

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:00 pm in the Audion of the Freeport Area High School, 625 South Pike Road, Sarver, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Mr. Gary Risch, Jr., Board President, at 7:07 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. DiGiacobbe	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Ms. Maxwell	Present
Mr. Risch	Present
Mr. Ritter	Present
Mr. Selinger	Present
Ms. Zembrzuski	Absent

### *Student school board members:*

Madalin Burnheimer	Present
Sylvia Crytzer	Absent
Kodi Esau	Absent
Aven Heavner	Present
Anne Lindsay	Absent
Emma Michelini	Absent

Administrators present were Mr. Magness, Superintendent; Mr. Robb, Program Director; and Mr. Walker, Director of Finance and Operations. Also participating was District solicitor Mr. Matthew Hoffman.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Risch welcomed members of the public and asked for comments on any agenda item. No public comments were offered.

### Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 14, 2024. 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 February 14, 2024: The Safety Committee met for an informational session on February 22, 2024. The Budget Committee held a public meeting on February 26, 2024. The Board met in Executive Session on March 6, 2024, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Confidential Student Matters. The Board held a Committee

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3. During the Board's March 6, 2024, Committee Meeting, Kelly Valmassoni, of Nutrition Inc., presented her report on the District's School Nutrition Program.
4. Mr. Walker reported on the 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget.
5. Mr. Risch thanked the Board's committee members for their work and noted that Spring Athletics programs and production of the High School Spring Musical were both underway.

Mr. Huth left the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

6. Mr. DiGiacobbe presented the Safety Committee's report.

Mr. Huth rejoined the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

7. Mr. Haven and Ms Maxwell presented the Legislative Committee's report.
8. The Student School Board Members presented their reports to the Board.

#### Personnel

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

- a. To approve the attached Employment Guidelines for Educational Assistants and Nurse Assistants.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To accept the retirement resignation of Donna L. Hranica, Custodian, effective June 30, 2024.
- c. To accept the retirement resignation of Melinda J. Durand, Teacher, effective June 30, 2024.
- d. To accept the retirement resignation of Linda R. Zacchia, Educational Assistant, effective June 30, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To approve the request of Employee No. 3004 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To approve the employment of Kimberly L. Smith as a part-time Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly wage rate of \$12.75, effective March 14, 2024, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's 2023-2024 Athletics Programs, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- h. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's 2024-2025 Athletics Programs, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- i. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's 2024-2025 Extracurricular Programs, 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 Mr. Haven,

- 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 2024 spring-summer season as described on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

It was moved by Mr. DiGiacobbe, and seconded by Ms. Maxwell,

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 249 (Bullying/Cyberbullying).
- b. To approve the adoption of the attached revised School Board Policy No. 903 (Public Comment in Board Meetings).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the adoption of the attached Health and Safety Plan.
- b. To approve the attached Resolution authorizing Administration to apply on behalf of the District for a Public School Facility Improvement Grant.
- c. To approve a student lunch price of \$2.85 for secondary students and \$2.75 for elementary students and the student breakfast price of \$1.35, for the 2024-2025 school year.
- d. To approve the attached Food Service Management Company Renewal Year Cost Reimbursable Contract for the 2024-2025 school year.
- e. To approve the attached Agreement with Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit 28 regarding allocation of federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funds for the 2023-2024 school year.
- f. To approve the adoption of Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit's 2024-2025 Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds by School District, as provided on the attachment.
- g. To approve the attached Service Agreement with Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County, Inc., for educational and life skills achievement training to be provided to a District student in accordance with the student's IEP, from April 8, 2024 to May 31, 2024, at a cost of \$6.84 to \$6.98 per quarter hour depending on the location of the training.
- h. To approve the attached Exhibit B to the District's Educational Services Agreement with The School at McGuire Memorial dated August 9, 2023, for extended school year educational services to be provided to resident students in accordance with the students' IEPs, at a daily rate of \$286 and an additional \$165 per day for one-to-one aide services.

- i. To approve the attached Lease Agreement with ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 - Early Intervention Program, for the lease of space at South Buffalo Elementary School, from June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2027, and rent payable to the District of \$2,000 per month.
- j. To approve the attached final payment invoice from O.Z. Enterprises, LLC for upgrades to Buffalo Elementary School HVAC controls.
- k. To approve the attached proposal for 30 licenses to the Halo Smart Sensor solution, for a 5-year term, at a cost of \$16,800.
- l. To approve the attached proposal for a 3-year subscription to the Vivi Pro solution for wireless screen mirroring, including hardware, software, and training, at an annual cost of \$179 per unit.
- m. To approve the attached agreement with Armstrong Utilities, Inc., for 1GBPS dedicated internet access, for a five-year term, at a monthly cost of \$375, effective July 1, 2024.
- n. To accept a United Way Kindergarten Transition Program Grant in the amount of \$2,000, with funds to be used for Kindergarten transition programs at Buffalo Elementary School.
- o. To accept a \$500 Remake Learning Grant to be applied to the cost of Buffalo Elementary School's May 19, 2024, Health and Safety Fair/Touch a Truck Event.
- p. To accept a donation of \$250 from Armstrong County Memorial Hospital for the District's April 27, 2024 Autism Conference.
- q. To accept a donation of \$50 from Buffalo Golf Course, Inc. for the District's April 27, 2024 Autism Conference.
- r. To accept a \$1,500 Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit CSO Mini Grant to be used for the Freeport Area High School STEM education initiatives.
- s. To accept a \$500 Kids of STEEL Grant from P3R, with funds to be used to purchase equipment and supplies for the District's grades 2-5 after school running program.
- t. To approve a Stipulated Adjudication for Student A, as recommended by Administration.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Finance

Mr. Walker provided an overview of the attached Finance Report.

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

- a. To approve the attached February 2024 financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To award bids for maintenance supplies to various suppliers in the amount of \$57,774.85, as provided on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Next Meetings

Mr. Risch announced that the Board would hold a Committee Meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm and a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in the High School Audion.

### Comments from the Board

Ms. Davies commended the student school board members for their work on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Huth commended Mr. Walker for his work on the 2024-2025 preliminary budget presentation.

### Comments from the Public

Cathy Burnheimer of Buffalo Township commented on Lenape Technical School programs offered by the District.

Daniel Lucovich of Buffalo Township commented on public notice provided for the February 26, 2024, Budget Committee meeting.

Miranda Virone of Buffalo Township commented on the Pennsylvania Music Education Association activities in the District, the 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget, and commercial expansion in the District.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. DiGiacobbe, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Risch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

/s/ Gary L. Risch, Jr.

Board President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Board Secretary