

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Freeport Area School District Board of School Directors scheduled for 7:30 pm in the Audion of the Freeport Area High School, 625 South Pike Road, Sarver, Pennsylvania, was called to order by Mr. Adam M. Toncini, President, at 7:41 p.m.

Roll call:

Ms. Bollinger	Present
Ms. Davies	Present
Mr. Haven	Present
Mr. Huth	Present
Dr. Prazenica	Present
Mr. Risch	Present
Mr. Selinger	Present
Mr. Toncini	Present
Ms. Zembrzuski	Present

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

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Toncini requested a motion to add *Personnel* item 3.h. to the agenda:

3.h. Action on approving the employment of Renee M. Bogan as Interim 6-12 Assistant Principal, effective September 12, 2022.

It was moved by Mr. Haven, and seconded by Mr. Risch, to add *Personnel* item 3.h. to the agenda, as read.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Toncini welcomed members of the public. He solicited public comment on the items on the posted agenda and the read-in items. No public comments were offered.

Reports

1. It was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Mr. Haven, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 4, 2022, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 11, 2022. 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 August 11, 2022: The Board met in Executive Session on September 1, 2022, to discuss Safety and Security, Personnel Matters, and Legal Matters. The Board held a Special Meeting for

general business purposes on September 1, 2022. The Board held a Committee Meeting on September 1, 2022. The Board met in Executive Session on September 8, 2022, to discuss Safety and Security and Personnel Matters.

3. Kelly Valmassoni, Regional Manager of Nutrition Inc., reviewed the attached presentation with information about school nutrition programs for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Magness commended Cassandra Mielke, of Nutrition Inc., for her work as the District's school nutrition program supervisor.
4. Mr. Magness provided an overview of the PartnerUp Program, for high school juniors and seniors. He noted that the Program provided good opportunities for District students.
5. Mr. Toncini reported that he had personally attended an Open House program at Buffalo Elementary a few days prior and that the event went well. He also noted that High School teacher Mr. Crighton had requested volunteers to talk to his Consumer Education class about personal finance.
6. Mr. Toncini reported that Lenape Technical School's board would meet the following week.
7. Dr. Prazenica reported that the executive director of the Armstrong-Indiana Intermediate Unit 28 (ARIN) board was planning to attend the Board's October 13, 2022, regular meeting.
8. Mr. Selinger reported that Fall sports programs were very busy and the District teams were doing well in their competitions.
9. Mr. Haven reported on Pennsylvania House Bills 1254, 3016, and 3017 and Pennsylvania Senate Bill 911
10. Ms. Bollinger reported that the Freeport Area School District Foundation's 2022 Golf Outing would be held on Sunday, September 18, 2022, at Buffalo Golf Course.

Personnel

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

- a. To accept the resignation of Michael T. Toole, Jr., 6-12 Assistant Principal, effective September 2, 2022.
- b. To accept the resignation of Erin S. Bowser, part time Cafeteria Worker, effective September 16, 2022.
- c. To approve the request of Employee No. 1757 for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

- d. To approve the employment of Heather L. Cooper as an Educational Assistant for the 2022-2023 school year, at an hourly wage rate of \$14.00, effective September 9, 2022, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre employment requirements.
- e. **TO TABLE AN ITEM** to approve the employment of [TBD] and [TBD] as full time Custodians, at an hourly wage rate of \$15.50, effective September 9, 2022, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- f. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Athletics Programs during the 2022-2023 school year, with salaries in accordance with contracted terms of remuneration approved by the Board and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- g. To approve the employment of the paid and volunteer individuals listed on the attachment for the District's Extracurricular Programs during the 2022-2023 school year, 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 Renee M. Bogan as Interim 6-12 Assistant Principal, effective September 12, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum and Technology

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

- a. To approve the dual enrollment of Freeport Area High School students in the Allegheny County Fire Academy Fire Service Training Program's Entry Level Fire Training Elective Class during the 2022-2023 school year, at no cost to the District, as described on the attachment.
- b. To approve the District's participation in the PartnerUp Senior and Junior Programs, described on the attachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics and Activities

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

- a. To approve an overnight student field trip to New York City, as described on the attachment, on November 19-22, 2022, at no cost to the District other than the cost of five substitute teachers for two days.

- b. To grant pre-approval for a High School student field trip to France with stops in Switzerland and Germany, in June 2024, as described on the attachment, at no cost to the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

- a. To cast the District's vote for the following candidates for 2023 Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) Officers: Michael Gossert, for a 1-year term as President; Allison Mathis for a 1-year term as Vice President; and for the following PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees: Kathy K. Swope and Robert M. Marcus, for 3-year terms ending December 31, 2025.
- b. To approve the attached contract for educational services with Armstrong School District for the 2022-2023 school year.
- c. To approve the attached contract for special education learning support services with Armstrong School District for the 2022-2023 school year.
- d. To approve the attached Agreement with Wesley Family Services for educational services, which may be provided to District resident students during the 2022 2023 school year, at an hourly rate of \$29.
- e. To approve the attached agreement with Southwood Psychiatric Hospital for academic tutoring services to be provided during the 2022-2023 school year at a daily rate of \$90.
- f. To approve the attached Clinical Support Tuition Service Agreement with Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc., for services to be provided to a resident student in accordance with the student's IEP during the 2022-2023 school year, at a cost to the District of \$35,996.94.
- g. To approve the attached contract with Michael Todd Veselicky, to serve as a School Police Officer, at the hourly rate of \$30.00, in accordance with the terms of the attached independent contractor agreement, and contingent on satisfactory completion of all pre-appointment requirements.
- h. To authorize the District solicitor to file the attached Petitions for Appointment of School Police Officer with the Court of Common Pleas of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, and the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County, Pennsylvania.
- i. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Math-Mania! Interactive and Engaging Supplemental Resources" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$233.00).

- j. To accept the DonorsChoose.org donation for the South Buffalo Elementary School Project: "Organizing and Labeling in the Making" described on the attachment (Total Project Cost \$360.24).

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Mr. Walker referred the members to his business managers reports for August provided as an attachment.

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

- a. To approve the attached August financial reports.
- b. To approve the bills for payment listed on the attachments.
- c. To approve the attached Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) for annual PILOT payments in the amount of \$17,526.10, beginning with the 2022 calendar year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meetings

Mr. Toncini announced that the Board would hold its next Special/Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 7:30 pm, and its next Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Comments from Board Members

Ms. Bollinger reported that FASD resident student Matthew Pascucci had received honors for his academic performance while attending Lenape Technical School.

Mr. Risch asked that Administration notify him if the Buffalo Township volunteer fire department can assist the High School with the fire service training program the Board had approved earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Selinger, and seconded by Ms. Bollinger, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

/s/ Adam M. Toncini
President

/s/ Mary Dobransky
Board Secretary