

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11, 2015

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:38 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Borrelli	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Gaiser	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Mr. Lucovich	Present
Dr. Marty	Absent
Dr. Prazenica	Present
Mr. Shoaf	Present
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. Shoaf, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2015. 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 February 11, 2015: The members of the Negotiation Committee of the Board met for negotiating sessions with representatives from the Freeport Education Association on February 16, 2015 and March 2, 2015 and with representatives from the Freeport Education Support Personnel Association on February 23, 2015 and March 9, 2015. The Board met in Executive Session on March 11, 2015, to discuss personnel, contracts and negotiations, confidential student matters, and legal issues.
3. Mr. Lucovich indicated that he had nothing to report as President.
4. Dr. Prazenica reported that ARIN's annual Convention of School Directors would be held on April 21, 2015 at the Apollo-Ridge High School.

5. Mr. Lucovich reported that he had nothing to report in connection with Lenape Vocational-Technical School.
6. Dr. Prazenica referred the members to information recently issued by the Pennsylvania School Board Association and advised that the Board should be vigilant as more information is released from Harrisburg regarding the State budget.
7. Mr. Lucovich reported that the Negotiation Committee participated in the negotiating sessions reported in the Secretary's report to the Board dated March 11, 2015 and that summaries of those sessions would be posted for the members' information.
8. Benjamin Goldinger and Audrey Clawson, student Board members, reported on school activities as per the attached reports.
9. Mr. Robb along with Mr. Dell, the Junior High School principal, and Mr. Grove, the District's IT coordinator, provided the members with an update on the preparations in place and in progress for the opening of the Freeport Area Middle School. Dr. Prazenica commended Mr. Dell and the staff of the Junior High School and the sixth grade teachers for their attitude and efforts in connection with the transition of their classrooms to the Freeport Area Middle School.
10. Dennis Russo, of Rucon, Inc., provided the members with an update on the status of the Middle School Project. Mr. Russo noted that some portions of the Project are as much as six weeks behind schedule. He went on to report that the Project is currently on an expedited schedule and that he expects the entire Project to be back on schedule by the end of June 2015.

### Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Catherine P. Gollatz, Teacher, effective April 14, 2015.
- b. To accept the resignation of Marjorie L. Swartz, Head Cook, effective June 5, 2015.
- c. To contract with Dennis J. Lynch to serve as a School Police Officer, at the hourly rate of \$20.00, effective March 23, 2015, in accordance with the terms of the attached independent contractor agreement.
- d. To employ the personnel listed on the attachment for the District's athletic programs during the 2014-2015 school year, according to contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.

- e. To approve the volunteer coaches listed on the attachment for the 2014-2015 sports season, at no cost to the District.

Motion carried unanimously, except with respect to item (c). Item (c) passed on a vote of six (6) to two (2), with Mr. Shoaf and Ms. Toy-Gaydos voting No.

#### Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the requests to use the athletic fields under ownership of the Freeport Area School District as provided in District Policy and according to the schedule developed by the Athletic Director for the 2015 season as described on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Mr. Borrelli, to *table* a vote on items (b) through (h):

- b. *To approve the request from the Freeport Boys' Basketball Boosters to use the playground facilities and school gymnasiums for the 2015-2016 school year in order to sponsor a Community Recreation Basketball Program, to organize a fourth through sixth grade traveling team and to organize an elementary school program provided there is equal opportunity for girls to participate in compliance with federal and state laws, in accordance with the guidelines established by the administration.*
- c. *To approve the request from the Freeport Girls' Basketball Boosters to use the playground facilities and school gymnasiums for the 2015-2016 school year in order to sponsor a Community Recreation Basketball Program and to use the senior high gymnasium on Saturday nights from December 2015 to February 2016, for a seventh and eighth grade Girls' Winter Basketball Program and to organize an elementary school program provided there is equal opportunity for boys to participate in compliance with federal and state laws in accordance with the guidelines established by the administration.*
- d. *To approve the request from the Freeport Volleyball Boosters to use the school facilities in order to sponsor a camp for one week in June 2015 and various other days during the summer of 2015 for weight training and open gym, to conduct an open gym from February to April 2016 one (1) night per week, to sponsor a fifth and sixth grade camp in February 2016, to hold a three-day seventh/eighth grade volleyball camp in March 2016 at the South Buffalo Elementary gym provided there is equal opportunity for boys to participate in compliance with federal and state laws and to conduct volleyball tournaments on September 12, 2015 (junior varsity) and*

*September 19, 2015 (varsity), in accordance with the guidelines established by the administration.*

- e. *To approve the request from the Freeport Soccer Boosters to use the soccer facilities in order to sponsor a boys and girls camp in July/August 2015 in accordance with the guidelines established by the administration.*
- f. *To approve the request from the Freeport Softball Boosters to use the Buffalo Elementary softball field and senior high school auxiliary gym when available in order to sponsor a fall softball team from August 2015 through October 2015 provided there is equal opportunity for boys to participate in compliance with federal and state laws, in accordance with the guidelines established by the administration.*
- g. *To approve the request from the Freeport Football Boosters to use school facilities in order to sponsor a football skills camp in June 2015, provided there is equal opportunity for girls to participate in compliance with federal and state laws, and in accordance with the guidelines established by the administration.*
- h. *To approve the request from the Freeport Cross Country Boosters to organize an introductory cross country program for sixth, seventh and eighth grade Freeport students during the months of June and July 2015 in accordance with the guidelines established by the administration.*

Motion to table items (b) through (h) carried unanimously.

#### Finance

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

- a. To approve the attached February financial reports.
- b. To approve bills for payment listed on the attachment.
- c. To approve the attached budgetary transfers.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Other Business

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

- a. To award the following contract for the SR 0356 Highway Improvements Freeport Area School Campus Expansion Project: General Contract, to A. Folino Construction of Oakmont, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$384,225.03.

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

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

- b. To approve the purchase of technology equipment and professional installation/configuration services for the Freeport Area Middle School through cooperative purchasing agreements in the amount of \$370,999.28 as listed on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the purchase of furniture and professional installation services for the Freeport Area Middle School through cooperative purchasing agreements in an amount not to exceed \$325,000 as indicated on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To authorize the District's Business Manager to purchase additional building furniture at an amount not to exceed \$30,000 and additional classroom and building supplies at an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for the Freeport Area Middle School, following applicable state and local statutes including the use of cooperative purchasing agreements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To approve a contract with OA Systems, LLC for managed internal broadband services in the amount of \$30 per student prior to any applicable e-rate discounts for the 2015-2016 school year and renewable for four (4) additional years, with approval granted pending contract review by the District solicitor.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, to *table* item (f). After discussion, Mr. Shoaf moved to rescind his motion to table item (f), and Ms. Toy-Gaydos seconded the motion to rescind.

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

- f. To approve the request of the Freeport Area Softball (FAS) league that the District waive facilities use fees in connection with FAS's use of the

Freeport Area Junior High School gymnasium during the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion carried on a vote of seven (7) to one (1), with Mr. Lucovich voting *No*.

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

- g. To approve the budget of the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board will hold its next Committee Meeting on April 1, 2015 at 7:30 pm and its next Regular Meeting on April 8, 2015 at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area Senior High School.

#### Comments from Board Members

Mr. Borrelli suggested that the District put in place a system in which District teachers would prepare graded assignments in advance, to be completed by students when school is closed due to inclement weather.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Borrelli, and seconded by Mr. Shoaf, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

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President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

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Secretary