

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 12, 2020

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 High School was called to order by Mr. John K. Haven, President, at 7:45 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Hill	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Mr. Lucovich	Absent
Dr. Prazenica	Present
Mr. Selinger	Present
Mr. Toncini	Present

Also present District solicitor Mr. Daniel Conlon.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Hill, and seconded by Mr. Selinger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 13, 2020. 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 February 13, 2020: The Negotiations Committee met on February 13, 2020. The Negotiations Committee met on March 2, 2020. The Board met in Executive Session on March 5, 2020, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, and Contracts and Negotiations Matters. The Board held its Committee Meeting on March 5, 2020. The Negotiations Committee held a negotiations session with the Freeport Education Association and the Freeport Education Support Personnel Association on March 9, 2020. The Board met in Executive Session on March 12, 2020, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel, Contracts and Negotiations, and Legal Matters.
3. At the Committee Meeting held on March 5, 2020, Mr. Robb, Program Director, provided the Board with an overview of the changes for the 2020-2021 school year to the High School and Middle School Programs of Study.
4. Superintendent Magness referred the Directors to Administration's report provided as an agenda attachment. He stated that the District was prepared for what it needed to be prepared for.

5. Mr. Lucovich gave his report on Lenape Technical School at the Board's March 5, 2020, Committee Meeting: He referred the Directors to the Lenape Technical School board's meeting agenda and meeting minutes provided with the agenda attachments. He noted that Lenape's proposed budget for 2020-2021 will include a 1.7% fee increase for all districts. Mr. Lucovich reported that contracts with Lenape's support staff were being finalized.
6. Dr. Prazenica reported that the Armstrong-Indiana Intermediate Unit (ARIN) board would meet later in the month and that 2020 was the IU's 50th year.
7. Ms. Bollinger presented her report on legislative matters, as provided on the attachment.
8. At the Committee Meeting held on March 5, 2020, Ms. Bollinger presented the reports of the Student School Board Members, who were unable to attend either of the March 2020 meetings.

Personnel

It was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica,

- a. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2019-2020 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
- b. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Extracurricular Programs during the 2019-2020 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
- c. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Extracurricular Programs during the 2020-2021 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board.
- d. To approve the attached list of bus drivers for the 2019-2020 school year as recommended by the State Auditors.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Freeport Education Association - PSEA - NEA providing for an adjustment to the expiration date of the Collective Bargaining Agreement dated September 9, 2015, from August 31, 2020 to August 23, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

It was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Dr. Prazenica,

- a. To adopt the High School Programs of Study for the 2020-2021 school year, as provided on the attachment and subject to change at Administration's discretion.
- b. To adopt the Middle School Programs of Study for the 2020-2021 school year, as provided on the attachment and subject to change at Administration's discretion.
- c. To approve the request of Donald W. Dell, Jr., and Richard A. Burns, Special Services Coordinator, for approval of an overnight conference: Special Education Leadership Summer Academy, to be held in Bedford, Pennsylvania, on July 20-22, 2020, at a cost to the District of \$1,236.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve the request of Charles M. Shipman, Jr., Band Director, and two High School students for approval of an overnight field trip to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region II Band Festival in Indiana, Pennsylvania, on March 25-27, 2020, at a cost to the District of \$892, including the cost of one substitute teacher for two days (\$200).
- b. To approve the request of Thomas D. Koharchik, Choral Director, and Charles M. Shipman, Jr., Band Director, for approval of a Music Department overnight field trip to Baltimore, Maryland, on May 8-9, 2020, at a cost to the District of \$200 for the cost of two substitute teachers for one day.
- c. To approve the request of Charles M. Shipman, Jr., Band Director, for approval of the Senior class overnight field trip to Washington, DC, on May 15-17, 2020, at a cost to the District of \$100 for the cost of one substitute teacher for one day.
- d. 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 2020 spring-summer season as described on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy

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

- a. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 222 (Tobacco and Vaping Products).
- b. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 323 (Tobacco and Vaping Products).
- c. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 610 (Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation).
- d. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 611 (Purchases Budgeted).
- e. To adopt attached new School Board Policy No. 702.2 (Memorials).
- f. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 707 (Use of School Facilities).
- g. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 805.2 (School Security Personnel).
- h. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 810.1 (School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers).
- i. To adopt attached revised School Board Policy No. 904 (Public Attendance at School Events).

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To approve the proposed budget of the Armstrong Indiana (ARIN) Intermediate Unit for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, as presented on the attachment.
- b. To approve the attached contract with Mickey W. Bowser, to serve as a School Police Officer, at the hourly rate of \$27.50, in accordance with the terms of the attached independent contractor agreement, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-appointment requirements.
- c. To approve the attached contract with Daniel E. Kline, Sr., to serve as a substitute School Police Officer, at the hourly rate of \$27.50, in accordance with the terms of the attached independent contractor agreement, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-appointment requirements.

- d. To authorize the District solicitor to file the attached Petitions for Appointment of School Police Officers with the Court of Common Pleas of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, and the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County, Pennsylvania.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- e. To approve the attached contract with OA Systems, LLC, for managed internal broadband services to be provided at a rate of \$32 per student prior to any applicable e-rate discounts, for the 2020-2021 school year and renewable for five (5) additional years.
- f. To approve the attached Cyber Services Agreement with Seneca Valley School District, for online instructional program services to be provided during the 2020-2021 through 2024-2025 school years, for an annual maintenance fee of \$1,500 and the course fees listed on Exhibit A to the Agreement.
- g. To approve the attached Transportation Procedures Memorandum of Understanding with Butler County Children and Youth Agency.
- h. To accept an Act 44 Grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, in the amount of \$35,000.
- i. To approve the attached proposed 2020-2021 District calendar and approving the following official local school district holidays pursuant to Section 1502: November 27, 2020; and December 28-31, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously, with the exception of item (i), with Ms. Davies voting *No* on item (i).

It was moved by Dr. Prazenica, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger,

- j. To approve the attached resolution calling for charter school funding reform.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Ryan Manzer, Business Manager, referred the members to his attached report.

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

- a. To approve the attached February financial reports.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachment.
- c. To approve the attached list of budgetary transfers.
- d. To authorize Administration to enter into joint purchasing agreements with other school districts or intermediate units in Pennsylvania for purchases for the 2020-2021 school year.
- e. To approve the attached resolutions constituting a debt ordinance under the local government unit debt act, related to the refunding of the District's General Obligation Bonds Series of 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Haven announced that the Board would hold its next Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2020, and its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., at the Freeport Area High School.

Comments from Visitors

Frank Borrelli of Buffalo Township commended the District's students on their success as the recent PJAS and PRSEF competitions.

Comments from Board Members

Dr. Prazenica commended the District's coaches on their performance over the prior weeks.

Dr. Prazenica suggested that the new members of the Board consider accepting the position of the Board's ARIN representative after his term expires.

Ms. Davies inquired about tax relief for boosters. She also encouraged the Board to entertain the possibility of fixing the High School gymnasium.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Bollinger, and seconded by Ms. Davies, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

/s/ John K. Haven

President

/s/ Mary Dobransky

Secretary