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Board of Directors Meeting
“Students Are the Center of the Decision Making Process”
October 10, 2013

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Open School Communications: Positive and Constructive Comments Between School Board Members, Administrators and Community:
1. Freedom Area High School H.O.P.E. and Student of the Month Awards for September 2013 (Theme - Kindness and Compassion) **(Administrative Report)**
 - H.O.P.E. Award :
 - Mrs. Maria Porter
 - Student of the Month Award:
 - 12th Grade:
 - Boy - Tristan Cumberledge
 - Girl - Gigi DeWeese
 - 11th Grade:
 - Boy - Ryan Edder
 - Girl - Hope Ruckert
 - 10th Grade:
 - Boy - Brett Adams
 - Girl - Allison Bonaparte
 - 9th Grade:
 - Boy - Jarrett Boyd
 - Girls - Hannah Shumsky
 2. Student Recognition - Lane Ward, National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student **(Administrative Report)**
 3. Accept Donation of Two Reading Books from the Kiwanis Club of New Sewickley Township, as Part of the FARM-tastic Book Program, for Big Knob/Conway Elementary Libraries

COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D):

- B. Invitation:
 - 1. Freedom Area High School National Honor Society Annual Induction Ceremony, Thursday, November 7, 6:00 P.M., High School Auditorium
- C. Other:
 - 1. Approve Appointment of Barbara Heyman as Representative and Mary Ann Petcovic as Alternate to the Beaver County CTC Operating Committee (Three Year Term)
 - 2. **November 2013 School Board Meetings to be Held on November 7 and November 14; December 2013 Reorganization and Board Meetings to be Held on December 5**
- D. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (**Enclosure**)

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

(Formal Request – 10 Minutes / Informal Request – 5 Minutes)

- A. Mrs. Mary White, Parent of Middle School Students – Topic: Budgeting for Academic Games – National Tournaments

MINUTES:

- A. Approve Minutes of September 12 and September 19, 2013

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (**Communications, Item D.**)
- B. Beaver County/Freedom Enrollment Data and Trends (**Superintendent's Report, Item A.**):
 - 1. 2013-2014 Composite Third Day Enrollments for Public Schools, Total 22,196
 - 2. **43 Year History of Third Day Enrollment 1971-1972 thru 2013-2014, From 48,536 to 22,196 (Freedom Area School District From 3,097 to 1,491)**
 - 3. County-Wide Summary by Grade Levels, 1994-1995 to 2013-2014
 - 4. **Charter School Third Day Enrollments by District and Grade Level, 2004-2005 to 2013-2014, From 344 to 1,272 (Freedom Area School District From 14 to 67)**

ENCLOSURES (CONT'D):

5. 2013-2014 Total Third Day Student Enrollments for All Charter Schools for Beaver County School Districts – Total 1,272
6. 2013-2014 Summary of Charter School Enrollments by Grade Level and by District
7. History of Local Charter School Growth
8. 2013-2014 Home Schoolers by Grade Level and School District
9. Ten, Twenty and Thirty Year Third Day Enrollment Data Analysis
- C. Revised Resolution (No. 14 of 2012-2013) Allocating Fund Balance Between Committed, Assigned and Unassigned Funds as Required by GASB 54 (**Finance, Item F.**)
- D. Information Regarding Freedom Area High School Student Participation in the STEM Career Survey and Focus Group (**Education, Item E.**)
- E. Middle School Electrical Contractor Change Order Number 1 (**Facilities Master Plan, Item C.**)
- F. Free-Reduced Lunch Report as of October 1, 2013 – **District at 37.02%**
- G. In/Out Migration Report as of September 2013 – **1,495 (+4 from Third Day Enrollment)**
- H. **Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of October 7, 2013 – Current Projected Annual Cost for 2013-2014 School Year \$612,418.78; 37 Cyber/Charter Students, 30 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students - 67**
- I. 2013-2014 Freedom Area School District General Office Telephone Directory
- J. BVIU School Board Notes for September 25, 2013 Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. District/County Enrollment Data and Trends (**Enclosures**)
- B. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Superintendent to Attend Math & Science Collaborative:
 1. Fall 2013 Network Connections, Thursday, October 24, 8:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M., Carnegie Science Center-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage Plus Parking
 2. Steering Council Meetings for 2013-2014, February 20 and May 14, 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., IU3-Homestead, Cost Mileage
- C. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Superintendent to Attend Session on Transitioning from High School to College, Friday, November 22, 8:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M., Community College of Beaver County, Cost Mileage

LEGISLATION:

Open

FINANCE:

- A. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$791,039.49 (Second Check Run for September 2013)
- B. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$317,816.22 (First Check Run for October 2013)
- C. Approve Capital Improvement Check Run for October 2013 - \$95,737.26
- D. Approve September 2013 Treasurer's Report
- E. Approve September 2013 Cafeteria Report
- F. Approve Revised Resolution (No. 14 of 2012-2013) Allocating Fund Balance Between Committed, Assigned and Unassigned Funds as Required by GASB 54 (**Administrative Report**) (**Signatures Required**) (**Enclosure**)
- G. Approve Lorraine Rocco as Board Treasurer for the Unexpired Term, Effective November 15, 2013, thru June 30, 2014, According to Section 404 of the School Code (Non-Paid Position)

Note in Minutes:

- H. Act 1 Adjusted Index for Freedom Area School District is 2.9% for 2014-2015 Budget; Original Base Index is 2.1%

EDUCATION:

- A. Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. **Special Education:**

- a. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction:
 - i. Pennsylvania Fellowship Program for Special Education Leaders, October 22, Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Cost Lodging, Meals, Mileage, Tolls
 - ii. Assistive Technology (AT) Roundtable: Raising Awareness, October 31, BVIU, Cost \$50 Registration Fee Plus Mileage

EDUCATION (CONT'D):

2. **Other:**
 - a. PA Institute for Instructional Coaching for 2013-2014, October 17, November 13, December 18, February 19, March 12, April 23, May 14, BVIU, Cost Mileage
 - i. Ron Kelm, Middle School Literacy Coach
 - ii. Emily Mather, Elementary Literacy Coach
 - iii. Amy Shultz, Elementary Math Coach
 - b. Beth Majors, High School Technology Teacher, District 2 DECA Advisors Planning Meeting, October 15, Panera's-Cranberry, Cost Substitute
 - c. Chris Bennett, High School Counselor, PHEAA 2013 School Counselor Workshop, November 15, Southpointe Center-Canonsburg (No Cost to District)

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. **Gifted:**
 - a. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator:
 - i. Propaganda and Equations Competition, November 14, Geneva College, Cost \$3.50 Per Student/Game Plus Transportation
 - ii. World Events Competition, January 30, Ambridge Area High School, Cost \$3.50 Per Student/Game Plus Transportation
 - iii. RoboCup Competition, April 8, Ambridge Area High School (Will Use School Van)
 - iv. Science on the Road, October 25, Economy Elementary School, Cost Transportation
2. **Special Education:**
 - a. Financial Reality Fair, October 18, Community College of Beaver County, Cost Substitute Plus Transportation:
 - i. George Miklas, High School Learning Support Teacher
 - ii. Ellen Hill, High School Career Coach
- B. Approve Instructional Staff Attendance at County-Wide In-Service Day Workshops on October 14, 2013 – Cost Registration Fee Plus Mileage
- C. Approve Request from Stephanie Hill, Big Knob Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher, for Two Unpaid Days – October 15 and October 16, 2013 - According to Policy No. 439
- D. Approve Annual Wallops Island, Virginia, Marine Science Consortium Field Trip on the Dates of Wednesday, May 21, thru Saturday, May 24, 2014 – No Cost to District

EDUCATION (CONT'D):

- E. Approve Freedom Area High School Student Participation in the STEM Career Survey and Focus Group **(Administrative Report) (Enclosure)**
- F. Approve FMLA (Intermittently), According to Policy, for Erica Davids, Big Knob Elementary Kindergarten Teacher, Effective October 3, 2013, thru June 6, 2014
- G. Approve Maternity Leave for Brandi Burger, High School Science Teacher, Beginning November 4, 2013, thru February 11, 2014; Followed by FMLA, According to Policy, Beginning February 12 thru June 6, 2014
- H. Approve Maternity Leave for Heather Giammaria, High School English Teacher, Beginning December 3, 2013, thru January 23, 2014; Followed by FMLA, According to Policy, Beginning January 24 thru March 3, 2014
- I. Approve David Billing as Big Knob Elementary Learning Support Aide, Salary \$72 Per Day **(Clearances on File, Pending Receipt of New Employee Drug Screening Test)**
- J. Approve Contract of Service with PA-Educator.net Effective July 1, 2013, thru June 30, 2014 - Cost \$1,750 **(Signatures Required)**

OPERATIONS:

- A. Buildings & Grounds Director Monthly Report
- B. Approve District's Annual Participation in Beaver County Cancer & Heart Association Blood Lipid Screening Program for 7th, 11th and 12th Grade Students and Employees, Wednesday, November 20 - Cost to Students \$5, Cost to Adults \$15
- C. Approve Rental Agreement with Approved Toilet Rentals, Inc. for One Unit to be Placed at Football Stadium for Approximately 28 Days, Cost \$130 **(Signature Required)**
- D. Approve Resolution for District Participation in BVIU 2014-2015 Joint Purchasing Program, Cost \$600 **(Signatures Required)**
- E. Accept Disability Retirement of Donald Watson, Part-Time Custodian, Effective May 3, 2013
- F. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Linda Eldridge, Payroll Coordinator, to Attend Workmen's Compensation Education Event "Effective Return to Work Strategies", October 15, Rivers Casino-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage
- G. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Dave Matthews, Middle School Security Monitor, to Attend School Safety Officer Course, October 26-28, 2013, Chartiers Valley High School, Cost \$345 Registration Fee Plus Mileage

OPERATIONS (CONT'D):

Note in Minutes:

- H. Food Facility Inspection Report by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for Big Knob Elementary School, Status – In Compliance (September 26, 2013)

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

- A. Progress Update
- B. Building Permit Fees
- C. Approve Middle School Electrical Contractor Change Order Number 1 in the amount of \$16,753. Change Order includes two credits from electrical contractor for revisions to the main electrical feeder line locations in the Middle School and the salvage and recycling of abandoned stadium electrical feeder wire. Contractor will remove underground cabling, strip and recycle the copper wire. Change Order includes cost to provide new underground electrical wiring and pad-mounted transformer to service the stadium field lights permanently, eliminating future need for generators at stadium. **(Enclosure)**

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

- A. Accept Resignation of Dan Lopic as Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach
- B. Approve Promoting Rob Muron from Assistant Jr. High Wrestling Coach to Head Jr. High Wrestling Coach, Salary According to Contract
- C. Approve Carroll Densmore as Assistant Varsity Football Coach (Equipment Coordinator), Salary According to Contract
- D. Approve Request from Keith Kovalic, Music and Drama Director, to Travel With Students of the Drama and Chorus Classes to New York City on Weekend of Friday, March 7 (After School), thru Sunday, March 9, 2014 – No Cost to District
- E. Dissolve Agreement for Cooperative Sponsorship With Quigley Catholic High School for Football and Wrestling
- F. Approve Establishment of Middle School National Junior Honor Society Program
- G. Approve Establishment of High School Robotics Club

Note in Minutes:

- H. Draft Copy of the Annual Cash Flow Report to be Used by All Athletic Booster Groups to Satisfy the Requirements of Act 82 Article XVI-C, Disclosure of Interscholastic Athletic Opportunities in Secondary Schools (Grades 7-12)

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MEET AND DISCUSS:
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