

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 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 7:38 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Ms. Davies	Absent
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Huth	Absent
Dr. Prazenica	Present
Mr. Risch	Present
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. David Mongillo.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Toncini requested a motion to add *Finance* item 8.e. to the agenda:

8.e. Action on approving the attached Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution Certifying Tax Rate Within Inflation Index (and No Need to Comply with Act 1 Accelerated Budget Procedures) for the 2023-2024 School Year.

It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to add *Finance* item 8.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. Risch, and seconded by Mr. Haven, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on October 6, 2022, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 13, 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 October 13, 2022: The Board met in Executive Session on November 3, 2022, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters. The

Board held a Special Meeting for general business matters on November 3, 2022. The Board held a Committee Meeting on November 3, 2022. The Board met in Executive Session on November 10, 2022, to discuss Personnel and Confidential Student Matters.

3. At the Board's Committee Meeting on November 3, 2022, Mr. Robb made the attached presentation regarding state assessment data.
4. Mr. Magness commended the District's students and staff on the student performance reflected on the assessment results presented to the Board by Mr. Robb on November 3, 2022. Mr. Magness congratulated Mr. Walker on his new position.

Mr. Magness noted for the Board and visitors the passing of two of the District's recent retirees: Heidi Bringenberg, whose funeral was held earlier in the week, and Steven Poleski, who had passed away that morning. Mr. Magness asked that Ms. Bringenberg and Mr. Poleski be remembered for their long years of service and dedication.

5. Mr. Toncini asked for a motion to approve *Other Business* agenda item 7.a., to approve the 2022-2023 student school board members, in order that they might provide their report to the board. It was moved by Mr. Risch, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger, to approve the appointment of Ava R. Soilis, Elise C. Whitlinger, Crystal A. Zembrzuski, Madalin E. Burnheimer, Kodi E. Esau, and Anne V. Lindsay, as Student School Board Members for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mr. Toncini reported that Lenape Technical School's board would meet the following week.
7. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit's board would also hold its meeting the following week.
8. Mr. Selinger reported that both Boys and Girls Soccer programs had a good fall season and that the Volleyball program and the Football program were still progressing through their playoff seasons.
9. Ms. Bollinger reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation classroom grant applications were due by November 22, 2022.
10. Student school board members Ava R. Soilis, Elise Whitlinger, and Crystal A. Zembrzuski provided their report on student activities.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Bradley T. Walker, Business Manager, effective on a date to be determined.

Roll call vote requested. Roll call vote:

Ms. Bollinger	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Davies	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Haven	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Huth	<u>Absent</u>
Dr. Prazenica	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Risch	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Selinger	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Zembrzuski	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Toncini	<u>No</u>

Motion carried, on a vote of six (6) to one (1).

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

- b. To approve the employment of Marcie S. Craft as a Long Term Substitute Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year, at an annual salary of \$44,000, prorated for days worked, effective November 21, 2022, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve High School student participation in the TreePlenish program and the planting of saplings on school property, as described on the attachment, at no cost to the District.
- b. To approve the request of Robert Harris, Instructional Technology Specialist, for approval to attend the Pennsylvania Educational Technology

Expo & Conference (PETE&C) in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania, on February 12 15, 2023, at a cost to the District of \$1,304.89.

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. 236.1 (Threat Assessment).
- b. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 805 (Emergency Preparedness and Response).
- c. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 805.2 (School Security Personnel).
- d. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 808 (Food Services).
- e. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 913 (Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

It was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Mr. Risch (item 7.a. having been voted on earlier in the meeting),

- b. To approve the attached Agreement with the Center for Hearing & Deaf Services, Inc., for interpreting services to be provided for any client authorized by the District from October 21, 2022, through December 31, 2024, at the rates listed in the Agreement.
- c. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with PA Connecting Communities for transition services to be provided to District students in accordance with the students' IEPs.
- d. To approve the purchase of 376 additional student subscriptions to PowerSchool LLC's Schoology learning management system (LMS) for the 2022-2023 school year, at a cost of \$2,195.84.
- e. To approve the attached Destruction Bin Rotation Agreement with Best Records Management for secure document storage and destruction services during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years, at a cost not to exceed \$200 per service call occurrence.

- f. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication in regard to Student A.
- g. To approve the setting of the organization meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors for December 1, 2022, at 7:30 pm at the Freeport Area High School.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

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

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

- a. To approve the attached October financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To approve the attached resolution authorizing the incurrence of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of a general obligation note in the principal amount of \$3,090,000; covenanting to pay, and pledging all available taxing power for the payment of, the note; fixing the form, interest rate, maturity, redemption and other provisions for the payment thereof; accepting a proposal for the purchase of the note; authorizing a filing of required documents with the Department of Community and Economic Development; ratifying and directing certain actions of officers; and making certain other covenants and provisions in respect of the note.
- e. Action on approving the attached Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution Certifying Tax Rate Within Inflation Index (and No Need to Comply with Act 1 Accelerated Budget Procedures) for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Toncini announced that the Board would hold a work session on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 7:30 pm in the High School Auditorium to discuss the High School renovations projects, and that the Board would hold its Organization Meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 7:30 pm in the High School Audion.

Comments from the Public

Melissa Hilko of Buffalo Township commented on the Lenape Technical School student schedule.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

 /s/ Adam M. Toncini
 President

 /s/ Mary Dobransky
 Board Secretary