

**FEBRUARY 6, 2014**

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on February 6, 2014, in the Middle School Library. President Barbara Heyman called the Business Meeting to order at 7:00 pm, EST.

**Board Members Present:**

Lorraine Rocco  
Harry Gilarno (Arrived 7:45 PM)  
Dawn Greene  
Barbara Heyman  
Mary Ann Petcovic  
Lori Pail  
Jennifer Sayer  
Dennis Sharpless

**Board Members Absent:**

**New Board Member:**

Alan Colorito

**School Staff Present:**

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent  
Noriene Plate, Business Manager  
Timothy Dadich, High School Principal  
Frank Hernandez, Assistant High School Principal  
Darlene Corris, Middle School Principal  
Richard Edder, Elementary School Principal  
Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings & Grounds

**Solicitor:**

Matt Hoffman, Esq

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Frank Hernandez, Assistant High School Principal, and Timothy Dadich, 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 months of December 2013 and January 2014.

- H.O.P.E. Award (Theme—"Brightens My Day"):
  - Ms. Katherine Gigl
- Student of the Month Award (Theme—"Most Improved"):
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:
    - Girl - Jessica Livingston
    - Boy - Christian Edder
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade:
    - Girl - Jessica Palak
    - Boy - Josh Leasure
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade:
    - Girl - Mia Vogel
    - Boy - RJ Schlegel
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:
    - Girl - Meghan Imhoff
    - Boy - Hunter Yeck

The District is in receipt of a letter from the Freedom Area Community Task Force thanking the District for the Donation of \$1,500.

**Invitation:**

- Freedom Area High School Big Red Marching Band Banquet, Saturday, February 8, 4:00 P.M., Center Stage, Monaca

Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Pail, to approve the following recommended make-up snow days:

- Snow Day March 10<sup>th</sup> for January 28<sup>th</sup>
- Snow Day April 17<sup>th</sup> for February 5<sup>th</sup>

Roll Call    Yea Votes – Petcovic, Rocco, Heyman, Sayre, Greene, Sharpless, and Pail.  
Vote        Motion carried – 7 Yeas

**NEW BOARD MEMBER:**

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Petcovic, to approve Alan Colorito as School Board Director to fill the unexpired term of Mike Tibolet which will expire December 2015. Note: Colorito took his Oath Of Office following his nomination to fill the unexpired term.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Petcovic, Rocco, Heyman, Gilarno, and Pail. No Votes – Greene, Sayer, Vote and Sharpless. Motion carried – 5 Yea

**PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:**

Mr. John Mohrbacher, Head Soccer Coach, addressed the Board regarding the Head Soccer Coach position asking for insight into why after 18 years as the Soccer Coach the position has been opened up.

**EDUCATION:**

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

CA:1 **STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:**

A. **Other:**

- a. Michelle Koutsourais, Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher, Math Counts Competition, February 8, Geneva College, No Cost to District
  - b. Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Instructional Staff, Sixth Grade Service Project, February 13, Rochester Manor, Cost Substitute (PTSA Paying for Bus)
  - c. Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher, February 13, 20 and 27, VEKA Inc.-Fombell, Cost Substitute (Will use school van)
- B. Resignation of Jackie Frank as Conway Elementary Learning Support Aide effective January 17, 2014
- C. Release Time, According to Policy, for Administrators and Counselor to attend required 2014 PSSA Administration Training week of February 10, Location varies, Cost Mileage Plus Tolls

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

**OPERATIONS:**

Motion to approve the following Operations items was made by Sharpless, seconded by Sayer, and was unanimously approved through consent agenda:

CA:1 Release Time, According to Policy, for Dawn Fronius, Food Service Director, to attend the Following:

1. Commodity and PA Meal Training, February 12, RIDC Park-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage Plus Tolls
2. Think Tank Committee Meeting, February 14, Grazi-Wexford, Cost Mileage

CA:2 Theresa Colleen Rudnicki as part-time Administrative Assistant, 12 Month Position, to Director of Buildings and Grounds, Salary \$12.50 Per Hour (Pending Receipt of Act 151 Clearance and New Employee Drug Screening)

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

Note: Board member Harry Gilarno arrived 7:45 pm

Building & Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings & Grounds, provided the following report: Grounds Report

**Big Knob:** Work continues with the sewage plant due to the cold temperatures. New drive belts have been ordered due to the plant freezing up again. Water samples have been taken and sent as of February 4th for testing. Awaiting results. The water well chlorine injection system was

recharged and tested per DEP for the school's drinking water. Normal plumbing and mechanical repairs.

**Conway:** General plumbing and maintenance repairs.

**High School:** Rekeying of the High School has been completed, except for a couple of closet locks (parts are on order). Installed a new dust collector motor for the Industrial shop class. Work continues on several roof top units. Pricing for replacement of the York RTU A unit being reviewed. Replaced check valve on the hot water boiler system, which feeds hot water to the main shower area. The folding wall at AB1 currently has been disconnected and pushed back. The track pulley/cable system has exceeded usable life. Extensive work will be required to replace the folding wall at a later date.

**Middle School:** Work continues with the renovation project of the Middle School nearing completion. Researching the replacement cost of a failed boiler pump for the Middle school heating system. Estimated cost of pump bearing assemblies, gaskets, and mechanical seals \$1400. Approximately 7 to 10 business days for delivery, repairs to be completed in house.

### **FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:**

Dan Engen, Principal, VEBH Architects, provided a progress update on the Middle School construction project saying the drawings will be completed on February 7<sup>th</sup> and we will be going to bid on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Bid opening date will be March 6<sup>th</sup>. Meetings continue with the New Sewickley Township Water Authority and he is looking forward to the process of advertising and selecting a "Clerk of the Works".

Motion by Gilarno seconded by Sharpless, to approve solicitation of bids for the Campus Consolidation Project.

Roll Call    Yea Votes – Petcovic, Rocco, Colorito, Heyman, Gilarno, Sayre, Greene, Sharpless,  
Vote            and Pail. Motion carried – 9 Yeas

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Executive Session    Motion by Greene, seconded by Sayer, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 8:20 pm to discuss the following:

➤ Personnel Matter

Roll Call    Yea Votes – Petcovic, Rocco, Colorito, Heyman, Gilarno, Sayre, Greene, Sharpless,  
Vote            and Pail. Motion carried – 9 Yeas

Adjourn Executive Session    Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Sayre, to adjourn Executive Session at 8:45 pm, EST.

Roll Call    Yea Votes – Petcovic, Rocco, Heyman, Gilarno, Sayre, Greene, Sharpless, Colorito,  
Vote            and Pail. Motion carried – 9 Yeas

Note: No action taken following Executive Session.

Adjourn    Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Petcovic, to adjourn. All members voting Yea. 9 Yeas. Adjourned at 8:45 pm, EST.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary