

AUGUST 18, 2011

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on August 18, 2011, in the Middle School Library. President Kathleen Schlegel called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., E.S.T. following Architect interviews.

Board Members Present:

Lorraine Rocco
Scott Challis
Harry Gilarno
Barbara Heyman
Gregory Lehocky
Mary Ann Petcovic
Kathleen Schlegel

Board Members Absent:

Mike Tibolet
Bobbie Jo Elmer

Newspaper:

Bill Utterback

School Staff Present:

Ron Sofo, Superintendent
Norieni Plate, Business Manager
Robert Staub, High School Principal
Darlene Corris, High School Assistant Principal
Richard Edder, Principal, Middle School
Debra Baycura, Principal, Elementary
John Rosa, Faculty and AD

Solicitor

N/a

Guests: John & Dolly Cummins, Lisa Errett, Jim & Tira Regan Freedom; Cheryl Fiscus, New Brighton; Jamie Karpinski, Intern

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Presentation: Dolly Cummins addressed the Board regarding Volleyball tickets prices asking that the Board reconsiders the admission fee. The matter will be addressed with the full board at the Regular meeting on August 25th at which time a response will be given to Mrs. Cummins.

The District expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Cummins for her work in securing the Lowe's grant for the school district in the amount of \$18,000. A thank you will be sent to Lowe's corporate office.

Minutes Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Lehocky, to approve the following minutes:
Agenda Meeting June 2, 2011
Regular Meeting June 16, 2011
Special Meeting June 29, 2011

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Petcovic.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

Bills Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the first check run for payment of bills for the month of July 2011, in the amount of \$1,611,341.72. **Copy of the bills is in each Board Member's packet and copy attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

SUPRINTENDENT'S REPORT

Release Time Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Challis, to approve the following release time, according to policy, for Superintendent Sofo:

- 2011 Pittsburgh STEM Summit, Wednesday, August 31, 7:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M., Radisson Hotel-Green Tree, Cost \$99 Registration Fee
- PSBA Collective Bargaining and Labor Relations Course, September 23, 7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., PSBA Conference Center-Mechanicsburg, Cost \$250

Registration Fee for Three Courses (Attended April 1 and June 10 Courses),
Lodging, Meals, Mileage, Tolls

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

FINANCE:

Highmark/UPMC Dr. Sofo, Superintendent, discussed the possible impact on the District regarding the Highmark-UPMC contract dispute saying that both Highmark and UPMC will be invited to the District and asked to do a presentation to the Board to discuss their medical programs (Administrative Report)

Note in Minutes: Charter School 2011-2012 Tuition Costs (Handout):
1. Regular Education - \$ 8,636.89 Per Student
2. Special Education - \$15,261.10 Per Student

EDUCATION:

Released Time Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Gilarno, to approve released time according to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Gifted:

a. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator, 2011-2012 Beaver County Gifted Consortium Meetings, BVIU, Cost Mileage

2. Special Education:

a. Confirm: Gene Feliciani, School Psychologist, 2011-2012 School District Cyclical Monitoring Training (For District's Special Education Audit of November 14, 2011), August 15, PaTTAN-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage

3. Other:

a. Confirm: Rita Kaplin, High School Guidance Counselor, Project 720 Credential Consortium Meeting, August 18, Rt. 51 South Century III Mall, Cost Mileage

b. Darlene Corris, Assistant High School Principal, Principals' Academy of Western Pennsylvania, September 21, October 26, November 22, December 4, January 25, February 22, March 21, April 25, May 17 and May 18, BVIU, Cost \$800 Registration Fee Plus Mileage

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

Contracts Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Superintendent's recommendation to offer professional employee contracts granting tenure status in Accordance with 1108 of the School Code to (Signatures Required):

1. Stephanie Hill, Big Knob Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher

2. Kristin McCune, High School Math Teacher

3. Tara Roberts, Elementary Librarian

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

Mentors Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve the following mentors for the 2011-2012 School Year (Salary According to Contract):

1. (To Be Determined) for Tiffany Beckwith, Half-Time High School Family/Consumer Science Teacher

2. Rob James for Hillary Frankenstein, Half-Time Middle School Music Teacher

3. Keith Kovalic for Meredith Obaker, Long-Term Substitute Elementary Music Teacher

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

Elementary Lead Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Sherry Perry as Full-Time Elementary Lead Teacher for 2011-2012 School Year Only.

Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
Gifted Coordinator	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve request from Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator, for three unpaid days – September 26 thru September 28, 2011.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
Stipend	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve \$300 stipend for MSP Summer Professional Development for Rich Heisler, Middle School Science Teacher (Paid thru Math and Science Partnership)
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
Internship	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Management/Marketing Internship for Jamie Karpinski, Senior-Penn State University, with Central Office Administration.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
Affiliation Agreement	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Affiliation Agreement with UPMC Mercy for 13 Week Clinical Education Program to provide instruction and clinical experience for one (1) Special Education Student, Cost \$4,463 (Signatures Required)
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
Lifesteps	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve agreement with Lifesteps for Speech Services for the period of July 5 thru August 12, 2011 for Two (2) Special Education Students, Cost \$215 Per Student.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
IDEA	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve IDEA-Section 619 Use of Funds Agreement for 2011-2012 received by the BVIU from the Office of Child Development and Early Learning.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
Skilled Nursing	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Agreement with Interim Healthcare Services, Inc. for skilled nursing for the period of August 2011 thru August 2012 for one (1) special education student, Cost \$42 per hour as needed (Signatures Required).
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
Agreement	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve agreement with Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children for the period of August 29, 2011 thru June 8, 2012 for one (1) Special Education Student, cost not to exceed \$3,030.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
Cyber Services	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Gilarno, to approve Cyber Services Agreement with Seneca Valley School District for a total amount of \$16,400, including training, to serve up to 80 students in need of Credit Recovery/Cyber Education (Reoccurring Cost \$1,000 Per Year) (Within existing budget) (Signatures required)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

Ticket Sellers Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Challis, to approve the following ticket sellers:
1. Wanda Murray, Varsity Girls' Soccer (Clearances on File)
4. Linda Eldridge, Varsity Boys' Soccer and Volleyball (Clearances on File)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

Resignation Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Challis, to accept the resignation of Caleb Schoy as Varsity Football Assistant Coach.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

Assistant Coaches Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Challis, to approve the following Varsity Football Assistant Coaches:
1. Dan Guerra, Salary \$1,875 (Clearances on File)
2. Bob Prentice, Salary \$2,750 (Clearances on File)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

Assistant Coaches Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Challis, to approve the following as Volunteer Varsity Football Assistant Coach:
1. John Cummins (Clearances on File)
2. Caleb Schoy (Clearances on File)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

Football Scout Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Challis, to approve Tom Paraniuk as Varsity Football Scout/APEX Coordinator, Salary \$1,500 (Pending receipt of updated Clearances)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

Release Time Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Challis, to approve release time, According to Policy, for Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach John Mohrbacher, 19 Team members and one additional coach to participate in Geneva College's Team Building PISGAH Program, Friday, August 19 – Cost \$342 Registration Fee.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

Homecoming Sponsor Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Challis, to approve Maria Porter as Homecoming Sponsor, Salary According to Contract (Clearances on File).

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

Resignation Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Challis, to accept the resignation of Lisa Kronstain as Middle School Girls' Soccer Assistant Coach.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

Soccer Coach Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Challis, to approve Lisa Kronstain as Middle School Girls' Soccer Head Coach, Salary \$1,200 (Clearances on File).

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
- Assistant Coach Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Challis, to approve Stacy Jijon as Middle School Girls' Soccer Assistant Coach, Salary \$800 (Pending Receipt of Clearances).
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

OPERATIONS:

- Shared Transportation Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Rocco, to approve 2011-2012 shared transportation services:
1. Ambridge – St. Gregory – Freedom to Transport
 2. Ambridge – St. Al's & Eden Christian – Ambridge Partial P.M. – Shuttle from Ambridge home (Eliminating need for Freedom to add additional vehicle)
 3. Ambridge – McGuire – Freedom to Transport (Split Cost 50/50 When Ambridge Student Transported)
 4. Ambridge/Rochester – Holy Family, Pittsburgh Schools – (Each School Pays One-Third)
 5. Rochester – St. Stephen's – (Each School Pays One-Half)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
- Release Time Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve release time, According to Policy, for Technology Director Matt Scala to attend 2011-2012 Technology Coordinators' Meetings, BVIU, Cost Mileage.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
- Security Monitors Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve the following Security Monitors (5.75 Hours Each):
1. High School:
 - a. Daniel Guerra, Salary \$59 Per Day (Clearances on File, Pending Receipt of New Employee Drug Screening)
 - b. Ron Hogue, Salary \$80 Per Day (Pending Receipt of Clearances and New Employee Drug Screening)
 2. Middle School:
 - a. David Matthews, Salary \$80 Per Day (Clearances on File, Pending Receipt of New Employee Drug Screening)
 - b. Carrie Knopp, Salary \$59 Per Day (Pending Receipt of Fingerprint Clearance and New Employee Drug Screening)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
- Food Service Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve Rachel Walden as Food Service Department Substitute (Clearances on File)
- Spectator Parking Following discussion, the following motion was made:
- Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve \$4,400 to move back recently placed fencing approximately 30ft. at the boys/girls' baseball fields for spectator parking. Work to be completed by Scobie Transit and Supply, Inc., Rochester, PA.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
- Personnel Matters Executive Session

POLICY:

Policies	<p>Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Rocco, to approve the following revised policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy No. 005 – Organization • Policy No. 006 – Meetings • Policy No. 103 – Non-Discrimination in School and Classroom Practices • Policy No. 104 – Non-Discrimination in Employment/Contract Practices • Policy No. 113.1 – Discipline of Students With Disabilities • Policy No. 217 – Graduation Requirements • Policy No. 218 – Student Discipline • Policy No. 218.2 – Weapons • Policy No. 218.3 – Terroristic Threats • Policy No. 222 – Tobacco Use • Policy No. 227 – Drugs, Alcohol and Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia • Policy No. 237 – Electronic Devices • Policy No. 247 – Hazing • Policy No. 248 – Unlawful Harassment • Policy No. 249 – Bullying/Cyber Bullying • Policy Nos. 314, 414, 514 – Physical Examination • Policy Nos. 323, 423, 523 – Tobacco Use • Policy Nos. 348, 448, 548 – Unlawful Harassment • Policy No. 601 – Fiscal Objectives • Policy No. 619 – District Audit • Policy No. 718 – Service Animals in Schools • Policy No. 805 – Emergency Preparedness • Policy No. 909 – Municipal Government Relations
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
Policy #620	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve adoption of Policy No. 620, Fund Balance
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
Policy #225	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve the removal of Policy No. 225 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies (Policy is being replaced with the Memorandum of Understanding with Police Departments as advised by the PSBA Policy Advisory).
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

MEET & DISCUSS

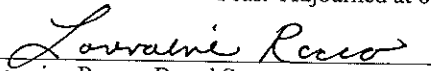
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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session	<p>Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, for the Board to go into executive session at 8:27 pm, EST to discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Personnel Matter (Education #P) ◆ Personnel Matter (Executive Session (Operations #F)) ◆ Personnel Matter (Meet & Discuss (A))
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Rocco. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
Adjourn Executive Session	Motion by Challis, seconded by Heyman, to adjourn executive session at 8:50 pm, EST.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes -- Gilarno, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Rocco.
Motion carried -- 7 Yeas.

Adjourn Motion by Challis, seconded by Lehocky, to adjourn. All members voting Yea. - 7
Yeas. Adjourned at 8:57 p.m., E.S.T.



Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary