

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 12, 2014

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:48 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Student Board Members:

Hayley Davis	Absent
Benjamin Goldinger	Absent

Also present was Mr. Hoffman, solicitor.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 12, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since the last Regular Meeting: The Board met for an update on the District's Middle School Project by HHSDR, Inc. on February 25, 2014. The Board attended a Budget and Finance Workshop on March 5, 2014. The Board attended an Athletics Workshop on March 12, 2014. The Board met in Executive Session on March 5, 2014 and again on March 12, 2014, to discuss personnel and legal issues.
3. Mr. Robb reported on school activities as per the attached report.
4. Mr. Lucovich reported that the District is moving forward with the Middle School Project, which is currently awaiting approval of permits applied for from Buffalo Township.

5. Dr. Prazenica reported that the ARIN Annual Convention of School Board Directors would be held on April 15, 2014.
6. Mr. Lucovich read the report of school activities prepared by student Board members, Hayley Davis and Benjamin Goldinger, who were absent due to the cancellation of all after-school student activities on the day of the meeting.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Margaret J. Logue, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker, effective February 27, 2014.
- b. To accept the resignation of Anthony B. Corso, Custodian, effective February 28, 2014.
- c. To employ Dennis P. Crissman as a full time Custodian for the District at a wage rate of \$10.25 per hour, effective February 24, 2014, pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- d. To approve the request of Shannan M. Blose, Teacher, to use accrued sick leave followed by child rearing leave for the period beginning on or around May 21, 2014 or when medically necessary and continuing through the end of the 2013-2014 school year, in accordance with Board Policy.
- e. To employ Amanda Franceschi as an extended-term substitute during the continuing leave of absence of Edward Pokusa, Teacher, at a daily rate of \$130, effective on the 45th consecutive day of the assignment (currently projected to be March 18, 2014).
- f. To employ Kristen Lucchino as an extended-term substitute during the continuing leave of absence of Ashley M. Rodgers, Teacher, at a daily rate of \$130, effective on the 45th consecutive day of the assignment (currently projected to be March 20, 2014).
- g. To grant the request from various head coaches to approve the volunteer assistant coaches listed on a separate sheet for the 2013-2014 sports/extra-curricular season, at no cost to the District and pending Act 34, Act 114, and Act 151 clearances as required.
- h. To enter into the attached Agreement with Mark T. Smith for services to be provided during the period March 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 in connection with the District's transition to a new Food Service Director.
- i. To approve the adjusted hourly wage rate of \$16.50 for Kimberly A. Pollino, Head Cook, effective March 3, 2014, to reflect the

assignment of additional responsibilities through the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion carried unanimously, with respect to all items other than item (c). Mr. Gaiser and Dr. Prazenica voted *No* on item (c).

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

- j. To approve the employment of Michael Helman as an intern in the District's TV Production Studio, at the hourly wage rate of \$7.25, effective March 13, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the requests to use the school district athletic fields under lease or ownership of the Freeport Area School District as provided in District Policy and according to the schedule developed by the Athletic Director for the 2014 season as described on the attachment.
- b. To approve the request from the Freeport Boys' Basketball Boosters to use the playground facilities and school gymnasiums for the 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 school year in order to sponsor a Community Recreation Basketball Program and to use the senior high gymnasium on Saturday nights from December 2014 to March 2015, 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 2014 and various other days during the summer of 2014 for weight training and open gym, to conduct an open gym from February to April 2015 one night per week, to sponsor a fifth and sixth grade camp in February 2015, to hold a three day seventh/eighth grade volleyball camp in March 2015 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 13 (JV) and September 20 (varsity), in accordance with the guidelines established by the administration.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- 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 2014 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 2014 through October 2014 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 2014, 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 2014 in accordance with the guidelines established by the administration.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- i. To approve the request from the parents of the cast of the 2014 Senior High Musical to hold a post-Musical cast party during the evening of March 8, 2014 and ending in the morning of March 9, 2014, in the Senior High School cafeteria and gymnasium.
- j. To approve the request of the members of the Senior Class of 2014 for approval of the Senior Class Trip to Washington, DC, on March 22-24, 2014, at no cost to the District other than the cost of three (3) substitutes for one (1) day (\$255).
- k. To grant preliminary approval of the biannual Senior High School Marching Band and Choir trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, on March 17-22, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

It was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica,

- a. To approve the budget of the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit for the fiscal year July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the District's entering into a Lease Agreement with Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services, LLC, for the lease of digital postage metering equipment at a cost of \$130.29 per month for a term of 60 months.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the revised school calendar for the 2013-2014 school year as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve the proposed school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary