

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2018

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

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Mr. Borrelli	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Hill	Present
Mr. Huth	Absent
Mr. Lucovich	Present
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.

The Board recognized the members of the District's Volleyball Team, which had finished its season as the PIAA 2017 2A State Champions. James Swartz, Freeport Borough Mayor, who was attending as a meeting visitor, also recognized the team members for their accomplishments, on behalf of the Borough council.

### Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Hill, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica, to approve the minutes of the Organization Meeting held on December 6, 2017 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 13, 2017. 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 on December 13, 2017: The Board met in Executive Session on January 17, 2018, to discuss personnel and contracts and negotiations matters.
3. Mr. Magness directed the members' attention to Administration's report attached to the agenda.
4. Dr. Prazenica reported that the January meeting of the Armstrong Indiana Intermediate Unit (ARIN) had been canceled due to weather.
5. Ms. Bollinger reported on the results of a study indicating that high school students with later school day start times perform better in school.

6. Mr. Borrelli reported that the January meeting of the Freeport Area School District Foundation board was canceled due to weather.
7. Student school board members Clair Crytzer and Sophia Reitz provided the members with their reports on student activities.

#### Personnel

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

- a. To approve a request from Employee No. 3818 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave.
- b. To approve a request for sabbatical leave for restoration of health for Employee No. 1046 for the duration of the second term of the 2017-2018 school year in accordance with the provisions of Section 1166 of the Pa. School Code and Freeport Area School District Policy No. 338, subject to the provision of such additional documentation as may be required.
- c. To approve the early-bird and mentor teacher and substitute personnel compensation rates provided on the attachment, for the 2018-2019 school year.
- d. To approve the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's athletics programs during the 2017-2018 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
- e. To approve the substitute personnel listed on the attachment for the 2017-2018 school year, at compensation rates approved by the board, contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the attached Dual Enrollment Agreement with Indiana University of Pennsylvania, to permit participation of District students in the University's dual enrollment program during the 2017-2018 through 2022-2023 school years, at no cost to the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the request of Dana S. Roach, Teacher, and 15 High School students for approval of an overnight field trip to attend the 2018 DECA State Career Development Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on February 21-23, 2018, at no cost to the District other than the cost of one substitute teacher for three days (\$270).

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the request of Charles M. Shipman, Jr., Band Director, for approval of a field trip with five (5) High School students to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region II Band Festival to be held in Rural Valley, Pennsylvania, on February 22-24, 2018, at a cost to the District of \$645, including the cost of a substitute teacher.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the request of six (6) staff members/employees and 77 High School students for final approval of an overnight field trip to Washington, DC, on April 7-9, 2018, at a cost to the District of approximately \$500 for substitute staff for one day.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

It was moved by Ms. Toy-Gaydos, and seconded by Mr. Borrelli, to approve agenda items 6.a. and 6.b.

Mr. Manzer provided the members with an overview of the attached December financial reports and payments lists.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the attached Resolution No. 2018-01 approving the preliminary budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year and authorizing the referendum exception and final budget notice.

Roll call vote:

Ms. Bollinger	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Borrelli	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Davies	<u>No</u>
Mr. Haven	<u>No</u>
Mr. Hill	<u>No</u>
Mr. Huth	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Lucovich	<u>Yes</u>
Dr. Prazenica	<u>No</u>
Ms. Toy-Gaydos	<u>Yes</u>

Vote count: Four (4) Yes votes; four (4) No votes. The motion did *not* carry.

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

- d. To approve the attached Resolution No. 2018-01 approving the preliminary budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Roll call vote:

Ms. Bollinger	<u>No</u>
Mr. Borrelli	<u>No</u>
Ms. Davies	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Haven	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Hill	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Huth	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Lucovich	<u>No</u>
Dr. Prazenica	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Toy-Gaydos	<u>No</u>

Vote count: Four (4) Yes votes; four (4) No votes. The motion did *not* carry.

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

- e. To approve the attached Resolution No. 2018-01 approving the preliminary budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year and authorizing the referendum exception and final budget notice.

Roll call vote:

Ms. Bollinger	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Borrelli	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Davies	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Haven	<u>No</u>
Mr. Hill	<u>No</u>
Mr. Huth	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Lucovich	<u>Yes</u>
Dr. Prazenica	<u>No</u>
Ms. Toy-Gaydos	<u>Yes</u>

Vote count: Five (5) Yes votes; three (3) No votes. The motion carried.

Policy

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

- a. To approve attached revised School Board Policy No. 302 (Employment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent).
- b. To approve attached revised School Board Policy No. 311 (Reduction of Staff).
- c. To approve attached revised School Board Policy No. 808 (Food Services).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To authorize the superintendent or his designee, in accordance with District Policy No. 711, to dispose of books, furniture, equipment, supplies, or other school property that has no longer been deemed of value to the educational purpose of the District and has current value of \$100 or less, in a manner prescribed under the School Code for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the election of Daniel Lucovich and Anthony Shea to the offices of President and Vice President, respectively, of the Lenape Technical School Joint Board, each for one-year terms.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- c. To approve the proposed revised 2017-2018 District Calendar, as presented on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. To approve the attached Resolution No. 2018-02 opposing Education Savings Accounts (ESA) Voucher Programs as proposed by Pa. Senate Bill 2 of 2018.

Roll call vote:

Ms. Bollinger	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Borrelli	<u>No</u>
Ms. Davies	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Haven	<u>No</u>
Mr. Hill	<u>No</u>
Mr. Huth	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Lucovich	<u>Yes</u>
Dr. Prazenica	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Toy-Gaydos	<u>Yes</u>

Vote count: Five (5) Yes votes; three (3) No votes. The motion carried.

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

- e. To accept an anonymous donation in the amount of \$3,000, to be used to offset negative student cafeteria accounts.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Next Meetings

Mr. Lucovich announced that the Board would hold its next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 7:30 pm, at the Freeport Area High School, with an informational session to be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

### Comments from Visitors

James Swartz, of Freeport Borough, inquired about Board voting procedure with regard to tie votes. He went on to report that he is tired or paying school taxes and that Freeport Borough is unable to raise taxes.

Mr. Magness reminded the visitors that the District had already made drastic cuts and taken other cost-cutting measures, including the reassignment of 22 staff members. He reported that the types of reductions discussed during the meeting would come at the cost of student programs. He noted that District administration is committed to mitigating the impact of budget decisions on taxpayers but that it is most important to mitigate the impact of those decisions on kids and that he and the District's staff would continue to advocate for kids.

Comments from Board Members

Dr. Prazenica commended Mr. Lucovich on his handling of the meeting and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of the volleyball team.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

/s/ Daniel P. Lucovich

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President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

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Secretary