

APRIL 7, 2011

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on April 7, 2011, in the Middle School Library. President Kathleen Schlegel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., E.S.T.

Board Members Present:

Lorraine Rocco  
Bobbie Jo Elmer  
Harry Gilarno Arrived (7:50 P.M.)  
Barbara Heyman  
Gregory Lehocky  
Mary Ann Petcovic  
Kathleen Schlegel  
Mike Tibolet

Board Members Absent:

Scott Challis

School Staff Present:

Ron Sofo, Superintendent  
Noriene Plate, Business Manager  
Robert Staub, Principal, High School  
Darlene Corriss, Assistant Principal, High School  
Robert Gallagher, Principal, Middle School  
Debra Baycura, Principal, Conway Elementary  
Rich Edder, Principal, Knob Elementary

Solicitor

N/A

Guests: Swim Team Members and parents to include: Ed Potts, Joan Potts, Conway; Laurey Schweinsberg, Jennifer Kruman, Maria Stewart, Leslie Rizzi, New Sewickley Township (NST); Tom Scott, Freedom; Bill Layton, Swim Coach

Minutes                      Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve the following minutes:  
Agenda Meeting                      March 3, 2011  
Regular Meeting                      March 10, 2011

Roll Call Vote                      Yea Votes -- Tibolet, Elmer, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Petcovic, and Rocco.  
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

Bills                              Motion by Heyman, seconded by Lehocky, to approve the second check run for payment of bills for the month of March 2011, in the amount of \$345,553.94: **Copy of the bills is in each Board Member's packet and copy attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

Roll Call Vote                      Yea Votes – Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco.  
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

2011/2012 School Budget                      Bill Layton, High School Varsity Swim Coach and the following parents/community members voiced their opinion on the possible closing of the pool due to budget matters related to the Governor's proposed budget cuts for education for the 2011-2012 school:

- Bill Layton, Swim Coach – Asked if there will be a swim team and pool for the coming school year. He stated that the pool is a vital program to the students and District.
- Ed Potts, Conway – Asked if we would be looking at reducing all sports in the district and not eliminating three sports in the budget. He also asked that if the pool is closed that it not be used for something else.
- Mrs. Rizzi, New Sewickley Twp – Asked if the Aids in the district will be retained in the budget.
- Jake Cruse, Student, Conway – Said that he taught dozens of students in the District how to swim. Suggested closing something else saying that if closed we will be taking so much away from the students.
- Laurey Schweinsburg, NST – Suggested parents use the gym to raise money for the budget.

- Tom Scott, Freedom – Supported keeping the pool open. Suggested renting the pool to physician therapy groups for seminars and have the football games held during the day and not use the stadium lights.
- Cole Lambert, Student, NSW – Suggested making money through various sports meets; providing scuba instructions.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Greek Catholic Motion by Heyman, seconded by Lehocky, to approve offer from the Greek Catholic Union of the U.S.A. to extend a helping hand to five families in the District during the Easter Holiday Season in the form of a \$65 Food Certificate.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco.  
Motion carried –7 Yeas.

#### Invitation:

The Board has received an invitation to attend the First Five Years Fund, “invest in us” Interactive Exhibit, Thursday, April 14, 9:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M., BVIU (Presented by the BVIU and Beaver County Early Care & Education Council)

#### Other:

Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve use of Communications for 2011 Kids Extravaganza, Community College of Beaver County Dome, Saturday, April 30, 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. (Received from the Office of Senator Elder Vogel, Jr.)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco.  
Motion carried –7 Yeas.

#### Note in Minutes:

RCI Celebration Dinner, Wednesday, May 4, 6:00 P.M., Freedom Area High School Cafeteria – Invitation to follow

### LEGISLATION:

Resolution Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve a resolution opposing Senate Bill 1, Taxpayer-Funded Private School Vouchers (Signatures Required)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco.  
Motion carried –7 Yeas.

### FINANCE:

Budget Transfers Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the following budget transfer:

From: Technology Repair/Maintenance Services	-		\$ 6,000
To: Technology Network Services	-		\$ 6,000

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco.  
Motion carried –7 Yeas.

Revenue Listings Motion by Rocco, seconded by Heyman, to approve release of 2009 State Revenue listings to Keystone Collections (Signature Required)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco.  
Motion carried –7 Yeas.

Operating Budget Following discussion on the 2011-2012 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget, the following motion was made:

Motion by Heyman, seconded by Tibolet, to not pass the 2011-2012 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget - \$3,956,004.77 (Increase of \$63,901.68?)

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco.  
Motion carried –7 Yeas.
- Agreement Annual Accounting Software Maintenance Agreement with ProSoft Technologies, Inc in the amount of \$8,472 for 2011-2012 (Increase of \$180) will be held at this time.

**EDUCATION:**

- Released Time Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve released time according to Act 48:

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

1. Special Education:
  - a. Approve the Following for Henry Podbielski, High School Learning Support Teacher:
    - i. Confirm: Beaver County Transition Career Day Planning Meeting, April 1, Panera Bread-Center Township, Cost Mileage
    - ii. Beaver County Career Day, April 19, Ambridge Area High School, Cost Mileage
  - b. Brittany Keefer, Speech Therapist, Pediatric Dysphasia: Treating the Child and Supporting the Family, May 20, Duquesne University, Cost \$50 Registration Fee Plus Mileage
2. Other:
  - a. Confirm: Ryan Smith, Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Keystone Exam Video Conference, March 3, BVIU, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
  - b. Schools on the Move Conference (Present District's Program to University of Pittsburgh and Other School Districts), April 15, University of Pittsburgh Student Union Center, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage:
    - i. Gene Matsook, Middle School Health and Physical Education Teacher
    - ii. Tami Smithmyer, Middle School Health and Physical Education Teacher
  - c. Pam Tesla, Elementary Literacy Coach, Connecting LETRS to the Classroom, April 27, PaTTAN-Pittsburgh (No Cost)
  - d. Early Learning Academy, April 29, South Side School District, Cost \$5 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
    - i. Heidi Orrico, Conway Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
    - ii. Lori Sacco, Conway Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
  - e. Ron Kelm, Middle School Literacy Coach, Building Background Knowledge t Deepen Comprehension Across Content Areas, May 23, PaTTAN-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage

**STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:**

1. Other:
  - a. Rob James, Middle School Band Director, 2011 PMEA District 5 Jr. High Honors Band, April 8, Mars Area High School, Cost \$225 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage
  - b. Bill Saludis, High School Science Teacher, 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Challenge, April 8, Penn State-Beaver, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
  - c. Beth Majors, Marketing Teacher, International Career Development Conference (DECA), April 29 thru May 4, Orlando, Cost \$95 Registration Fee, Substitute, Lodging (\$934.25), Airfare and Meals

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco.  
Motion carried –7 Yeas.

NOTE: Board Member Harry Gilarno arrived at the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

- Substitute Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Tibolet, to approve and confirm Shelly Traupman as Middle School Substitute Aide effective March 28, 2011, based on a 5 Hour and 45 Minute Workday, Daily Rate of \$59 (Clearances on File)

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.

- Day-To-Day sub Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Shannon Rimer as Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher (Clearances on File)

- Roll Call Vote      Yea Votes – Gilarno, Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.
- Resignation        Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Tibolet, to accept the resignation of Gina Price as Middle School Teacher’s Aid effective April 8, 2011.
- Roll Call Vote      Yea Votes – Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Gilarno, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.
- Homebound        Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Homebound Instruction, According to Policy, for two Big Knob Elementary Students.
- Roll Call Vote      Yea Votes – Gilarno, Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.
- McGuire Home      Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve agreement with Interim Healthcare Services, Inc. for McGuire Home Student for the period of March 2011 thru August 2011, Cost \$42 per hour (4 Hour Day/8 Hours Per Week) (Signatures Required)
- Roll Call Vote      Yea Votes – Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Gilarno, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.

**OPERATIONS:**

- Excel Training      Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Tibolet, to confirm and approve Excel Training March 30, BVIU, Cost \$25 Registration Fee Plus Mileage:
1.      Cathy Baker, High School Attendance & Athletics Secretary
  2.      Joyce Brenner, High School Guidance Secretary
- Roll Call Vote      Yea Votes – Gilarno, Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.
- FMLA                Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Rocco, to approve Intermittent FMLA Leave for Edward Jones, High School Custodian March 8, 2011 (Up to One Year)
- Roll Call Vote      Yea Votes – Gilarno, Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.
- Resignation        Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Rocco, to accept the resignation of Elaine Wright, Food Service Employee, effective April 12, 2011.
- Roll Call Vote      Yea Votes – Gilarno, Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.
- Retirement        Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Rocco, to accept the notice of retirement of Marta Wolfe, Food Service Employee, effective June 9, 2011.
- Roll Call Vote      Yea Votes – Gilarno, Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.
- Outdated Books    Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Lehocky, to approve request to dispose of unused/outdated/poor condition library books at Big Knob Elementary (See Folder for List)
- Roll Call Vote      Yea Votes – Gilarno, Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.
- Architect Letter    The Board reviewed and commented on the final draft of District’s RFP for New Architect (Handout)

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

- Athletic Officials    Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Tibolet, to approve the following rate increase for Varsity and Junior Varsity Baseball and Softball Officials:

1. Varsity Officials - From \$50 to \$55
2. Junior Varsity Officials - From \$35 to \$45

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.

**MEET & DISCUSS**

Student Discipline Executive Session

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Executive Session Motion by Tibolet, seconded by Rocco, for the Board to go into executive session at 8:05 pm, EST to discuss the following:

- ◆ Student Discipline (Meet & Discuss Item A)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.

Adjourn Executive Session Motion by Rocco, seconded by Tibolet, to adjourn executive session at 8:15 pm, EST.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.

Student Discipline Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Lehocky to approve disciplinary action agreement for one High School Student.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Tibolet, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.

Adjourn Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Heyman, to adjourn. All members voting Yea. - 8 Yeas. Adjourned at 8:15 p.m., E.S.T.

  
Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary