the work and with that estimated cost subject to change based upon actual quantities of excavation required.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To authorize the District solicitor to file the attached Petitions for Appointment of School Police Officers with the Court of Common Pleas of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, and the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County, Pennsylvania.

Motion carried on a vote of seven (7) to one (1), with Ms. Toy-Gaydos voting *No* on item 8.b.

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

- c. 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 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. 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. Huth, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser,

- e. To approve the election of Daniel P. Lucovich as the Lenape Joint Operating Committee and Armstrong County Area Vocational-Technical

School Board Treasurer for the remainder of the term of Jean Stull, which expires June 30, 2016, effective as of December 1, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To approve Change Order No. PC-3 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project Plumbing Construction Agreement with Shipley Plumbing, Inc. dated June 5, 2014, at an increased cost in the contract sum of \$12,914.00.
- g. To approve Change Order No. PC-4 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project Plumbing Construction Agreement with Shipley Plumbing, Inc. dated June 5, 2014, at an increased cost in the contract sum of \$14,129.00.
- h. To approve Change Order No. PC-5 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project Plumbing Construction Agreement with Shipley Plumbing, Inc. dated June 5, 2014, at an increased cost in the contract sum of \$45,735.00.
- i. To approve Change Order No. PC-6 to the Freeport Area Middle School Project Plumbing Construction Agreement with Shipley Plumbing, Inc. dated June 5, 2014, at an increased cost in the contract sum of \$3,436.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- j. To approve the attached Water Installation, Reimbursement, and Service Agreement with Municipal Authority of Buffalo Township for the Athletics Complex Project, subject to the District business manager and solicitor's approval of final contractual terms and conditions.
- k. To approve the attached Sewage Installation, Reimbursement, and Service Agreement with Municipal Authority of Buffalo Township for the Athletics Complex Project, subject to the District business manager and solicitor's approval of final contractual terms and conditions.

Motion carried on a vote of seven (7) to one (1), with Ms. Toy-Gaydos voting *No* on items 8.j. and 8.k.

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

- l. To approve the request of Board member Michael J. Huth and Ryan M. Manzer, Business Manager for approval to attend the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) Annual

Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on March 8-11, 2016, at a cost to the District of \$2,100.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- m. To approve the attached Applicant Participation Certification for the Armstrong Indiana Intermediate Unit (ARIN IU 28)'s Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT) program application as part of the Pregnant and Parenting Teen program.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- n. To accept a LifeSkills Training program grant from the University of Colorado's Institute of Behavioral Science / Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, to provide training, technical assistance, and curriculum materials for the LifeSkills Training program at the Freeport Area Middle School, for a period of three years beginning in the fall of 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- o. To accept the donation of a lacrosse set as described on the attachment to the Freeport Area Middle School, from the Freeport Lacrosse Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- p. To adopt the attached Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) Principles for Governance and Leadership.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- q. To approve the stipulated adjudication of Student A and the stipulated adjudication of Student B, as recommended by Administration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would hold its next Committee Meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 7:30 pm, and its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area High School.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary