

JULY 25, 2013

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on July 25, 2013, in the Middle School Library. President Kathleen Schlegel called the Business Meeting to order at 7:10 pm EST.

Board Members Present:

Scott Challis
Harry Gilarno
Barbara Heyman
Mary Ann Petcovic
Kathleen Schlegel

Board Members Absent:

Mike Tibolet
Bobbie Jo Elmer
Lorraine Rocco
Dennis Sharpless

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Noriene Plate, Business Manager
Darlene Corris, Middle School Principal
John Rosa, Faculty & Athletic Director
Gary Mortimer, Director, Buildings & Grounds
Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor
Susie Suleski, Middle School 6th/8th Grade Counselor
Misty Slavic, Director, Curriculum and Instruction
Stephanie Stewart, Big Knob Elementary Prevention Specialist

Solicitor:

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

President Kathleen Schlegel announced there was an Executive Session held prior to the start of the business meeting to discuss Personnel Matters.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The August 2013 School Board Meeting will be held on August 1 (August 8 meeting cancelled); Monday, August 19th meeting will be scheduled for 7:00 pm – will be advertised. September 2013 School Board Meetings to be held on September 12 and September 19.

Motion to approve the following Communication Items was made by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, and unanimously approved to include appointment of voting delegate:

- CA: 1 School Board Members and Superintendent's attendance, According to Policy, at the 2013 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference, October 15 thru October 18, Hershey Lodge & Convention Center
- CA:2 Lorraine Rocco was appointed as a voting delegate for the PSBA Legislative Policy Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 (Deadline to submit Certification of Voting Delegates is July 31, 2013)

Roll Call Yea Votes – Petcovic, Heyman, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried –
Vote 5 Yeas

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Motion to approve the following item was made by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, and was unanimously approved through consent agenda:

CA:1 Resolution pertaining to Student Disciplinary Hearing Conducted on July 2, 2013
(Signatures Required)

Roll Call Yea Votes – Petcovic, Heyman, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried –
Vote 5 Yeas

A presentation was given by Susie Suleski, Middle School Guidance Counselor, Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor, and Stephanie Stewart, Big Knob Elementary Prevention Specialist, on Rachel's Challenge, a Positive Behavior/Anti-Bullying Program.

FINANCE:

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to elect Lorraine Rocco as Board Secretary, According to Section 404 of School Code and Board Policy No. 005, Organization, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017 (Four Year Term).

Roll Call Yea Votes – Petcovic, Heyman, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried –
Vote 5 Yeas

EDUCATION:

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

CA:1 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Other:

- a. Confirm: PIMS Workshop, July 17, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
 - ii. Randy Perkins, Middle School Guidance Counselor
- b. Confirm: PVAAS Train-the-Trainer Workshop, July 24, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
 - ii. Rich Edder, Big Knob/Conway Elementary Principal

CA:2 Resignation of Brittany Keefer as Elementary Speech/Language Therapist effective end of 2012-2013 School Year.

CA:3 Danielle Notarianni, Personal Care Aide for student, for 2013 Extended School Year, Cost not to exceed \$250 approved.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Petcovic, Heyman, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried –
Vote 5 Yeas

Notion by Gilarno, seconded by Petcovic, to approve Chantelle McKim, Middle School 8th Grade English Teacher, Step 0B (Clearances on file, Pending receipt of New Employee Drug Screening)

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

OPERATIONS:

The following Buildings & Grounds report was given by Gary Mortimer, Director:

Big Knob: Meeting with Mr. Stevenson regarding our October 2013 DEP water testing plan for Disinfectant Byproducts; finalizing our seven-page report to comply with DEP's current test procedure. We should comply under the Stage 1 requirements. Stage 2 testing must be started if we plan to operate in January of 2015. Replaced all belts and filters on the roof top units. Checked all exhaust fans.

Conway: General summer time maintenance.

High School: Replaced two roof top fan motors and one motor overload; Library furniture/bookshelves removed and wall painted for upcoming updates; Summer cleaning completed excluding library hallway and final room adjustments.

Middle School: Building Control Inc. will start installation of the zone controls on July 29th, estimated completion date August 7th; Roof drains and scuppers have been cleaned.

General Discussion: Gym floors have been completed; High School Electrical Service upgraded; Fire alarm system updates for High School and Middle School.

Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, discussed a request made by the New Sewickley Township Police Department for a donation in support of the K-9 Program. A \$1,000 donation was recommended and will be acted on at the August 1, 2013 Board Meeting.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

Motion to approve the following extra-curricular items was made by Challis, seconded by Gilarno, and were unanimously approved through consent agenda:

CA:1 The following resignations:

1. Amy Nicely as Middle School Newspaper Sponsor
2. Rob and Tammy James as Middle School Play Director/Assistant Director

CA:2 Medical Coverage for Summer 2013 Band/Football Camp by Vince Sinovic, Athletic Trainer, August 5 thru August 16, \$250 Per Week Stipend

CA:3 Request from Baseball Boosters to install a New Infield on High School Baseball Field – request to be totally funded by Boosters (No Cost to District)

CA:4 The following Coaches:

1. Jennifer Cantella as Varsity Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, Salary according to contract (Clearances on file)
2. Matt Brown as Varsity Assistant Football Coach, Salary according to contract (Clearances on file)

CA:5 John Rosa, Athletic Director, gave the following report:

1. Coaching Vacancies :

Cheerleading Coach – 8 applicants (interviewing on Tuesday)

Boys' Basketball Coach – 14 applicants (beginning to screen)

Softball Coach – 5 applicants (beginning to screen)

JH Wrestling Coach – Received two applications (Coach Covert may have another candidate as well)

MS Track Coach – 2 applicants

2. Football Heat Acclimation Dates – August 7-8-9

3. Online Sports Registration to begin (95% paperless)

4. Fall Sport season to begin August 12th

Roll Call Yea Votes – Petcovic, Heyman, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried –
Vote 5 Yeas

Adjourn Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis to adjourn. All members voting Yea.
 5 Yeas. Adjourned at 8:40 pm, EST.

Submitted by:

Noriene Plate, Business Manager

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary