

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2021

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. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:32 p.m. Due to COVID-19 pandemic precautions, and as noticed, public participation was via live stream audio and submission of comments by email.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Hill	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Mr. Lucovich	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Present*
Mr. Selinger	Present
Mr. Toncini	Present

Student School Board Members

Paige Semanko	Present*
Michael Hower	Present*

Administrators participating were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Robb, Program Director; and Mr. Manzer, Business Manager. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Daniel Conlon.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Lucovich welcomed members of the public listening by live stream audio.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Toncini, and seconded by Mr. Huth, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 7, 2021, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last report to the Board at the Regular Meeting on January 14, 2021: The Board's Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session with representatives from Freeport Education Support Personnel Association on January 20, 2021. The Board's Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session with representatives from

**Dr. Prazenica and Student School Board Members Ms. Semanko and Mr. Hower participated in the meeting by telephone.*

Freeport Education Association on January 26, 2021. The Board's Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session with representatives from Freeport Education Support Personnel Association on February 2, 2021. The Board met in Executive Session on February 4, 2021, to discuss Safety and Security and Personnel and Contracts and Negotiations Matters. The Board held its Committee Meeting on February 4, 2021. The Board's Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session with representatives from Freeport Education Association on February 9, 2021. The Board met in Executive Session on February 11, 2021, to discuss *[Safety and Security, Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters]*.

3. Mr. Magness reported on a proposed application for an Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II Funds grant and District project proposals.
4. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Technical School's board had approved a 2019-2020 audit report and would begin its budget process at its meeting to be held on February 18, 2021.
5. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong Indiana Intermediate Unit's board would also meet the following week and that the search for a new executive director was under way.
6. Ms. Bollinger presented her Legislative report as provided on the attachment.
7. Ms. Bollinger reported that Freeport Area School District Foundation had received another EITC donation from NexTier Bank in the amount of \$20,000 and the funds had already been deposited into the District's account.
8. Student School Board Members Paige Semanko and Michael Hower provided the members with their reports of student activities.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of John G. Peters, Custodian, effective January 22, 2021.
- b. To approve a request from Employee No. 3606 for Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Individual Leave.
- c. To approve a request from Employee No. 2428 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.
- d. To approve the employment of Cortney L. Ferguson as a full time Custodian, at Step 1 of the full time Custodian compensation schedule, effective February 12, 2021, contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

- e. To approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the Freeport Education Association (FEA) extending the term of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and FEA by one year, through June 30, 2021.
- f. To approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the Freeport Education Support Personnel Association (FESPA) extending the term of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and FESPA by one year, through June 30, 2021.
- g. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2020-2021 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. Mr. Haven and Mr. Hill voted *No* on Personnel items (e) and (f).

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the adoption of the High School Programs of Study for the 2021-2022 school year, as provided on the attachment and subject to change at Administration's discretion.
- b. To approve the adoption of the Middle School Programs of Study for the 2021-2022 school year, as provided on the attachment and subject to change at Administration's discretion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To *TABLE* Item 5.A. "Action on adopting adopt the attached revised Return to Play Plan and authorize submission and posting by Administration as mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education."

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To grant final approval for the adoption of attached new School Board Policy No. 218.3 (Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. *TO TABLE*, the motion to approve the adoption of the attached revised Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan and authorization for submission and posting by Administration, as mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health.
- b. To approve the District's continuing participation in ARIN's Pregnant and Parenting Teens Program, at an estimated cost of \$900 in matching funds.
- c. To approve the attached Lease Agreement with Freeport Youth Baseball (FYB) for the use of a baseball/softball field by the District's girls' varsity softball team during the 2021 through 2030 seasons, with compensation to FYB provided in the form of a waiver of the District's facilities use fees for FYB's use of the baseball and softball fields located at the District's elementary schools.
- d. To approve the attached contract with OA Systems, LLC, for managed internal broadband services to be provided at a rate of \$32 per student prior to any applicable e-rate discounts, for the 2021-2022 school year and renewable for four (4) additional years.
- e. To approve the Real Estate Tax Collector Tax Collection Commission Rates as provided on the attachment, effective February 1, 2021.
- f. To adopt the attached Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) Principles for Governance and Leadership.
- g. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Full Steam Ahead!" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$329.01).
- h. To approve the attached 2021-2022 District Calendar.
- i. To accept an Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II Fund grant in the amount of \$656,957 to be used to support the attached list of priority projects.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Manzer referred the members to his attached Business Manager's report.

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

- a. To approve the attached January financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachment.
- c. To approve a list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To approve the attached resolution approving the preliminary budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and authorizing the referendum exception and final budget notice.

Motion carried. Mr. Haven and Dr. Prazenica voted *No* on item (d).

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would hold a Committee Meeting and Special Meeting on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 7:30 pm and its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 7:30 pm.

Comments from the Public

Mr. Magness read questions and comments submitted by Dustin Gaworski of Buffalo Township regarding the District's Health and Safety Plans.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary