

FEBRUARY 14, 2013

The Freedom Area School Board held their Regular Board Meeting on February 14, 2013, in the Middle School Library. President Kathleen Schlegel called the Business Meeting to order at 7:00 pm EST, following executive session.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Bobbie Jo Elmer
 Mike Tibolet
 Dennis Sharpless

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
 Noriene Plate, Business Manager
 Timothy Dadich, Principal, High School
 Richard Edder, Principal, Big Knob/Conway Elementary
 Gary Mortimer, Buildings & Grounds Director
 Matt Scala, Director, Technology & Information Services

Solicitor:

Matt Hoffman, Esq.

Guests: Dan Engen & Ashley Smock, VEBH Architects; Freedom, Conway, and New Sewickley Township Community Members.

Bills Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Heyman, to approve the second check run for payment of bills for the month of January 2013 in the amount of \$793,987.68. **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 – Heyman, Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas

Bills Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the first check run for payment of bills for the month of February 2013 in the amount of \$381,958.79. **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, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas

Food Service Report Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the January 2013 Food Service Report. **Copy of the report is in each Board Member's packet and copy attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Petcovic, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas

Treasurer's Report Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the January 2013 Treasurer's Report. **A copy of the Treasurer's report is in each Board Member's packet and copy attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

	January 2013
Money Market, Huntington Bank	\$ 618,522.32
General Fund, Huntington Bank	\$ 28,661.72
Payroll, Huntington Bank	\$ 1,661.46
PA Treasury Invest	\$ 3,264,895.10
Premier Savings – Huntington	\$ 2,582,685.75
PSDLAF – Regular Account	\$ 3,090.38
PSDLAF Max - General Fund	\$ 72,404.19
Huntington – Capital Improvement	\$ 36,989.46
Student Activity Account	\$ 58,968.56
Huntington – Bodkin Scholarship	\$ 256,375.79
PA Treasury-Invest Capital Projects	\$ 1,112,476.33

PSDLAF CD - Capital Projects	\$ 4,091,000.00
PSDLAF Max – Capital Projects	\$ 17,835.78
PSDLAF/ESB Bank CD - General Fund	\$ 2,720,000.00

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes –Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas

COMMUNICATIONS:

Donations The Freedom Area High School is in receipt of donations totaling \$2,000 by (7) seven local contributors in support of the High School’s effort to form a “National Archery in the Schools Program”. President Schlegel extended appreciation to the contributors.

Congratulations Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent, extended congratulations to the following Freedom Area High School students who placed at the following competitions through the Beaver County Career & Technology Center:

- 2012-2013 FBLA Leadership Conference
 - Rachael Mogielski, 11th Grade - Business Procedures, 1st Place
 - Katlyn Stark, 12th Grade - Technology Concepts, 2nd Place
- Skills USA Champions at Work
 - Jacob Johnston, 12th Grade - Carpentry, 1st Place
 - Andrea Klessler, 12th Grade - Health Knowledge Bowl Team, 1st Place
 - Ashley Seidl, 12th Grade - Health Knowledge Bowl Team, 1st Place
 - Tippin Harkins, 12th Grade - Job Interview, 1st Place
 - Kelsie Matlick, 12th Grade - Prepared Speech, 2nd Place
 - Anthony Kosis, 12th Grade – Welding, 3rd Place

Congratulations were also extended to the following recipients of the Freedom Area High School H.O.P.E. and Student of the Month Awards for the month of January. Frank Hernandez, Assistant High School Principal, recognized the recipients saying they go above and beyond to help Freedom’s students. There were 126 nominations by students who were asked to nominate a faculty member or coach in the building that makes a difference in their lives. Two teachers stood out:

- H.O.P.E. Award – January awards given to: Mr. Ed Majors and Mr. Brian Wargo
 - Student of the Month Award: Nominated by staff for respect and positive attitude criteria were the following:
 - 12th Grade:
 - Boys - Noah Marks and Evan Stiger
 - Girl - Maddi Lewis
 - 11th Grade:
 - Boy - Ryan Whipple
 - Girl - Jessica Canonge
 - 10th Grade:
 - Boy - Luke Kiefer
 - Girl - Raylen Welling
 - 9th Grade:
 - Boys - Louis Dubovi, Levi Bonzo and Brett Adams
 - Girl - Michaela Muron

Students and faculty in attendance were recognized for their accomplishment.

Greek Catholic Union Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve offer from the Greek Catholic Union of the U.S.A. to extend a helping hand to five families in the District during the Easter Holiday Season in the form of a \$65 Food Certificate.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas

Invitation:

PSBA Leadership Symposium on Advocacy and Issues Conference, Saturday, April 6, Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College, Registration deadline for Conference and Housing is March 6, 2013 (Informational)

Other:

- March 2013 School Board Meetings to be held on March 7 and March 14
- REMINDER: School will not be in session on Friday, February 15 (Snow Day), and

Monday, February 18 (Presidents' Day)

Use of School Facilities (Schedule According to Policy):

1. Big Knob Elementary PTA, Middle School Auditorium and Classroom, 4/25, 4/26, 4/29, Practice and Talent Show
2. Freedom Area Educational Foundation, Middle School Student Center, 3/8, Dance Marathon
3. Staff Members Joy Crouch and Margie Anderson, Big Knob Elementary Multi-Purpose Room, Thursdays, 2/14 thru End of School Year, Fitness Class for District Staff
4. Conway Elementary PTA, Conway Elementary Multi-Purpose Room, 2/28, Father/Daughter Night
5. Skybacher Ministries, Middle School Gym, 4/26, Middle School Dodge Ball Tournament
6. Freedom Jr. High Boys' and Girls' Track Team, Middle School Gym/Student Center, Wednesdays, 1/30 thru 5/1, 3/11, 3/12, 3/25, 4/1, 4/2, 4/4, Practice
7. American Cancer Society, Track and Field, 5/4 thru 5/5 (Noon to Noon), Relay for Life (Senior Project)
8. Drill Team, High School Cafeteria, 4/9 thru 4/12, Drill Team Tryouts
9. Freedom ESPA, Middle School Library, 2/10, Meeting
10. Freedom Area Jr. & Sr. High School Track and Field, Concession Stands, 3/25, 4/4, 4/5, 4/9, 4/10, 4/11, Track Meets
11. Freedom Varsity Cheerleaders, High School Cafeteria, 2/8, Senior Night Dinner
12. Freedom Band Boosters, High School Cafeteria, 2/7 and 3/12, Fundraiser Distribution
13. Freedom Girls' Basketball, High School Cafeteria, 2/7, Senior Night Social
14. Freedom High School Drama Club, High School Auditorium, Cafeteria, Family Consumer Science Room and Adjoining Hallways, 3/16 thru 3/24, Musical Dress Rehearsal, Practice, Show, Cast Party
15. Freedom Girls' Basketball, High School Gym, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2/19 thru 10/1, Open Gym
16. Freedom Baseball, Middle School Hall Near Gym, 2/13, Registration
17. Freedom Middle School PTSA, Middle School Student Center, 4/12 and 5/10, School Dance
18. Freedom Area Drama Club, High School Cafeteria, 2/17, Parent Meeting

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Beaver County Times Article dated February 3, 2013 – New Rules Aim to Get Rid of Junk Foods in Schools (Superintendent's Report – Item A.)
- B. Revised Schedule for Implementation of PA Common Core Aligned PSSA (Superintendent's Report – Item B.)
- C. In/Out Migration Report as of January 2013 – 1,474 (+1 from December 2012)
- D. Free/Reduced Lunch Report as of February 1, 2013 – District at 41.73%
- E. Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of February 7, 2013 - Current Projected Annual Cost for 2012-2013 School Year \$674,997.57; 51 Cyber/Charter Students, 22 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students – 73
- F. BVIU School Board Notes for January 23, 2013 Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent, provided the following report:

- A Beaver County Times article dated February 3, 2013, outlines the New Rules that aim to "Get Rid of Junk Foods in Schools" (**Enclosure**)
- Provided an overview for the revised schedule for Implementation of PA Common Core Aligned PSSA saying that while there has been great progress made with the implementation of the Pennsylvania Common Core in the Commonwealth, the Department of Education (PDE) has also received feedback from educators who have communicated the challenges and demands in developing and implementing the curriculum, as well as concerns about providing instruction that supports the rigor of the revised assessments.

Another area of concern expressed is the implementation of the new teacher evaluation system and the start of the collection of data for the PVAAS three-year average for

teacher ratings. As a result, implementation of the Pennsylvania Common Core-aligned PSSAs for grades 3-5 has been delayed for one year. Embedded field-test items will be included for grades 3-5 in 2013 and 2014, and grades 6-8 in 2014, which will add an additional year for field testing to permit greater curricular alignment to the Pennsylvania Common Core standards. Operational English Language arts and Mathematics assessment will be administered to grades 3-8 in 2015.

While the revised operational PSSA for grades 3-5 has been delayed for one year, LEAs should continue with the Pennsylvania Common Core implementation.

FINANCE:

Preliminary budget 2013/2014	Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$19,651,246.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
MMAX Account	Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve a MMAX Account with Huntington National Bank (Administrative Report) (Signatures Required)
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Release Time	Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve release time for Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent, and Noriene Plate, Business Manager, to attend Commonwealth Budget Seminar, February 25, Four Points Sheraton Pittsburgh North-Mars, Cost \$75 Registration fee plus mileage.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Judicial Sale	Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve confirmation of distribution of monies collected by the Beaver County Tax Claim Bureau from the December 3, 2012, Judicial Sale in the amount of \$3,490.72.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Tax Collector	Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve Tax Collectors salaries for years 2014 through 2017: 1. New Sewickley Township - \$16,500 2. Freedom - \$ 6,000 3. Conway - \$ 6,500
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Employee	Motion by Challis, seconded by Heyman, to approve employee contribution to the Freedom Area Educational Foundation through Payroll Deduction. President Schlegel and Superintendent Jeffrey Fuller are new Board Members.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas

EDUCATION:

Released Time	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve released time according to Act 48:
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT :

1. Other:
 - a. Visit to Pine Richland School District to observe successful implementation of the Foundations Literacy Program, February 19, Cost substitute plus mileage:
 - i. Pam Tesla, Big Knob/Conway Elementary Literacy Coach
 - ii. Tina Cygan, Big Knob Elementary 1st Grade Teacher

iii. Leslie DePace, Conway Elementary 1st Grade Teacher

Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Substitute Teacher	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Kristy Welsh as a Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher (Pending receipt of updated fingerprint clearance)
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Full Day Substitute	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Renee Nowicki as full-day Substitute Aide at \$75/Per Day (Pending receipt of fingerprint clearance).
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Learning Support Aide	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Tina Marteney as Learning Support Aide based on a 5 hour and 45 minute workday, daily rate of \$59 (Pending receipt of fingerprint clearance and new employee drug screening)
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
School Calendar	Following review of the “Draft” 2013-2014 School Calendar, the following motion was made: Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve the “draft” 2013-2014 School Calendar for tentative adoption and staff input (Administrative Report) (Handout).
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Substitute Teacher	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Nancy Dean as a day-to-day Substitute Teacher (Pending receipt of clearances).
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Donation	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve acceptance of a \$1,000 Donation for the Sam Rocco Memorial Scholarship.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Homebound Instruction	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Homebound Instruction, according to policy, for Big Knob Elementary Student.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas

OPERATIONS:

Transportation Agreement	Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve parent transportation agreement with the following (Signatures Required): 1. Jim Scialabba 2. Tina Townley
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Capital Projects	Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve Capital Projects Fund expenditure for Middle School/High School Network Infrastructure upgrade project, PEPPM Pricing (Administrative Report).

Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Overtime	Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve payment of overtime for Wanda Murray, Accounts Payable Coordinator, to support the Buildings & Grounds Department.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Substitute Custodians	Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve the following as Substitute Custodians: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Douglas Hunter (Clearances on File) 2. Lisa Zakarian (Pending Receipt of Clearances) 3. Mariah Smith (Pending Receipt of Clearances) 4. Martin Corak (Pending Receipt of Clearances) 5. Gino Canello (Pending Receipt of Clearances)
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

Revised Master Plan	Dan Engen & Ashley Smock, VEBH Architects, presented a modified building plan that will keep the football field in its current location. The new proposed plan is to move only the track to the area between the Middle School and High School. Engen proposed two scenarios, a West Facing and an East Facing solution and modification of the existing football/soccer field to regular dimensions and maintaining the present location and configuration of the stadium bleachers. Advantages and disadvantages to each scenario were presented.
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A motion by Petcovic to relocate the track field was made and not seconded. The motion was tabled.

President Schlegel recommended a meeting of the full board, Dan Engen, Architect, and Community, to discuss the relocation of the track field. A public meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2013, to discuss the issue.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

Football Coach	Motion by Challis, seconded by Gilarno, to approve three one-year contracts for Timothy Dubovi as Varsity Football Head Coach, Salary \$6,400.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Archery Club	Motion by Chassis, seconded by Gilarno, to approve Bert Pickard as High School Archery Club Sponsor.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Wrestling Coaches Released Time	Motion by Challis, seconded by Gilarno, to approve release time for Jim Covert and Tyler Cathcart, Wrestling Coaches: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plus nine (9) Wrestlers, WPIAL Sectional Wrestling Tournament, February 16, Chartiers Houston High School, Cost meals (Approximately \$200) plus fuel (Will use school van) 2. Plus approximately six (6) Wrestlers, WPIAL Wrestling Tournament, February 22-23, Chartiers Valley High School, Cost meals (Approximately \$240) plus fuel (Will use school van) 3. Plus approximately four (4) Wrestlers, PIAA Southwest Regional Wrestling Tournament, March 1-2, Cambria County War Memorial, Johnstown, Cost meals, lodging, tolls (Approximately \$450) plus fuel (Will use school van) 4. Plus approximately two (2) Wrestlers, PIAA Southwest Regional Wrestling

Tournament, March 6-9, Giant Center, Hershey, Cost meals, lodging, mileage,
Tolls (Approximately \$1,300)

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

Release Time Motion by Challis, seconded by Gilarno, to approve release time for Ed Shephard and
Ryan Smith, Track & Field Coaches, plus approximately four (4) students, PA State
Indoor Track Championships, February 22-23, Penn State University-State College,
Cost registration fee, substitute, meals, lodging, tolls (approximately \$700), plus fuel
(will use school van).

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

Volunteer Coach Motion by Challis, seconded by Gilarno, to approve Chris Coennen as Volunteer
Varsity Baseball Coach (Clearances on File)

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

Adjourn Motion by Challis, seconded by Gilarno, to adjourn. All members voting Yea. – 6
Yeas. Adjourned at 9:22 pm, EST.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary