

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:30 pm in the Auditorium of the Freeport Area Middle School, 629 South Pike Road, Sarver, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:34 p.m.

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

Administrators participating were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Robb, Program Director; and Mr. Walker, 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 and requested that visitors wear masks and social distance. He solicited public comment on the items on the posted agenda. No public comment on any agenda item was presented.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 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 September 9, 2021: The Board met in Executive Session on October 7, 2021, to discuss Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student matters. The Board held its Committee Meeting on October 7, 2021. The Board met in Executive Session on October 14, 2021, to discuss Personnel and Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters.
3. New teachers Samantha Ayres, Megan A. Lewandroski, Kayla J. Uveges, Taylor R. Wolfe, and Mallorie D. Wynkoop were in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Lucovich welcomed the new teachers to the District on behalf of the Board.

4. J. Greer Hayden, of HHSDR Architects & Engineers presented information about potential upgrades and renovations to the High School HVAC system and building in general.
5. Mr. Lucovich thanked District parents for continuing to keep sick children at home and not send them to school.
6. Mr. Lucovich presented Ms. Davies with a Pennsylvania School Boards Association certificate of recognition for her 12 years of service on the District's Board of School Directors.
7. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape Technical School's board met during the previous week. He noted that the school was working to fill the position of business manager.
8. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong Indiana Intermediate Unit has started a program of honoring the contribution of a particular Unit staff member each month.
9. Ms. Bollinger reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation Golf Outing was held on September 19, 2021, at Buffalo Golf Course. The Golf Outing brought in over \$12K profit, the most in the Outing's history. The Foundation is working to find ways to increase its recognition in the community. She noted that the Foundation accepts EITC donations and if any business are interested in donating they should contact the Foundation.
10. Ms. Bollinger introduced prospective Student School Board members for 2021-2022, Michael Hower and Abigail Spinner, who went on to present their reports to the Board. Mr. Lucovich thanked the students and welcomed them to the Board.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Julie M. McKay, Educational Assistant, effective September 24, 2021.
- b. To accept the resignation of Beth M. Renfro, part-time Cafeteria Worker, effective October 1, 2021.
- c. To approve the employment of Vicci L. Shearer and Kelly M. Wesolosky as part-time Cafeteria Workers, at an hourly wage rate of \$12.75, effective October 15, 2021, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- d. To approve the attached Employment Guidelines for Educational Assistants.

- e. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2021-2022 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.

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the attached Comprehensive Plan, to remain in effect through June 30, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 006 (Meetings).
- b. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 903 (Public Participation in Board Meetings).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve Michael R. Hower and Abigail J. Spinner as Student School Board members for a one-year term during the 2021-2022 school year.
- b. To approve the attached Homestead/Farmstead Contract with Government Software Services, Inc., for data processing services to be provided during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
- c. To approve the attached addendum to the agreement with Daniel E. Kline, Sr., for School Police Officer services, to provide for an hourly fee of \$29.00 effective July 1, 2021.
- d. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission providing for the sharing of district 2021-2022 Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) results with AICDAC to be used in determining risk and protective factors and improve prevention programs.

- e. To approve the attached Letter of Collaborative Agreement with Merakey PA Programs.
- f. To approve the attached Contractual Agreement with Pressley Ridge for Special Education Services to be provided during the 2021-2022 school year at a rate of \$25,000 per semester and \$2,450 for extended school year services, with any one-on-one aid services to be provided at a rate of \$19,000 per semester and \$3,800 during an extended school year.
- g. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Armstrong County Children, Youth & Family Services, related to transportation of students in foster care.
- h. To approve the expenditure amount not to exceed \$121,265, as presented, to allow administration to further finalize the replacement of the High School bleachers.

Motion carried unanimously, except for Other Business item (h). Dr. Prazenica voted *No* on item (h).

Finance

Mr. Walker presented his Business Manager's report to the Board.

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

- a. To approve the attached September 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 revised list of student activity accounts for the 2021-2022 school year as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

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

Comments from the Board Members

Dr. Prazenica suggested that the directors consider moving forward with the High School Bleachers Project, in light of the proposed renovation project.

Mr. Hill thanked the Pennsylvania School Boards Association for withdrawing from the National School Boards Association.

Comments from the Public

Cathy Burnheimer of Buffalo Township commented on the student-produced videos posted on the District website. Judy Fair of South Buffalo Township commented on the mask mandate, vaccine clinics, and remote instruction. Michael Oehling of Buffalo Township commented on the mask mandate, vaccinations, and the student-produced videos posted on the District website. Gary Risch, Jr., of South Buffalo Township commented on the District's plans for construction and HVAC updates at the High School. Angel Miller of Freeport Borough spoke in support of a District staff member.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Hill, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary