

JANUARY 9, 2014

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on January 9, 2014, in the Middle School Library. President Barbara Heyman called the Business Meeting to order at 7:00 pm, EST.

Board Members Present:

Lorraine Rocco
Harry Gilarno
Dawn Greene
Barbara Heyman
Mary Ann Petcovic
Lori Pail
Jennifer Sayer
Dennis Sharpless
Mike Tibolet (Left the meeting at 8:25 pm)

Board Members Absent:

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Noriene Plate, Business Manager
Timothy Dadich, High School Principal
Richard Edder, Elementary School Principal
John Rosa, Faculty & Athletic Director
Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings & Grounds

Solicitor:

John Vogel, Esq

Guests: **Public sign-in sheet is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Accommodations:

- Freedom Area High School Student Rachael Mogielski, 12th Grade, Won First Place in "Database Design and Apps" in the Future Business Leaders of America with CTC
 - Conway Elementary Student Payton Bickerstaff, 1st Grade, Placed Second (Out of 175) in the Beaver County Conservation District's Annual Coloring Contest
 - Freedom Area High School CTC Students of the Month for November 2013:
 - HVAC-R - Chris Droz
 - Commercial Art - Maura Evans
 - Health Occupations - Nicole Hilton
 - Graphic Arts & Printing - Courtney Sandala
 - Automotive Technology - Logan Zeiber
- High School Principal Timothy Dadich said our students do very well at CTC.
- Receipt of Letter from Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation Thanking Freedom Area Middle School for participation and donation in the "Wear a Hat for Cancer 2013"

Presentations:

Presentation by Alisha Phillips, Managing Director, Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, underwriters for the upcoming building project, provided an overview and example of the "General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2014". A ten million dollar bond issue was recommended for the 25 year wrap-around loan with the highest yield set at 5.25%.

Bond Counsel Lisa Chiesa, Clark Hill / Thorp Reed, provided an overview of a "Resolution for Formal Action Constituting a Debt Ordinance Under the Local Government Unit Debt Act".

Note: Board Member Harry Gilarno left the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Gary Meinen, CRIS, Senior Vice President, Wrap-Up Team Leader, Willis of Pennsylvania, Inc. (PSBA Insurance Trust), provided an overview of the "Owner Controlled Insurance Program" for the construction phase of the project. Fifty million dollars of excess liability insurance is provided for the wrap insurance.

Note: Documents will be prepared for adoption at the regular January Board meeting.

Other:

BVIU School Directors' Workshop, RSVP to Sandy DiSante at sdisante@freedom.k12.pa.us by Wednesday, January 15:

- Session 1:
 - Tuesday, January 21, 5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
 - or
 - Saturday, February 1, 8:15 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
- Session 2:
 - Tuesday, March 18, 5:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
 - or
 - Saturday, March 22, 8:15 A.M. – Noon

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Sharpless, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 8:05 pm to discuss the following:

- Board Absences - To obtain legal advice on Board vacancy where Board member fails to attend Board meetings.

Note: Board Member Harry Gilarno returned to the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Petcovic, Rocco, Heyman, Gilarno, Sayre, Greene, Pail, Tibolet and
Vote Sharpless. Motion carried – 9 Yeas

Adjourn Executive Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Rocco, to adjourn executive session at
Session 8:25 pm, EST.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Petcovic, Rocco, Heyman, Gilarno, Sayre, Greene, Pail, Tibolet and
Vote Sharpless. Motion carried – 9 Yeas

Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Gilarno, to accept the resignation of Board Member Mike Tibolet effective today January 9, 2014.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Petcovic, Rocco, Heyman, Gilarno, Sayre, Greene, Pail, and Sharpless.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Note: Mike Tibolet left the meeting at 8:25 pm. Signed letter of resignation attached to the minutes in the minute book, witnessed by Solicitor John Vogel.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion to approve the following Communications items was made by Rocco, seconded by Petcovic, and was unanimously approved through consent agenda:

CA:1 Appoint Board Member Harry Gilarno as IU Board Representative for the unexpired term (effective immediately) thru June 30, 2015 (Previously held by Kathleen Schlegel)

CA:2 Make-up snow days as follows: Snow day February 17th for January 7th

Roll Call Yea Votes – Petcovic, Rocco, Heyman, Gilarno, Sayre, Greene, Sharpless, and Pail.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Heather Ross, Beaver, Teacher Aide at the Big Knob Elementary School, asked for clarification and resolution on scheduled work days for teachers' aides since it has recently changed. Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, said he will meet with the group prior to the regular Board meeting in January to determine impact to the district prior to recommendation to the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Jeffrey Fuller provided an update on the following:

- Outlined January In-Service Activities; Missy Slavic reported on the Curriculum Council saying their next meeting will be held on February 3rd
- Polar Plunge will be held on Saturday, January 11, 1:00 P.M., Bridgewater Landings Marina, \$4,317.00 raised at this time for the Special Olympics of Beaver County

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Greene, to approve the Adjudication for Disciplinary Hearing held on January 9, 2014, Pending Solicitor's Review.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Petcovic, Rocco, Heyman, Gilarno, Sayre, Greene, Sharpless, and Pail.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

EDUCATION:

Motion to approve the following Education items was made by Petcovic, seconded by Gilarno, and was unanimously approved through consent agenda according to Act 48:

CA:1 **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

1. Other:

- a. Confirm: Randy Perkins, Middle School Counselor, Data Quality Network Meeting, December 18 and remainder of 2013-2014 School Year, BVIU, Cost Mileage

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. Other:

- a. Beaver County Honors Band, January 13 and January 24-25, Riverside High School, Cost \$570 Registration Fee, Substitute (January 24 Only), Transportation:
 - i. Keith Kovalic, High School Band Director
 - ii. Rob James, Middle School Band Director
- b. Confirm: Michelle Koutsourais, Middle School 8th Grade Math Teacher, Math Counts Practice Competition, January 9, Geneva College, Cost \$240 Registration Fee, Substitute, Transportation

Roll Call Yea Votes – Petcovic, Rocco, Heyman, Gilarno, Sayre, Greene, Sharpless, and Pail.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

OPERATIONS:

Building & Grounds Report Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings & Grounds, provided the following report:

Big Knob: Repairs to the plumbing and mechanical needs of the facility continue. Power outage occurred Monday, January 7th, due to broken fuse holder on Duquesne Light's 3 phase service. Facility generator operated to supply temporary heat and emergency lighting. Upon power being restored, we completed the mechanical checks and startup of all systems. Due to the extreme weather temperatures, the sewer plant pumping system has frozen. Water testing has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 14th. System operation currently being monitored to determine proper action to be taken.

Conway: December 26th damage to classroom 205, the front office, principal office, and the lower storage room was found. The damage occurred due to a split in univent hot water coil in room 205. The failure in the boiler system occurred on December 25th due to equipment age. A meeting was conducted with the school claims adjuster on site.

Currently working with the adjuster to complete the damage report. The ceilings were replaced, floors stripped and waxed, carpets scrubbed, and damaged item recorded. By relocating staff from other buildings over Christmas break, we were able to complete the work necessary to have the school operational the first day back. Work continues on repairing the faulty hot water coil.

High School: Rekeying High School locks continues with a completion rate of about 80 percent. Responded to a call from Dr. Fuller regarding the fire alarm system being activated at the High

School. Upon arrival, a duct detector fault from roof top unit 13 was found. The system was reset and fan and roof top operations verified. Checks were completed with Freedom and Rochester fire departments. Final cause determined to be a false alarm. System continues to operate correctly with no faults.

- Generator system at the High School was tested and serviced over Christmas break.
- Ordered a new dust collector motor for the industrial arts class. Cost of the motor, not including a lift to install, is \$1058.32. Maintenance will be installing upon arrival of parts.
- Roof top unit B, which supplies heat and ventilation to the boy's pool locker room, is not operational. We are researching to find the necessary control boards to operate the unit properly. Due to the age of the control boards, more than 10 years old, they are no longer available. We are attempting to locate leftover stock or a used computer board. Options will be addressed later.
- Damage to the practice field fence occurred by Rhodes Bussing has been reported and quotes received. We are waiting on Rhodes insurance adjuster to complete the claim.

Middle School: Replacement of the uninvent motors continue; Relocation of the Nurse's office, Mr. Smith's office, and Phase 1 work completed. Phase 2 areas are almost complete with Phase 3 areas cleared for construction and started; Clock bell system has been repaired.

District Wide: All operating times have been adjusted for the HVAC system. This has been done to accommodate current weather conditions at all buildings. Additional steps have been taken to prevent loss to the district.

- Repairs to the District's aging salt spreader have been completed. Replacement of the auger and bearing assembly was necessary. Looking into future options for replacement.
- Due to weather conditions, we have exceeded last year's salt usage to date.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

Motion to approve the following Extra-Curricular items was made by Sharpless, seconded by Gilarno, and was unanimously approved through consent agenda.

CA:1 Resignation of Kathy Ames as High School/Middle School Assistant Volleyball Coach

CA:2 Dayne Bailey as Boys' Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach, Salary According to Contract (Clearances on File)

CA:3 Gary Piehler as Jr. High Assistant Wrestling Coach, Salary According to Contract (Clearances on File)

Roll Call Yea Votes – Petcovic, Rocco, Heyman, Gilarno, Sayre, Greene, Sharpless, and Pail.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

AD Report John Rosa, Athletic Director, provided the following monthly report:

1) Team Progress

Boys Basketball (0-8)

Girls Basketball (5-3) Freedom Tournament Champions

Wrestling (2-2) Kody Komara and Dean Ward won MAC Championships

Boys Swimming (1-3)

Girls Swimming (0-4)

7th Grade Boys Basketball (4-2)

8th Grade Boys Basketball (3-3)

MS Wrestling (2-1)

2) Youth Nights – a huge success – brings in nice crowds

3) Parking and gymnasium entry issues

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session Motion by Rocco, seconded by Sayer, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 9:25 pm to discuss the following:

- Personnel Matter

Roll Call Yea Votes – Petcovic, Rocco, Heyman, Gilarno, Sayre, Greene, Sharpless, and Pail.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Adjourn Executive Motion by Sharpless, seconded by Sayre, to adjourn Executive Session at
Session 9:44 pm, EST.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Petcovic, Rocco, Heyman, Gilarno, Sayre, Greene, Sharpless, and Pail.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Note: No action taken following Executive Session.

Adjourn Motion by Rocco, seconded by Petcovic, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.
8 Yeas. Adjourned at 9:47 pm, EST.

Signed by:


Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary