

SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

The Freedom Area School Board held a Committee Meeting on September 1, 2016 in the Middle School Library beginning at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present:

Alan Colorito
Dawn Greene
Gerald Inman
Julie Leindecker
Lori Pail
Mary Ann Petcovic
Lorraine Rocco
Jennifer Sayre

Board Members Absent:

Harry Gilarno

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
William Deal, Principal, High School
Ryan Smith, Interim Principal, Middle School
Richard Edder, Principal, Elementary School
John Rosa, Faculty and Athletic Director
Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings & Grounds
Marie Dohanich, Director of Technology
Scott Smith, Construction Representative

Solicitor:

N/A

NOTE: High School Students Claudia Huggins and Rachel DeCesaris represented the High School newspaper staff.

EDUCATION:

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

CA:1 Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Other:

- a. PA Hybrid Learning Institute, September 7, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
 - ii. Bill Deal, High School Principal

CA:2 The Following Resignations:

1. Andrew Murray, Middle School Instructional Aide, effective August 12, 2016
2. Barbara Willis, Middle School Autistic Support Teacher, effective August 18, 2016

3. Kenneth McLaughlin, Middle School Special Education Teacher, effective August 18, 2016
4. Vandra Robinson, Middle School Instructional Coach Aide, effective August 19, 2016
5. Gretchen Meyer, High School Life Skills Paraprofessional, effective August 19, 2016
6. Laura Gundlach, Middle School Instructional Aide, effective August 19, 2016

CA:3 The Following Teachers for the 2016-2017 School Year (Signatures Required):

1. Gretchen Meyer, Middle School Special Education Teacher, retroactive to August 22, 2016, Step 1B (Clearances on File)
2. Laura Gundlach, Middle School Special Education Teacher, retroactive to August 22, 2016, Step 1M (Clearances on File)

CA:4 The Following as Instructional Aides, 5.75 hours per day, five days per week, at \$11.60 per hour:

1. Denise Clements (Clearances on File)
2. Laura Beck, retroactive to August 30, 2016 (Pending Receipt of Act 34 and 114 Clearances, Act 126 Training, Certification and Transcripts, Physical, TB Test/Statement and Drug Screening)
3. Sheila Good (Pending Receipt of Act 168 Disclosure, Act 126 Training, Physical, TB Test/Statement and Drug Screening)

CA:5 Anthony Mendicino as Interim High School Assistant Principal at a rate of \$350 per day, effective September 2, 2016 (Pending Receipt of Clearances)

Roll Call Yea Votes – Leindecker, Greene, Pail, Rocco, Inman, Colorito, Sayre, and Petcovic.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Motion by Greene, seconded by Petcovic, to approve Ryan Smith as Middle School Principal, at a Starting Salary of \$87,000, effective August 1, 2016 (Clearances on File)

Roll Call Yea Votes – Leindecker, Greene, Pail, Rocco, Inman, Colorito, Sayre, and Petcovic.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

OPERATIONS:

Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Greene, to accept the resignation from Arthur Brown, Part-Time Custodian, effective August 26, 2016.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Leindecker, Greene, Pail, Rocco, Inman, Colorito, Sayre, and Petcovic.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings & Grounds, provided the following monthly report:
Summary:

- Replacement of a hot water heater above the ceiling in the nurse's office will be completed this week. The existing unit was purchased last September for \$1,588.69 and failed last week. The

existing tank was pressure tested and proper paper work was completed thru AO Smith to achieve the warranty.

- The district has purchased a larger ice machine for the concession stand area due to the repair cost of a new control board. We dealt with Tri-State Equipment again and were able to purchase the same unit for ten dollars more than in 2011. Both the High School and the concession stand will have the same ice machines.
- The Renzor Make-up Air unit for the Girls locker room at the High School has been shut down. New fan cage, bearings, blower and shaft have been ordered. We plan to install next week.
- Conway school roof repairs and drains have been cleaned. We have been working on the boiler system and the pneumatics in preparation for winter. A general cleaning has been completed to remove garbage and items left over after the auction was completed.
- Electrical materials have been ordered for the Fortune 500 class. Four additional circuits are being added to operate additional heat presses for the classroom instruction.

COMMITTEE ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Extra-Curricular Committee – Report given by John Rosa, AD

- Consider Retirement of Jersey - JD Haglan ('74) – Action will be taken on 9/8/16
- Consideration of new singlets for Wrestling as a revision to the Uniform Replacement Schedule – Color and style approved – **Copy Attached**
- The Board was advised that a Lincoln Park student, former Freedom Student, will participate on the Freedom Boys Soccer team

Technology Committee – Report given by Marie Dohanich

- Technology update highlighted upgrades already completed in the district as well as discussed future needs/improvements. **Copy attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

Operations Committee

- **Elementary Project– Report given by Scott Smith, Construction Representative**
 - Drainage at Concession Stand – Drawing provided indicated site of drainage issue and proposed resolution to cost approximately \$6,400.
 - Update on Punch List Items saying all punch list items are completed
 - Update on Warranty List Items following walk-thru indicated 34 items that are currently being reviewed with prime vendors
 - Closeout Process
- **Homecoming**
 - Consider Board donation for fireworks

Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Leindecker, to donate \$1,000 towards the cost of the fireworks.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Leindecker, Greene, Pail, Rocco, Inman, Colorito, Sayre, and Petcovic.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

- **Parking Lots**

- Investigate placement of curb-stops or guardrails along student parking lot. Discussion needed to determine most suitable solution.

Education Committee

- Building Reports – Building Principals reported on a great start to the 2016/17 school year
- Assessment Update – Building Principals reported on the PSSA/Keystone Test scores for the District. **Copy attached to the minutes in the minute book**
- New Middle School Courses were reviewed by Principal Ryan Smith
 - Spanish Culture
 - Personal Finance
- Yellow Ribbon Campaign was reviewed by Superintendent Jeff Fuller
 - In conjunction with Freedom and Conway Fire Departments
 - Collection of materials for troops and Christmas cards by November 9

Policy Committee

- Consider development of a policy related to the availability of Naloxone in District facilities. This was approved following discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Leindecker, for the Board to go out of the Committee Meeting and into Executive Session at 10:00 pm for a personnel related matter.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Leindecker, Greene, Pail, Rocco, Inman, Colorito, Sayre, and Petcovic.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Motion by Greene, seconded by Colorito, for the Board to go out of Executive Session at 10:07 pm.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Leindecker, Greene, Pail, Rocco, Inman, Colorito, Sayre, and Petcovic.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Note: No action taken following Executive Session

Adjourn Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Leindecker, to adjourn. All members voting Yea. 8 Yeas. Adjourned at 10:07 pm.

Submitted by: _____
Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary