

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2014

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:39 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Student Board Members:

Audrey Clawson	Present
Benjamin Goldinger	Present

Also present was Mr. Hoffman, solicitor.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Gaiser, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 12, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since her last Secretary's report to the Board at the Regular Meeting held on November 12, 2014: The Board met for an informational session on November 19, 2014, along with representatives from the Armstrong County Planning Commission and the Borough of Freeport, for a presentation regarding future projects. The Board met in Executive Session on December 3, 2014, to discuss personnel, contracts and negotiations, and safety and security matters. The Board held its Organization Meeting on December 3, 2014. The Board held an informational session on December 10, 2014, for a presentation on Athletics. The Board met in Executive Session on December 10, 2014, to discuss personnel, contracts and negotiations, confidential student matters, and legal issues.

3. Susan Veitch, Vice President/Director of Operations for Nutrition, Inc., presented the members with an update on the company's efforts on behalf of the District in connection with its food service.
4. Mr. Lucovich noted that he had announced an early dismissal for students on Tuesday, December 23, 2014, at the Committee Meeting held on December 3, 2014. He also noted that the members had been presented with an update on the Middle School Project at the December 3, 2014 Committee meeting.
5. Mr. DeVivo referred the members to Administration's report, attached.
6. Mr. Lucovich reported at the Committee Meeting held on December 3, 2014 that the open house hosted on November 20, 2014 by Lenape Vocational Technical School at its Adult Learning Center went well, and he commended Mr. Christy on his efforts in connection with the opening of the Center. Dr. Marty noted that Lenape's most recent licensed practical nurse (LPN) graduates had a 100% passing rate for the program's boards and commended the program's instructors.
7. Benjamin Goldinger and Audrey Clawson, student Board members, reported on school activities as per the attached reports.

Personnel

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

- a. To employ Susan M. Howard as a long-term substitute secretary, at an hourly rate of \$12.50, effective December 15, 2014 and continuing through the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Dr. Marty,

- 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) District 3 Band Festival in Strattanville, Pennsylvania, on January 8-9, 2015, at a cost to the District of \$127.50, including the cost of one (1) substitute teacher for one and one-half (1 ½) days.
- b. To approve the request of Charles M. Shipman, Jr., Junior High/Senior High Band Director, for approval to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region II Band Festival in Erie, Pennsylvania, with approximately four (4) Senior High School students to be named later, on February 12-14, 2015, at a cost to the District of \$380, including the cost of a substitute teacher for two (2) days.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

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

- a. To approve the attached November financial reports.
- b. To approve bills for payment listed on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the District's acting as project co-sponsor, along with Buffalo Township, in the submission of the attached Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's Livability Through Smart Transportation Program Pre-Qualification Application for the Project titled, "South Pike Street (SR 0356) Corridor - A Community Connectivity Plan."

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve a sixty (60) month lease for the District's multi-function printers with WPS, Inc., with a monthly rate of \$5,332.73, with contract terms and conditions to be finalized by the Business Manager and subject to approval of the form of the lease by the Solicitor.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To approve the District's entering into joint purchasing agreements with other school districts or intermediate units in Pennsylvania for the purchase of general supplies and equipment for the 2014-2015 school year.
- f. To approve the attached budgetary transfers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To authorize VEBH Architects to proceed with the further development of the design options for the construction of a multi-use athletic stadium located on the Middle School/High School campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the request of Ryan M. Manzer, Business Manager, for approval to attend the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) Annual Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on March 11-13, 2015, at a cost to the District of \$973.
- c. To approve the request of Dawn Brennan, owner of Studio 356 in Sarver, to waive facilities use fees for the Jingle Jamz charity event, to benefit pediatric cancer research and awareness through Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, to be held on December 14, 2014.
- d. To accept a donation from KDKA/WPCW TV in connection with its Extra Effort Award presented to a District student, in the amount of \$200.
- e. To authorize the District Business Manager to execute the sale of the District's former phone system and equipment for a price of \$600.

Motion carried unanimously.

The members congratulated Student Board Member Audrey Clawson on her receiving the KDKA/WPCW TV Extra Effort Award.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board will meet for a Regular Meeting on January 14, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the Freeport Area Senior High School.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary