

MAY 14, 2015

The Freedom Area School Board held their Regular Board Meeting on May 14, 2015, in the Middle School Library. Vice President Mary Ann Petcovic called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Note: A Public hearing on closing Big Knob and Conway Elementary Schools was held prior to the start of the Board Meeting. An Independent Court Stenographer recorded the meeting that began at 6:30 pm. (Transcript attached to the Minutes in the Minutes Book)

Board Members Present:

Alan Colorito
Harry Gilamo (Arrived 7:19 PM)
Dawn Greene
Lori Pail
Mary Ann Petcovic
Jennifer Sayre
Dennis Sharpless (Arrived 7:07 PM)

Board Members Absent:

Barbara Heyman (Hospital)
Lorraine Rocco (Out of State)

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Norlene Plate, Business Manager
Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
William Deal, Principal, High School
Frank Hernandez, Principal, Middle School
Richard Edder, Principal, Elementary Schools
Scott Smith, Construction Representative/Clerk of Services
Gary Mortimer, Director, Building and Grounds

Solicitor:

Mathew Hoffman

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

William Deal, Principal, High School presented Freedom Area High School H.O.P.E. and Student of the Month Awards for March & April 2015: (Administrative Report)

- H.O.P.E. Award - March (Theme --"Someone Important Along the Way"):
 - Andrea Niedbala
- Students of the Month Award – March
 - 12th Grade:
 - Boy - Dakota Pander
 - Girl - Jessica Harding
 - 11th Grade:
 - Boy - Vince Rose
 - Girl - Mia Vogel
 - 10th Grade:
 - Boy - Brett Hartsock
 - Girl - Marissa Cardosi
 - 9th Grade:
 - Boy - Andrew Fleissner
 - Girl - Shelby Hewitt
- Students of the Month Award – April (Theme: On the Track To Success)
 - 12th Grade:
 - Boy - Ryan Kaufman
 - Girl - Kaitlin Shvach
 - 11th Grade:
 - Boy - Timothy Hampe
 - Girl - Michaela Barkley
 - 10th Grade:
 - Boy - Dean Ward
 - Girl - Destiny Ebert

-9th Grade:

- o Boy - Jon Kaercher
- o Girl - Morgan Stewart

Frank Hernandez, Middle School Principal, presented Freedom Area Middle School H.O.P.E. and Student of the month awards for April and May 2015. (Theme – “Determination and Dedication”).

- o - 5th Grade:
Joe Hartle, Erin Harp
- o - 6th Grade:
Gianni Gagliardi, Gabby Barber
- o - 7th Grade:
Kaleb Mayhue , Shyann Komara
- o - 8th Grade:
Luke Peritik, Jake Pail, Hanna Bickle, Claudia Huggins

April and May's combined HOPE Award winners were Mrs. Nancy Swab, Middle School Custodian, and Mr. John Mohrbacher, Boys Basketball Coach and Substitute Teacher (Theme - Community Service).

Invitation:

1. Project Graduation, June 4, 2015 from 11:00 pm to 4:00 am.
2. 20th Annual Baccalaureate Service, Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 pm, Freedom High School Auditorium

Other:

- June 2015 School Board Meeting to be held on June 18

Note in Minutes:

- Important date for end-of-year Middle School/District Activities:
- Middle School Sprint Concert – Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Antonette Kyler, New Sewickley Township, asked what the District is doing about the multiple bomb threats that have occurred. She was concerned with student grades, makeup work, etc. Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, discussed what the District is doing to determine who the offending student(s) is.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, reported on the following:

Mancini Awards

The 2015 Henry Mancini Musical Theater Awards Committee has announced their nominees for this year's awards. Congratulations to Freedom Drama's production of West Side Story, which received 11 nominations for groups and individuals!

Group Nominations included:

- Outstanding Overall Production (includes tech-related components)
- Outstanding Overall Performance (acting only, no tech-related components)
- Outstanding Technical Execution
- Outstanding Choreography Execution
- Outstanding Ensemble
- Outstanding Vocal Ensemble
- Outstanding Community Engagement

Individual Nominations included:

- Outstanding Lead Actor – Robbie Raso
 - Outstanding Lead Actress – Maura Lehocky
 - Outstanding Supporting Actor – Nathan James
 - Outstanding Noteworthy Performance – Ryan Edder
- Additionally, our students were asked to perform a sketch from the musical – the Officer Krupke scene – at the awards ceremony on Saturday, May 30, 2015.

Motion by Greene, seconded by Sayre, to approve our students to attend the Nominee's Reception on Sunday, May 17 at 5:00 pm and the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center, Midland PA at no cost to the district.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Gilarno, Sharpless, Sayre, Pail, Petcovic, and Colorito.
Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

Golden Apple Awards:

The Prevention Network, a youth services provider that serves the school districts of Beaver County, celebrated their first annual Golden Apple Awards last night at their center in Baden. Freedom had 9 nominees for the 2015 Golden Apple Awards. They are:

Elementary:

Candy Bomberger – Conway Grade 1
Erica Davids – Big Knob Kindergarten
Susan Camp – Big Knob Grade 4

High School:

Ruthanne Gudzan – Spanish
Edward Majors – Math
Katherine Gigl – Social Studies

Middle School:

Cindy Zeigler – Grade 6
Tina Boyd – Grade 5
Rich Heisler – Grade 8

Congratulations to all of our nominees!

A special congratulations to Mr. Rich Heisler, who was named the First Runner Up for Middle Level Educator of the Year at last night's awards ceremony!

FINANCE:

Motion to approve the following Finance items was made by Pail, seconded by Gilarno, and unanimously approved through consent agenda: (Copies of items CA:1 – CA:7 are attached to the minutes in the minute book)

- CA:1 Bills in the amount of \$1,189,724.85 (Second Check Run for April 2015)
- CA:2 Bills in the amount of \$545,027.55 (First Check Run for May 2015)
- CA:3 First Capital Check run for April 2015 - \$821.93
- CA:4 First Capital Improvement first Check Run for May 2015 - \$41,527.70
- CA:5 Primary Center construction payment in the amount of \$717,727.22 (First Check Run for May 2015); as approved by VEBH Architects and S. P. Smith Construction (details Enclosed)
- CA:6 April 2015 Treasurer's Reports

	<u>April 2015</u>
Wesbanko - Money Market	\$ 2,666,172.77
Wesbanko - Payroll	\$ 475.72
Wesbanko- General Checking Account	\$ 4,170.04
PA Treasury Invest	\$ 2,765,855.95
PSDLAF – Regular Account	\$ 3,090.84
PSDLAF Max - General Fund	\$ 12,282.40
PSDLAF Term – General Fund	\$ 2,000,000.00
Wesbanko General Fund – CD	\$ 1,255,875.28
PA Treasury-Invest Capital Projects	\$ 615,951.99
PSDLAF Max – Capital Projects	\$ 823,433.99
Wesbanko – Student Activity Account	\$ 59,928.89
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship - CD	\$ 200,000.00
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship	\$ 36,584.87
PSDLAF MAX – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 1,400,000.00
PSDLAF – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 999,970.04
PSDLAF Term – Capital Projects	\$ 2,000,000.00
Wesbanko - Capital Projects Checking	\$ 222,118.43

- Wesbanko - Capital Projects – CD \$ 201,134.17
- CA:7 April 2015 Cafeteria Report
- CA:8 Proposed Final 2015-2016 Budget in the amount of \$21,711,943. **Copy attached to the minutes in the minute book.**
- CA:9 Exoneration of Real Estate Taxes, Penalty and Interest for Conway Property #27-001-0309.000 for the years 1988-2014 in the amount of \$1,388.43.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Gilarno, Sharpless, Sayre, Pail, Petcovic, and Colorito.
Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

EDUCATION:

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

- CA:1 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:
1. Frank Hernandez, Middle School Principal, Dr. Samuel Francis School Law Symposium, University of Pittsburgh, June 17, 2015, Cost registration fee (\$130.00) and transportation (\$31.63 –55 total miles at 57.5 cents per mile)
- CA:2 Extended School Year Scheduled for June 22 through July 24, 2015:
Chelsey Yaromey, 70 Hours of Academic Instruction @ \$30 Per Hour, Plus 5 Hours for Preparation/Documentation – Cost Not to Exceed \$2,250
- CA:3 Adoption of Pearson Digits for Grades 6-8 Math at a cost of \$40,515.96
- CA:4 Pilot of Pearson Envision 2.0 Mathematics for Grades K-5 Math at a Cost of \$3,500 for the 2015-2016 School Year
- CA:5 Adoption of Scholastic Guided Reading Materials for Grades K-6 Language Arts instruction at a cost of \$39,922.85 –Title I Grant

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Sharpless, Sayre, Gilarno, Colorito, Pail, and Petcovic.
Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

OPERATIONS:

Motion to approve the following Operations items was made by Gilarno, seconded by Colorito, and unanimously approved through consent agenda

- CA:1 Resignation from Hilda Eaddy, Part-Time Conway Elementary Custodian, effective June 15, 2015
- CA:2 Becki Spieler, High School Head Cook, Culinary Training for School Food Service Personnel, June 9-11, 2015, no cost to the district.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Colorito, Sharpless, Sayre, Gilarno, Pail, and Petcovic.
Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

Scott Smith, Construction Representative, gave a construction progress update and discussed change orders. Project status to date: 66% scheduled, actual 65%. **Copy of report attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

Motion to approve the following Facilities items was made by Colorito, seconded by Sayre, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

- CA:1 Change Orders as follows:
1. Reroute/extension of emergency overflow draining \$2,460.09
due to interference with steel structure. The location of the piping is in the 2nd floor library area
 2. Modify the insulation type and Z furring at west wall to accommodate curtain wall framing \$ 841.53
- Total \$3,301.62

Note: Change Order to adjust number of exterior windows along corridor B104 from (4) to (3) windows to allow penetrations to match existing bar joist layout previously approved not to exceed \$45,000. Change Order reduced to \$15,000.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Sharpless, Sayre, Gilarno, Colorito, Pail, and Petcovic.
 Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

Motion to approve the following Facilities items was made by Gilarno, seconded by Pail, and unanimously approved through consent agenda

- CA:1 Public Hearing on Closings of Big Knob and Conway Elementary Schools was held at 6:30pm, prior to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2015
 CA:2 Contracted Service of Parks Relocation Solution for the moving of Big Knob and Conway Elementary Schools at a cost not to exceed \$30,000

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Sharpless, Sayre, Gilarno, Colorito, Pail, and Petcovic.
 Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

Motion to approve the following Extra Curricular item was made by Sharpless, seconded by Sayre, and unanimously approved through consent agenda

CA:1 One year contract extension for Edward Shephard as Track Coach, salary according to contract.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Gilarno, Pail, Greene, Colorito, Sharpless, Sayre, and Petcovic,
 Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Greene, seconded by Colorito, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:30 pm, EST, for personnel and legal related matters.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Pail, Greene, Colorito, Sharpless, Gilarno, Sayre, and Petcovic
 Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Greene, for the Board to go out of Executive Session at 8:57 pm, EST.

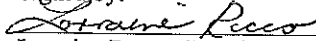
Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Pail, Petcovic, Sharpless, Gilarno, Sayre, and Colorito.
 Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

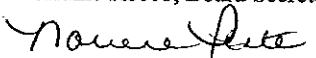
Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Sayre, the Board of School Directors concurs in the recommendation of the Superintendent for the curtailment or alteration of the music program by the elimination of one music teaching position effective June 30, 2015, to conform to standards of organization and due to a substantial decline in pupil enrollments. The Board hereby directs the Administration to notify the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with Section 1124(2) of the Public School Code of the curtailment of the music program. The Board further approves the furlough or non-renewal of the affected employee on the grounds of substantial decrease in pupil enrollment within the District and the curtailment or alteration of the music program effective June 30, 2015.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Colorito, Pail, Petcovic, Sharpless, Gilarno, and Sayre.
 Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

Adjourn Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Sayre, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.
 7 Yeas. Adjourned at 8:58 pm, EST.

Signed by:


 Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary


 Noriene Plate, Business Manager