

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 11, 2014

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

Roll call:

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

Also present was Mr. Wolfe, solicitor.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 7, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
2. It was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 14, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
3. It was moved by Mr. Shoaf, and seconded by Ms. Davies, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 28, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Ms. Dobransky reported that the Board met as follows since the last Regular Meeting, held on May 14, 2014: The Board held a Special Meeting to discuss and award bids on the Freeport Area Middle School Project on May 28, 2014. The Board met in Executive Session on June 4, 2014 and June 11, 2014, to discuss personnel, real estate, and legal issues, and confidential student matters. Ms. Dobransky also reported that the final paper ballot count on the May 14, 2014 Regular Meeting agenda item 8.d. (action on approving the proposed budget for the 2014-2015 school year for the Lenape Technical School) was four (4) votes to approve and five (5) votes not to approve and those results will be reported to Lenape Technical School administration.
5. Mr. DeVivo provided the Board with Administration's report, as per the attachment.

6. Mr. Lucovich reported on the highlights of the 2013-2014 school year and thanked the teachers in attendance for their work on behalf of the District.
7. Dr. Prazenica reported that ARIN's board would be meeting the following week.
8. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Pennsylvania School Boards Association is focused on the pension reform efforts underway in the General Assembly and that the issue is currently being reviewed by the Public Employee Retirement Commission.

Personnel

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

- a. To employ the following individuals as full time Teachers for the District, effective August 21, 2014, at the annual salaries indicated for each, and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements:

Katelyn A. Schulmeister	\$37,000
Julianne R. Prescott	\$36,000
Robert M. Palmiter	\$37,000
Courtney L. Eiler	\$37,000
Samantha M. Veights	\$36,000

- b. To approve the request of Leanne M. Cherosky, Teacher, to use accrued sick leave followed by child-rearing leave for the period beginning on August 21, 2014 and continuing through September 29, 2014, in accordance with Board Policy.
- c. To approve the extension of an adjusted hourly wage rate of \$16.50 for Kimberly A. Pollino, Head Cook, to reflect the assignment of additional responsibilities through August 2014.
- d. To approve the employment of Matthew M. Huston as an intern with the District's information technology group, at an hourly wage rate of \$7.25, effective June 11, 2014 through August 22, 2014, pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

- e. To approve the supplemental contracts for staff members to complete student scheduling and provide health care services under the direction of the Administration during the summer of 2014 in accordance with the following schedule up to the maximum days specified:

Guidance Staff:

Senior High School	up to 30 days total
Junior High School	up to 12 days total
Elementary	up to 10 days total

Nurses:

Secondary	up to 8 days total
Elementary	up to 7 days total

- f. To employ William L. Siegel as Athletic Trainer for the 2014-2015 school year at an annual salary of \$20,255.00.
- g. 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 and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- h. To employ the personnel listed on the attachment for the District's extracurricular programs during the 2014-2015 school year, according to contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and pending satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously, except for item 3.a., on which Mr. Borrelli voted *No*.

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the request of teachers Danielle Kirkwood, Linsey Westerman, and Tiffany Trudgen to attend the John Collins Summer Institute to be held in State College, Pennsylvania, from July 8-9, 2014, at an estimated cost to the District of \$1,150.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the appointment of the Comprehensive Plan Committee members listed on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve OpenArc, LLC as provider of an IP telephone system for all district buildings, excluding the Junior High School and the Kindergarten Center, at a cost of \$103,136 for hardware and implementation, pending state COSTARS contract approval, per the attached proposal.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the student activity groups as per the attachment for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Finance

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve the following depositories for continued use:

- PNC Bank, National Association
- First Commonwealth Bank
- Farmers & Merchants Bank of Western PA (F&M Bank)
- Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)
- Pennsylvania Treasurer's INVEST Program for Local Governments and Nonprofits
- Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
- First National Bank of Pennsylvania.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To appoint Children's Community Pediatrics as elementary and secondary and athletic school physicians for the 2014-2015 school year at an annual rate of \$6,500.
- f. To appoint Drs. F.S. and D.L. DeMarco as school district dentists for the 2014-2015 school year at an annual rate of \$100.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. To appoint the firm of Tucker Arensberg, P.C. as school board solicitor for the 2014-2015 school year as per its proposal dated May 28, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- h. To award the District's property and casualty insurance coverage for the 2014-2015 school year to Ohio Casualty through the Hallman Agency in the amount of \$61,493.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- i. To award the District's workmen's compensation insurance coverage for the 2014-2015 school year to Highmark through Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. in the amount of \$42,782.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- j. To adopt the attached 2014-2015 school district budget in the amount of \$27,164,753, providing for the reenactment of specified Act 511 taxes, authorizing computation of real estate tax equalization as established by Board motion on October 11, 1994, and setting tax rates as follows:

- Earned Income Tax at ½ of 1%
- Real Estate Transfer Tax at 1%
- Local Service Tax at \$10.00
- Real Estate Tax/Armstrong County: 55.8 Mills
- Real Estate Tax/Butler County: 130.3 Mills

Roll call vote:

Mr. Borrelli	No
Ms. Davies	Yes
Mr. Gaiser	No
Mr. Huth	Yes
Mr. Lucovich	Yes
Dr. Marty	Yes
Dr. Prazenica	No
Mr. Shoaf	Yes
Ms. Toy-Gaydos	No

Vote count: Five (5) Yes votes; Four (4) No votes. The motion carried.

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

- k. To authorize a homestead and farmstead real estate tax assessment exclusion for the school year beginning July 1, 2014, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as per the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- l. To retain the firm of Mark C. Turnley, CPA, as school district auditors for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014; June 30, 2015; and June 30 2016, at an annual rate of \$13,000 for each fiscal year audited.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- m. Action to authorize the business manager to enter into contracts to renew, extend or replace the appointed earned income tax collectors for the Buffalo Township, South Buffalo Township, and Freeport Borough municipalities, with commission rates to remain at ten percent (10%) for all contracts.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- n. To approve the student lunch price for the 2014 2015 school year of \$2.75.

Motion carried on a vote of eight (8) to one (1), with Dr. Marty voting *No*.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve Change Order #1 submitted by David E. Wooster and Associates in the amount of \$3,200 related to the Freeport Area Middle School Monroe Road Access Highway Occupancy Permit.
- b. To approve Change Order #1 submitted by David E. Wooster and Associates in the amount of \$16,875 related to the Freeport Area Middle School Transportation Impact Study.

Motion carried on a vote of seven (7) to two (2), with Mr. Gaiser and Dr. Prazenica voting *No* on both items.

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

- c. To approve Benjamin S. Goldinger and Audrey S. Clawson as student board members for the 2014 2015 school year.

Motion carried on a vote of eight (8) to zero (0), with Mr. Borrelli *abstaining*.

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

- d. To award the contract for the purchase of marching band uniforms to DeMoulin Brothers & Company in the amount of \$55,225.60.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To approve the District's entering into the attached Day Treatment Contract with Adelphoi Education, Inc. for alternative education services during the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- f. To approve the election of Jean Stull as the Lenape Joint Operating Committee and Armstrong County Area Vocational-Technical School Board Treasurer for a one (1)-year term expiring on June 30, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- g. To *table* item 8.g. (to approve the Non-Surface Oil and Gas Agreement with MDS Energy, Ltd., on approximately 30.15 acres located in South Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, Tax Parcel No. 44-175.00-02-66).

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board will meet for a Special Meeting tentatively scheduled for July 9, 2014 at 7:30 pm, to be noticed at a later date. Mr. Lucovich announced that the July 2, 2014 Committee Meeting and the July 9, 2014 Regular Meeting were canceled.

#### Public Comment

Mr. Mike Joyce, of 408 Iron Bridge Road, Freeport, representing the Girls Soccer Boosters, addressed the Board regarding the hiring process for the Girls Soccer Coach position.

*Mr. Gaiser left the meeting at 9:02 pm.*

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Marty, and seconded by Mr. Shoaf, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

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President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

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Secretary