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Board of Directors Meeting
“Students Are the Center of the Decision Making Process”
September 15, 2011

Approve Bills \$357,904.80 (First Check Run for September)

Approve August 2011 Treasurer’s Report

Approve August 2011 Cafeteria Report

Approved 9-8-11: Approve Minutes of August 18 and August 25, 2011

Approved 9-8-11: Approve Bills \$872.69 (Second Check Run for August)

GO TO EXTRA-CURRICULAR, ITEM A.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Open School Communications: Positive and Constructive Comments Between School Board Members, Administrators and Community:
 - 1. Receipt of Letter from Pennsylvania Secretary of Education, Ronald Tomalis, Commending the District “For the Hard Work Being Done to Deliver High Quality Programs to Students With Disabilities”, With a Determination that Freedom Area School District **Meets Requirements of Part B of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**
- B. Other:
 - 1. All Board Members Will Have a Laptop Computer Available at the September 15 Board Meeting to View Agenda and Enclosures/Handouts (**Pilot “Paperless” Board Meeting**)
- C. Use of School Facilities (Schedule According to Policy):
 - 1. National Honor Society, High School Auditorium and Cafeteria, 11/9, Induction Ceremony and Reception

COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D):

2. Conway Elementary PTA, Multi-Purpose Room, Tuesdays and Fridays, October thru May, Intramural Sports
3. FAST, Big Knob Elementary Multi-Purpose Room, Thursdays, October thru March, Practices
4. Skybacher Ministries, Big Knob Elementary Multi-Purpose Room, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1/3 thru 3/1, Hangtime Basketball
5. Courage for Life Foundation, High School Conference Room, 9/12, 10/3, 11/4, Board Meetings
6. FHS Golf Team, Softball Field, 10/20, Fundraiser

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

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

Open

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Third Day Enrollment Data for 2011-2012 (**Superintendent's Report - Item A.**)
- B. Article on PA Cyber Ready to Delve Into STEM Education and Highlights of 2011 Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup Poll (**Superintendent's Report - Item B.**)
- C. Update on Projected High Priority State Legislation for Fall 2011 (**Legislation - Item A.**)
- D. Homeless Student Information/Compliance With McKinney Vento Homeless Act (**Education - Item D.**)
- E. **Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of September 13, 2011 - Current Projected Cost for 2011-2012 School Year \$439,006.90; 36 Cyber/Charter Students, 11 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students - 47**
- F. 2011-2012 Freedom Area School District General Office Telephone Directory
- G. 2011-2012 Kindergarten Survey Received from BVIU
- H. BVIU School Board Notes for August 24, 2011 Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. Back-to-School Report Including, But Not Limited To, Third Day Student Enrollment Data, Bussing and District Cyber Education Program (**Enclosure**)
- B. Plans for Charter Science, Technology, Engineering and Math High School Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School; Review Proposed District Strategies (**Enclosures**)
- C. Status of Identifying Grant Funds for 21st Century Promise Initiative

LEGISLATION:

- A. Update on Projected High Priority State Legislation for Fall 2011 (**Enclosure**)

FINANCE:

- A. Contract Negotiations (**Executive Session**)
- B. **Approved 9-8-11:** Approve Hess Corporation to Provide Freedom Area School District as a Participant in Western PA Natural Gas Consortium With Three Year Extension, September 1, 2012 thru August 31, 2015 (Recommended by Allegheny Intermediate Unit) (**Signature Required**) (**Administrative Report**)

Note in Minutes:

- C. Finance Committee Meeting, Thursday, September 8, 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., to Discuss Contract Negotiations
- D. BVIU Conducting Wage Freeze Survey With All Beaver County School Districts at Freedom's Request – Due September 12, 2011

EDUCATION:

- A. Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. **Special Education:**

- a. Brittany Keefer, Elementary Speech/Language Teacher, The Role of the SLP in Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTII), September 23, PaTTAN-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage

2. **Other:**

- a. Gena Tokar, Conway Elementary Title I Reading Specialist, Beaver County Early Care & Education Council, September 14, Red Cross Building-Beaver, Cost Mileage
- b. Response to Instruction and Intervention (RtII) Meeting, September 29, January 25, April 3, BVIU, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage:
 - i. Susan Camp, Big Knob Elementary 4th Grade Teacher
 - ii. Joy Crouch, Big Knob Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher
 - iii. Amy DeChellis, Big Knob Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
 - iv. Stephanie Hill, Big Knob Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher
 - v. Kris McCowin, Big Knob Elementary 1st Grade Teacher
 - vi. Sherry Perry, Big Knob/Conway Elementary Lead Teacher
 - vii. Cheryl Shaffer, Big Knob Elementary Title I Reading Specialist
 - viii. Courtney Anderson, Conway Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher
 - ix. Lori Baker, Conway Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher
 - x. Leslie DePace, Conway Elementary 1st Grade Teacher
 - xi. Kristine Ricci, Conway Elementary 4th Grade Teacher
 - xii. Lori Sacco, Conway Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
 - xiii. Gena Tokar, Conway Elementary Title I Reading Specialist

EDUCATION (CONT'D):

- c. Dave Badamo, Middle School Technology Teacher, Future City Orientation, September 30, Carnegie Science Center-Pittsburgh, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
- B. **Confirm:** Approve Lauren Sieger as Middle School Learning Support Aide for 2011-2012 School Year (**Clearances on File, Pending Receipt of New Employee Drug Screening**)
- C. Approve the Following as Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher:
 - 1. Laura Baughman (**Clearances on File**)
 - 2. Katelyn Debogovich (**Clearances on File**)
- D. Approve Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Act 48 Program Agreement for Services with PHASE 4 Learning Center, Inc. for 2011-2012 School Year, \$6,000 Per Student (No Increase)
- E. Review Operational Challenges Presented by Modular Management System (MMS) Server Impacting Middle School Student Schedules (**Administrative Report**)
- F. Review Status of District Participation in Pennsylvania Department of Education Teacher Evaluation Pilot (**Administrative Report**)

Note in Minutes:

- G. Homeless Student Information/Compliance With McKinney Vento Homeless Act (**Enclosure**)

Following Items Approved at September 8, 2011 Board Meeting:

- H. Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- 1. **Math Science Partnership:**
 - a. **Approved 9-8-11:** Wendy Vannoy, Middle School Math Coach, Math Coach Network, October 19, November 21, January 27, February 28, May 4, AIU3, Cost Mileage
 - b. **Approved 9-8-11:** Amy Shultz, Elementary Math Coach Substitute, Math Coach Network, September 15 and November 21, AIU3, Cost Mileage
- 2. **Special Education:**
 - a. **Approved 9-8-11:** Beaver County Transition Coordinators' Monthly Meetings for 2011-2012, Location Varies, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Ellen Hill, High School Career Coach
 - ii. Rita Kaplin, High School Guidance Counselor
 - iii. Henry Podbielski, High School Learning Support Teacher

EDUCATION (CONT'D):

- b. **Approved 9-8-11:** Debbie Baycura, Special Education Director and Elementary Principal, 2011-2012 Special Education Contact Monthly Meetings, BVIU, Cost Mileage
 - c. **Approved 9-8-11:** Marian Leo, Special Education Secretary:
 - i. 2011-2012 School Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) and Administrative Claims Regional Training, September 20, PaTTAN-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage
 - ii. Reporting Special Education Data to PennData and PIMS Training, September 29, PaTTAN-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage
3. **Other:**
- a. **Approved 9-8-11:** Pete Kappas, Middle School 8th Grade Teacher:
 - i. Bill of Rights Institute: The President as Enforcer of Law, September 21, Heinz History Center-Pittsburgh, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
 - ii. Accessing Classroom Resources With Virtual Economics 4.0, October 7, Butler County Community College, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
 - b. **Approved 9-8-11:** Rita Kaplin, High School Guidance Counselor, RCI Pupil Services Meeting, September 15, Beaver County Career & Technology Center-Monaca, Cost Mileage
 - c. **Approved 9-8-11:** Randy Perkins, Middle School Guidance Counselor, Reporting Special Education Data to PennData and PIMS Training, September 29, PaTTAN-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage
- I. **Approved 9-8-11:** Approve Maternity Leave for Lori Baker, Conway Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher, Effective November 25, 2011 thru Postnatal Checkup (Approximately Six Weeks)
- J. **Approved 9-8-11:** Approve the Following as Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher:
 - 1. Carol Cerilli (**Clearances on File**)
 - 2. Jeffrey MacDonald (**Clearances on File**)

OPERATIONS:

- A. Accept Retirement of Linda Bellon, School Nurse Aide, Effective November 1, 2011
- B. Approve Linda Bellon as Substitute School Nurse Effective January 1, 2012 (**Pending Receipt of Updated Clearances**)
- C. Accept Retirement of Edward Jones, Full-Time High School Custodian, Effective September 15, 2011
- D. Discuss Realignment of Custodial Positions for Reasons of Economy/Efficiency
- E. Approve Parent Transportation Agreements (**Signatures Required**)

OPERATIONS (CONT'D):

- F. Review Request from Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania for Utility Easement on School Property Near Bulldog Stadium (**Solicitor's Report**)
- G. Discuss Tentative Plans to Post "No Parking" Signs Along High School Access Road in Front of Gym/Pool Entrance
- H. Determine Feasibility of Awarding Bid for Integrated HVAC Controls for Big Knob Elementary and Middle/High Schools to FIT Optimized Solutions in the Amount of \$41,831 (Not a Budgeted Project, Determine How to Fund If Approved)
- I. Approve Release Time, According to Contract, for Dawn Fronius, Food Service Director, to Attend WEBSCM Training (Electronic Ordering System for Commodities), November 10, Seneca Valley High School, Cost Mileage
- J. Approve Selection of District Architect (**Administrative/Solicitor's Report**)
- K. Buildings and Grounds Director Monthly Report
- L. **Approved 9-8-11:** Accept Resignation of Ron Hogue as High School Security Monitor
- M. **Approved 9-8-11:** Approve Chris Glass as High School Security Monitor (5.75 Hours), Salary \$59 Per Day (**Clearances on File, Pending Receipt of New Employee Drug Screening**)
- N. **Approved 9-8-11:** Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Margie Anderson, School Nurse, to Attend County-Wide In-Service Assessment Skills Simulation & Education for School, October 10, Keystone Simulation & Education Center-Potter Township, Cost \$60 Registration Fee Plus Mileage
- O. **Approved 9-8-11:** Approve Dawn Fronius, Food Service Director, Plus 11 Staff Members, to Attend Food Safety Class for Certification, October 10, Middle School Cafeteria, Cost \$1,500 (\$125 Per Participant)
- P. **Approved 9-8-11:** Approve Bus Stop Revisions (**Administrative Report (Handout)**)
- Q. **Approved 9-8-11:** Approve Purchase of Transfinder Software for Transportation Department, Cost \$9,245 (Pending Approval of Business Manager – Based Upon September 29, 2011 Webinar)
- R. **9-8-11:** Open Bids for Integrated HVAC Controls for Big Knob Elementary School, Middle School and High School

Note in Minutes:

- S. Operations Committee Meeting, Thursday, September 8, 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., to Discuss Selection of Architectural Firm
- T. Ad Placed in Beaver County Times and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on Sunday, September 4, With a Deadline Date of September 23, for Buildings & Grounds Position

OPERATIONS (CONT'D):

- U. Receipt of Thank You Letter Sent to Board of County Commissioners on Behalf of the 14 Beaver County School Districts Granting Access to the County-Wide GPS Database
- V. Need to Prepare Letter to New Sewickley Township Water Authority Board Conveying Interest in Bring Public Water to Big Knob Elementary School With Appropriate Engineering Data
- W. Food Facility Inspection Report (Dated September 8, 2011) by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for Big Knob Elementary School, Status – In Compliance

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

- A. Review Proposal by Keith Kovalic to Reorganize High School Musical Personnel Within Existing Budget
- B. Approve Request from Keith Kovalic for Freedom Marching Band to Participate in New Brighton Halloween Parade, Wednesday, October 26 – No Cost to District (New Brighton Parade Committee Will Cover Expenses, Approximately \$800)
- C. Athletic Director Monthly Report
- D. **Approved 9-8-11:** Accept Resignation of Scott McGee as Boys' Basketball Gym Supervisor
- E. **Approved 9-8-11:** Approve the Following as Middle School Pep Club Co-Sponsors, Salary According to Contract:
 - 1. Tion Piehler (**Clearances on File**)
 - 2. Christina Thompson (**Clearances on File**)
- F. **Approved 9-8-11:** Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for John Rosa, Athletic Director, to Attend Following:
 - 1. 2011-2012 MAC Athletic Director Meetings, Location Varies, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
 - 2. WPIAL New Athletic Director Seminar, September 21, Green Tree, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
- G. **Approved 9-8-11:** Approve Attendance, According to Policy, of High School Principal, Athletic Director and Superintendent to Attend WPIAL Hearing on Student Eligibility to Transfer to Local Charter School for Athletic Intent, Monday, September 19, 5:00 P.M., Green Tree, Cost Mileage
- H. **Approved 9-8-11:** Approve Medical Coverage for Summer 2011 Band Camp by Vince Sinovic, Athletic Trainer, August 1 thru August 12, \$250 Per Week Stipend
- I. **Approved 9-8-11:** Approve Request from Keith Kovalic to Travel With Students of the Choir and/or Drama Club to New York City on Weekend of Friday, December 2 (After School) thru Sunday, December 4, No Cost to District

Note in Minutes:

- J. Creation by Community of Freedom High School Golf Booster Club

POLICY:

- A. **Approved 9-8-11:** Approve Revised Policy No. 007, Local Board Procedures
- B. **Approved 9-8-11:** "No Food in Classroom" Policy for Use in Student Handbooks

Note in Minutes:

- C. PSBA Policy on the Web Program to be Placed on District Website by October 1, 2011

MEET AND DISCUSS:

- A. Student Disciplinary Matter (**Executive Session**)
- B. Personnel Matters (**Executive Session**)