

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors was called to order by Mr. Daniel P. Lucovich, President, at 7:34 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Also present were student school board members Claire Crytzer and Sophia Reitz and District solicitor Mr. Fred Wolfe.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Reports

1. It was moved by Ms. Davies, and seconded by Mr. Gaiser, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 14, 2016. 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 September 14, 2016: The Board met in Executive Session on October 5, 2016, to discuss personnel, safety and security, contracts and negotiations, and real estate matters. The Board held its Committee Meeting on October 5, 2016. The Board held an Athletics Committee Meeting on October 12, 2016. The Board met in Executive Session on October 12, 2016, to discuss personnel and contracts and negotiations matters.
3. Mr. Robb reported that the District's proposed Comprehensive Plan was currently posted for public review and comment. Mr. Lucovich commended the Comprehensive Plan Committee for its work in drafting the Plan.
4. Mr. Magness directed the members' attention to Administration's report attached to the agenda, noting the information provided about Pennsylvania Department of Education plans for school funding included in his report.

5. Mr. Robb introduced Sara Lang, the District's K-12 College/Career and Elementary Counselor, to the members, who welcomed her to the District. Mr. Robb referred the members to his portion of Administration's report and provided an overview of the recently released state assessment results.
6. Dr. Prazenica reported that the board of the Armstrong Indiana Intermediate Unit's board would meet the following week.
7. Mr. Lucovich reported that Lenape's board would meet the following week.
8. Ms. Bollinger reported that the state legislature was working on a comprehensive plan for pension reform that would be released in the near future, along with a charter school reform bill. She noted that the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) was monitoring the progress of the legislation. Dr. Prazenica noted for the members' information that Lynn Foltz, PSBA's regional representative, would be resigning from her position in the upcoming weeks.
9. Ms. Toy-Gaydos reported that the Athletics Committee met earlier in the day and had discussed the fact that student athletics participation was up, possibly as a result of the opening of the new stadium. She announced that all fall sports teams were having winning seasons. Ms. Toy-Gaydos noted that the opening of the stadium had gone smoothly. She announced that the Board would be voting during the meeting on cooperative sponsorships with other school districts to allow more student participation in athletics.
10. Mr. Borrelli reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation had not met since his last report to the Board.
11. Student School Board members Claire Crytzer and Sophia Reitz provided the members with their report of student activities in the District.

### Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Scott T. Jones, full time Custodian, effective on a date to be determined.
- b. To grant the request of Linsey A. Schnur, Teacher, for uncompensated Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave beginning on or around February 13, 2017.
- c. To grant the request of Dolores M. Austin, Cafeteria Worker, for uncompensated Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave beginning on a date to be determined.
- d. To approve the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's athletics programs during the 2016-2017 school year, with

salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.

- e. To approve the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's extracurricular programs during the 2016-2017 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve a cooperative agreement with Penn United Technologies, Inc. for students to enroll in the Students Acquiring Technical Skills (SATS) course.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the establishment of a cooperative sponsorship, as part of the requirements of the WPIAL and PIAA, between Freeport Area High School and Armstrong Jr./Sr. High School, for Boys Volleyball, at no additional cost to the District and contingent on the approval of the Armstrong School District.
- b. To approve the establishment of a cooperative sponsorship, as part of the requirements of the WPIAL and PIAA, between Freeport Area High School and Leechburg Area Jr./Sr. High School, for Boys Lacrosse, at no cost to the District and contingent on the approval of the Leechburg Area School District.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Finance

Mr. Manzer provided the members with an overview of the September Financial Reports, the Payments lists, and the other Finance items on the agenda.

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

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

- c. To approve the attached resolution regarding the collection of interim real estate tax bills.
- d. To approve a transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$2,000,000, related primarily to the completion of the FASD Middle School Project, Athletic Stadium Project, and Buffalo and South Buffalo Elementary Roof Project.
- e. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Policy

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

- a. To adopt the attached revised School Board Policy No. 246 (Student Wellness).

Motion carried unanimously.

### Other Business

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

- a. To approve the 2016-2017 membership of Ian M. Magness, Superintendent, in The Forum for Western Pennsylvania School Superintendents, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$1,250.
- b. To approve the District's entering into the attached contract for educational services with Armstrong School District for the 2016-2017 school year.
- c. To approve the District's entering into the attached contract for special education learning support services with Armstrong School District for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve attached Change Order No. 001 to the Freeport Area School District Elementary School Partial Roof Replacement Project General Construction Agreement with Miller-Thomas-Gyekis, Inc. dated February 11, 2016, at no additional cost in the contract sum.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that Board would hold its next Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at 7:30 pm, and its next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area High School.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Borrelli encouraged the members to visit the High School's FabLab.

Comments from Visitors

Joanne Bowser from Buffalo Township asked what the Board had determined from its inquiry into the information she reported at the September meeting about the District's golf program. Mr. Lucovich responded that the District's school and student events coordinator was preparing the information and that someone in the District would provide it to her in the next few days.

James Swartz of Freeport Borough and Richard Hill of Buffalo Township commented the District's school nutrition program and specifically on the reduction in student lunch participation experienced in the last year.

Mr. Swartz also asked questions regarding the sale of engraved bricks at the Stadium and the process the District uses to manufactures the bricks.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Borrelli commended the District's student body for the respect shown at school-sponsored events.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Gaiser, and seconded by Mr. Bollinger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

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President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

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Secretary