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Board of Directors Meeting
"Students Are the Center of the Decision Making Process"
November 8, 2012

Approve Minutes of October 4 and October 11, 2012

Approve Bills \$559,625.76 (Second Check Run for October 2012)

Approve Bills \$546,145.97 (First Check Run for November 2012)

Approve Capital Improvement Check Run for November 2012 - \$6,000

Approve October 2012 Cafeteria Report

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Open School Communications: Positive and Constructive Comments Between School Board Members, Administrators and Community:
1. Congratulations to Coach Ed Shephard and Athletes Dee Dee Adams, Jake DeWeese and Wes Roberts of the Cross Country Team for Their Success at the PIAA Championship Meet Held in Hershey on November 3; All Three Athletes Placed in the Top 10 in the State
- B. Invitation:
1. Freedom Area High School National Honor Society Annual Induction Ceremony, Tuesday, November 13, 7:00 P.M., High School Auditorium
 2. Beaver County Career & Technology Center Open House, Wednesday, November 14, 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
 3. **BVIU 2012 Reorganization Meeting, Wednesday, December 12, 5:45 P.M., Beaver County Career & Technology Center, RSVP to Sandy DiSante at sdisante@freedom.k12.pa.us by Friday, November 30 (Guests of Board Members are Welcome to Attend, \$22 Per Guest)**

COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D):

C. Other:

1. Request from BVIU to Appoint a Representative for the Following:
 - i. Beaver Valley Joint School Committee for New Horizon School, Annual Term (Current Representative – Mary Ann Petcovic; Current Alternate – Scott Challis)
 - ii. PSBA/BVIU Legislative Action Council, Annual Term (Current Representative – Kathleen Schlegel; Current Alternate – Barbara Heyman)
2. **December 2012 Reorganization and Board Meetings to be Held on December 6**

D. Use of School Facilities (Schedule According to Policy):

1. Freedom Majorette Squad, High School Gym, 10/10, Twirling Practice
2. Freedom Girls' Basketball Boosters, Middle School Cafeteria, 10/18, Meeting
3. Freedom Lil' Bulldogs, Football Stadium, 10/17, 10/18, 10/22 thru 10/25, Midget Practice
4. Freedom Band Boosters, High School Cafeteria, 10/25, Senior Appreciation Cake
5. Senior Project (Nick Schwab), Baseball Field, 10/30 (Rain Date 11/1), Students vs. Teachers Softball Game
6. Middle School Girls' Soccer Team, Big Knob Elementary Multi-Purpose Room, Wednesdays, Mid October thru End of March, Practice/Exercise
7. 5th & 6th Grade Choirs, Middle School Auditorium and Choir Room, 12/19, Christmas Concert
8. Freedom Cares/Arts & Athletics, High School Auditorium, 10/22, 10/30, 11/5, 11/15 and 11/20, Meeting
9. National Honor Society, High School Auditorium and Cafeteria, 11/13, Induction Ceremony
10. Penn State Beaver, High School Classroom, Tuesdays, 1/22 thru 2/26, SAT Review Course

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

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

Open

ENCLOSURES:

- A. 2012 Annual Yearly Progress Letters from Pennsylvania Department of Education for District and All Schools (**Superintendent's Report – Item A.**)
- B. 2013-2014 District Budget Calendar (**Finance – Item A.**)
- C. Emergency Day-to-Day Substitute Lists Received from the BVIU Dated October 19 and October 30, 2012 (**Education – Item D.**)
- D. List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (**Extra-Curricular – Item B.**)
- E. Revised Policy No. 218.2, Weapons, and Rifle Club/Archery Club Participation Release Form (**Policy – Item A.**)
- F. In/Out Migration Report as of October 2012 – 1,475 (+2 from September 2012)
- G. Free/Reduced Lunch Report as of October 31, 2012 – **District at 40.79%**
- H. **Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of November 5, 2012 - Current Projected Annual Cost for 2012-2013 School Year \$730,849.88; 56 Cyber/Charter Students, 24 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students – 80**
- I. BVIU School Board Notes for October 24, 2012, Meeting
- J. Winter Storm Forecasts for 2012-2013 (Snowfall and Temperature)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. District in Receipt of 2012 Annual Yearly Progress Letters from Pennsylvania Department of Education – Freedom Area School District Made AYP, As Well As All Schools (**Enclosure**)
- B. Approve Settlement Agreement and Release in Regard to ORD NO.: 3250/11012 KE (**Signatures Required**)
- C. Receipt of Letter from Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Stating Conditions Not Met to Place Weight Restriction on Harvey Run Road Between 3rd Avenue and 9th Street Extension/Lovi Road in Borough of Freedom
- D. Report on 2011-2012 Assessment Data

LEGISLATION:

Open

FINANCE:

- A. Approve 2013-2014 District Budget Calendar (**Enclosure**)
- B. Approve Budget Transfers/Changes as Detailed in 2012-2013 Adopted Budget to 2012-2013 Requested Revised Budget Report (**Administrative Report**)

FINANCE (CONT'D):

- C. Approve Increase of Huntington Bank Wire Transfer Limit from \$100,000 to \$3,000,000 (**Administrative Report**)
- D. Approve Request from The Buncher Company for a Regular LERTA Abatement for Building No. 7 Extension, Permit No. 4426, in the Tri-County Commerce Park
- E. Discuss Increasing Dependent Age to 26 for Dental Coverage thru Delta Dental (**Administrative Report**)

Note in Minutes:

- F. Beaver County School Health Insurance Consortium Report for September 2012

EDUCATION:

- A. Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. **Special Education:**

- a. Henry Podbielski, High School Career Coach, DECA Career Development Conference, December 5, Crowne Plaza Hotel-Moon Township, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage

2. **Other:**

- a. Media Literacy and Prevention, November 13, Holiday Inn-Monroeville, Cost \$100 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
 - i. Susie Suleski, Middle School Counselor
 - ii. Kristen Milanovich, High School Multi-Media Teacher
- b. PVAAS Training, November 14, BVIU, Cost \$15 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
 - i. Pete Kappas, Middle School 8th Grade Teacher
 - ii. Ken McLaughlin, Middle School Learning Support Teacher
 - iii. Ron Miller, Middle School 5th Grade Teacher
 - iv. Ryan Smith, Middle School 8th Grade Teacher
 - v. Wendy Vannoy, Middle School Math Coach
 - vi. Danielle Barr, High School Learning Support Teacher
 - vii. Katie Gigl, High School Social Studies Teacher
 - viii. Amy Isanogle, High School Math Teacher
 - ix. George Miklas, High School Learning Support Teacher
 - x. Maria Porter, High School Social Studies Teacher
 - xi. Rich Edder, Big Knob/Conway Elementary Principal
 - xii. Pam Tesla, Elementary Literacy Coach
 - xiii. Amy Shultz, Elementary Math Coach
 - xiv. Kristine Ricci, Conway Elementary 4th Grade Teacher
 - xv. Sue Camp, Big Knob Elementary 4th Grade Teacher

EDUCATION (CONT'D):

- c. Lori Landis, Big Knob Elementary Secretary, Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association Fall 2012 Meeting, November 16, Marriott North-Cranberry Township, Cost \$40 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage
- d. Literacy Learning Walk, November 20, Riverside High School, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage:
 - i. Natalie Giebel, Middle School 7th Grade Teacher
 - ii. Sara Heiman, Middle School Library Media Specialist
 - iii. Ron Kelm, Middle School Literacy Coach
 - iv. Cindy Zeigler, Middle School 6th Grade Teacher
- e. Sara Heiman, Middle School Library Media Specialist, Beaver County Association School Librarians' Meetings, December 12, February 20, April 25, BVIU, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
- f. Darlene Corris, Middle School Principal, Plus Middle School Faculty, PA Association for Middle Level Education (PAMLE) 2013 Western Region Professional Development Institute, January 21, Central Valley Middle School, Cost \$10 Registration Fee Per Registrant, Plus Mileage
- g. Principal Effectiveness Training, December 10, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
 - ii. Tim Dadich, High School Principal

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. **Other:**

- a. Ali Chiapusio, Long-Term Substitute K-8 Gifted Coordinator, Entrepreneurship Challenge – The American Corporation Meeting, November 13, Robert Morris University-Moon Township, No Cost to District
- b. Propaganda and Equations Academic Games Competition, November 15, Geneva College, Cost \$91 Registration Fee, Substitute, Transportation:
 - i. Ali Chiapusio, Long-Term Substitute K-8 Gifted Coordinator
 - ii. Jeanine Ging, Middle School 6th Grade Teacher
 - iii. Lisa Moore, Middle School 6th Grade Teacher
- c. Ali Chiapusio, Long-Term Substitute K-8 Gifted Coordinator, Propaganda 4th Grade Academic Games Competition, November 20, Dutch Ridge Elementary School-Beaver, Cost Transportation
- d. Community Based Instruction Trip, November 20, Shop-n-Save-Freedom Road, Cost \$40 for Cooking Supplies:
 - i. Barb Willis, Autistic Support Teacher
 - ii. Kara Pflugh, Autistic Support Aide

EDUCATION (CONT'D):

- e. Ali Chiapusio, Long-Term Substitute K-8 Gifted Coordinator, Lego Mindstorm Exhibition, November 30, BVIU, No Cost to District
- f. Keith Kovalic, High School Music Teacher, PMEA District 5 Chorus Festival, February 6-8, Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center-Midland, Cost \$400 Registration Fee, Substitute (February 7-8 Only), Mileage
- g. Spain Trip to Barcelona and Madrid, March 25 thru April 1, Cost Substitute:
 - i. Ruthanne Gudzan, High School Spanish Teacher
 - ii. Kaylee Haggerty, High School Art Teacher
- B. Approve Request from Patty Donaldson, Middle School 6th Grade Teacher, for One Unpaid Day, Friday, December 21, 2012, According to Policy No. 439
- C. Approve Robyn Blyth as Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher **(Clearances on File)**
- D. Approve Emergency Day-to-Day Substitute Lists Received from the BVIU Dated October 19 and October 30, 2012 **(Enclosure)**
- E. Approve Annual Request from Freedom Area Community Task Force for \$1,500 Donation of Support for Task Force Activities, Including Project Graduation
- F. Approve Attendance at 2013 PERC Teacher Job Fair, March 20, Monroeville Convention Center, Cost Mileage (District Won Free Registration Voucher Worth \$395)
- G. Approve Request from Freedom Area Educational Association to Offer Voluntary Sick Bank for One Elementary Teacher
- H. Approve Three Year (2012-2015) Master Agreement Between UPMC and Freedom Area School District for Transitional Services **(Signature Required)**

OPERATIONS:

- A. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Dawn Fronius, Food Service Director, to Attend 6 Cent Review Training, November 19, Location to be Determined, Cost Mileage
- B. Approve Participation in the Western Pennsylvania Gasoline/Diesel Fuel Consortium for 2013-2014
- C. Approve the Following as Permanent Part-Time Custodians **(Clearances on File, Pending Receipt of New Employee Drug Screening):**
 - 1. Patricia Waters
 - 2. Terri Woods
- D. Approve Nursing Internships with Community College of Beaver County for 2012-2013 School Year (Will Be Placed With Bonnie Adams, School Nurse) **(Pending Receipt of Clearances)**

OPERATIONS (CONT'D):

- E. Approve Purchase of 2012 E-250 Ford Van, Total Cost \$22,833 (Purchased thru State COSTARS Contract)
- F. Buildings & Grounds Director Monthly Report

Note in Minutes:

- G. Food Facility Inspection Reports by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Dated October 10, 2012, for:
 - 1. Freedom Area High School, Status – In Compliance
 - 2. Freedom Area Middle School, Status – In Compliance
- H. Detailed List of Computer CPU's to be Disposed

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

- A. Approve Selection of Facilities Master Plan Option 2A – Campus Consolidation and K-2 Primary Center Additions as Presented by VEBH Architects; the Consultants are Directed to Begin the Schematic Design Process for Option 2A

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

- A. Approve Request from Keith Kovalic, High School Band Director, to Include Varsity Cheerleaders with the "Big Red" Marching Band on Trip to Florida, Tuesday, April 30 (After School) thru Sunday, May 5, 2013
- B. Approve List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (**Enclosure**)
- C. Approve Request to Close Following Student Activities (**Administrative Report**) (**Signature Required**):
 - 1. Middle School Student Body
 - 2. High School Cap and Gown
- D. Accept Resignation from the Following Coaches:
 - 1. James Martz, Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach
 - 2. Tyler Cathcart, Assistant Jr. High Wrestling Coach
- E. Approve the Following Coaches:
 - 1. Tyler Cathcart, Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach, Salary \$2,300 (**Clearances on File**)
 - 2. Dan Lopic, Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach, Salary \$600 (**Pending Receipt of Clearances**)
 - 3. Rob Muron, Jr. High Wrestling Assistant Coach, Salary \$1,600 (**Pending Receipt of Clearances**)
- F. Athletic Director Monthly Report

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POLICY:

- A. Approve Revised Policy No. 218.2, Weapons, to Include New Language Designated in Bold Type and Rifle Club/Archery Club Participation Release Form **(Enclosure)**

MEET AND DISCUSS:

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