

APRIL 11, 2013

The Freedom Area School Board held their Regular Board Meeting on April 11, 2013, in the Middle School Library. President Kathleen Schlegel called the Business Meeting to order at 7:15 pm EST, following a student disciplinary hearing.

Board Members Present:

Lorraine Rocco
Scott Challis
Bobbie Jo Elmer
Harry Gilarno
Barbara Heyman
Mary Ann Petcovic
Kathleen Schlegel
Dennis Sharpless

Board Members Absent:

Mike Tibolet

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Noriene Plate, Business Manager
Timothy Dadich, Principal, High School
Richard Edder, Principal, Big Knob/Conway Elementary
Frank Hernandez, Assistant Principal, High School
Matt Scala, Director, Technology and Information Services

Solicitor:

Matt Hoffman, Esq.

Guests: **Public sign-in sheet attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Congratulations:

Frank Hernandez, Assistant High School Principal, extended congratulations to the following recipients of the Freedom Area High School H.O.P.E. and Student of the Month Awards for the month of March. This month, 140 students were nominated for the award:

- H.O.P.E. Award:
 - Mrs. Brandi Burger and Mrs. Andrea Niedbala

- Student of the Month Award Theme - Resiliency
 - 12th Grade:
 - Boy - Evan Stiger, Josh Tinklepaugh
 - Girls - Taylar McCoy, Brooke Petcovic, Megan Szatkiewicz
 - 11th Grade:
 - Boy - Cody Lipinski
 - Girl - Lauren Dubovi
 - 10th Grade:
 - Boy - Nick Charlovich
 - Girl - Cassidy Humbertson
 - 9th Grade:
 - Boy - Eric Makray
 - Girl - Natalie Price

Dawg TV Highlights and Video Presentation of Dawg TV by Freedom Area High School Senior Emilee Baker will be rescheduled.

National Technical Honor Society The District is in receipt of a letter from the Beaver County Career & Technology Center indicating five (5) Freedom Area High School Students will be inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS), Thursday, April 18, 6:30 P.M. (Two students are currently members)

May Board Meetings May 2013 School Board Meetings will be held on May 2 and May 9.

Workshop Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary, attendance at PSBA’s Board Secretary Workshop, June 14, AIU-3, Homestead, Cost \$119 registration fee, plus mileage.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Schlegel, Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy). **Copy of the list is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

Note in Minutes:

- Freedom Area Middle School Health & Fitness Day – Friday, May 3
- Committee Meeting, Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 P.M., Middle School Library to discuss the Freedom Area School District Educational Programs, Board Policies, and Facilities Master Plan. Meeting will begin with Executive Session.

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (Communications-Item C)
- B. Memorandum Requesting Price Increase for Lunch Meals for 2013-2014 School Year (Operations – Item C)
- C. List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsor (Extra Curricular-Item A)
- D. Average Daily Membership for Freedom Area School District, 120 Day Report – 1,500
- E. In/Out Migration Report as of March 2013 – 1,486 (+9 from February 2013)
- F. Free/Reduced Lunch report as of April 3, 2013 – District at 42.41%
- G. Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of April 5, 2013 - Current Projected Annual Cost for 2012-2013 School Year \$658,476.98; 46 Cyber/Charter Students, 23 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students – 69
- H. BVIU School Board Notes for March 27, 2013 Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Release Time Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Sharpless, to approve release time, according to policy, for Superintendent to attend PASA Board of Governors’ Meeting, April 18-19, Harrisburg, Only cost to the District – Lodging (not to exceed \$75).

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Schlegel, Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Raptor System Matt Scala, Director of Technology and Information Services, demonstrated the Raptor Security System that has been purchased by the District and will be placed in each of our four buildings. The Raptor System is the nation's leading visitor management system for school security, providing instant sex offender and background checks to enhance school safety.

FINANCE

Minutes Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve the following Minutes:
Agenda Minutes March 7, 2013
Regular Board Meeting March 14, 2013

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Bills Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve the second check run for payment of bills for the month of March 2013 in the amount of \$252,902.77. **Copy of the bills is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

- Bills Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve the first check run for payment of bills for the month of April 2013 in the amount of \$323,818.70. **Copy of the bills is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Petcovic, Elmer, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
- Capital Improvement Check Run Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve the Capital Improvement Check run for April 2013 in the amount of \$27,025.08. **Copy of the Capital Improvement Check Run is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
- Food Service Report Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the March 2013 Food Service Report. **Copy of the report is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
- Treasurer’s Report Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the March 2013 Treasurer’s Report. **A copy of the Treasurer’s report is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

	<u>March 2013</u>
Money Market, Huntington Bank	\$ 568,237.30
General Fund, Huntington Bank	\$ 4,160.43
Payroll, Huntington Bank	\$ 3,384.37
PA Treasury Invest	\$ 3,665,177.68
Premier Savings – Huntington	\$ 1,472,714.54
PSDLAF – Regular Account	\$ 3,090.43
PSDLAF Max - General Fund	\$ 12,990.90
Huntington – Capital Improvement	\$ 92,471.78
Student Activity Account	\$ 65,365.61
Huntington – Bodkin Scholarship	\$ 256,396.52
PA Treasury-Invest Capital Projects	\$ 912,569.68
PSDLAF CD - Capital Projects	\$ 3,601,000.00
PSDLAF Max – Capital Projects	\$ 1,010,133.01
PSDLAF/ESB Bank CD - General Fund	\$ 2,970,000.00

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
- Release Time Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve Release Time, According to Policy, for the following to attend PSERS Spring Workshop, April 24, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
1. Noriene Plate, Business Manager
 2. Linda Eldridge, Payroll Coordinator
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
- Budget Transfer Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the following Budget Transfer:
- From:**
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| 2700-340 (4173) | Professional Services - Transportation | \$(3,000) |
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- To:**
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| 2511-330 (3353) | Professional Services – Business Office | \$ 3,000 |
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- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

- BVIU Budget Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the BVIU 2013-2014 General Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,210,217 (Increase of \$4,629 from 2012-2013 Budget – No Increase to District) (Signatures Required).
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
- BCC&TC Budget Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the 2013-2014 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget in the amount of \$4,133,131.14 (Increase of \$109,505.19 from 2012-2013 Budget) (Signatures Required).
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
- Articles of Agreement Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the proposed revisions to the Articles of Agreement for the Health Care Consortium based on the unanimous recommendation of the Health Advisory Council - Revisions would change the Notification Date for withdrawal from the Consortium from March 31st to July 1st of the year preceding the withdrawal and would provide for the distribution to the withdrawing member of 25% of any balance remaining after the “Run-Out” year following withdrawal (Signatures Required).
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Note in Minutes:

- NOTICE: May is Month to Elect Board Treasurer for next Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013
- Beaver County School Health Insurance Consortium Report for February 2013

EDUCATION:

Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve released time according to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Other:

- a. Darlene Corris, Middle School Principal, Teacher Effectiveness Training for Administrators, June 25-26, BVIU, Cost Mileage
- b. AIU Summer Institute-AP Professional Development, June 24-27, South Fayette High School-McDonald, Cost \$850 registration fee plus \$80 mileage:
 - i. Brandi Burger, High School Biology Teacher
 - ii. Nathan Langelli, High School Social Studies Teacher
 - iii. Maria Porter, High School Social Studies Teacher

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
- Lead Teacher Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Gilarno, to approve Ryan Smith as a full-time Middle School Lead Teacher, Stipend \$2,000 (Prorated for 2012-2013 School Year).
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
- Resolution Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve adoption of resolution to allow Superintendent to sign electronically any and all Contracts, Agreements, Grants and/or Licenses with the Pennsylvania Department of Education (Administrative Report) (Signatures Required).
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Agreement	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Project Cooperative Agreement renewal for the 2013-2014 School Year with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit for the extended school year program and purchase of certain specialized instructional materials.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
IDEA Application	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve adoption of Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds by School District as part of the Beaver Valley IDEA Application.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

OPERATIONS:

Membership Fees	Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve the following Annual District Membership Fees for Dawn Fronius, Food Service Director, for the 2013-2014 School Year: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School Nutrition Association - \$135 2. Pittsburgh Regional Food Service Directors Association (PRFSDA) - \$150
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
Release Time	Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Dawn Fronius, Food Service Director, to attend training pertaining to 6 Cent Certification, May 2, North Hills High School, Cost Mileage.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
Price Increase For Lunch Meals	Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Chassis, to approve the following price increase for 2013-2014 Lunch Meals (All Breakfasts will remain @ \$1.15 and Milk at \$.55): (Enclosure) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Lunch - \$2.20 (Increase of \$.10) • Middle School Lunch - \$2.30 (Increase of \$.05) • High School Lunch - \$2.35 (Increase of \$.10)
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
Bus Stop	Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve addition of New Bus Stop at 432 Harmony Avenue, Rochester.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Note in Minutes:

- Food Facility Inspection Report by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for Conway Elementary School, Status – In Compliance (March 14, 2013)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

Account Signatures	Motion by Challis, seconded by Heyman, to approve list of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsor. (Enclosure)
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
Soccer Coach	Motion by Challis, seconded by Gilarno, to approve Craig Morgan as Head Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach, Salary \$3,300; three (3) one (1) year contracts. (Pending receipt of clearances).

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
- Executive Session Motion by Challis, seconded by Sharpless, for the Board to go into executive session at 8:00 pm to discuss the following:
1. Personnel / Legal Issues
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
- Adjourn Executive Motion by Challis, seconded by Gilarno, to adjourn executive session at 8:17 pm.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
- Disciplinary Hearing Motion by Challis, seconded by Gilarno, to approve student Adjudication as determined by Board of Education at a hearing held April 11, 2013.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
- School Tax Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve donating \$750 to the Freedom Li'l Bulldog Association's equipment fund (tax exempt status).
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Petcovic, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas
- Adjourn Motion by Challis, seconded by Heyman to adjourn. All members voting Yea. 8 Yeas. Adjourned at 8:19 pm EST.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary