

**JUNE 12, 2014**

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on June 12, 2014, in the Middle School Library following the Meet and Discuss Meeting (notes and sign-in sheet attached to the minutes in the minute book). President Barbara Heyman called the Business Meeting to order at 7:32 pm, EST.

**Board Members Present:**

Alan Colorito  
Dawn Greene  
Barbara Heyman  
Lori Pail  
Mary Ann Petcovic  
Lorraine Rocco  
Jennifer Sayre  
Dennis Sharpless

**Board Members Absent:**

Harry Gilarno

**School Staff Present:**

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent  
Noriene Plate, Business Manager  
Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. Darlene Corris, Middle School Principal  
Richard Edder, Elementary School Principal  
Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings & Grounds  
John Rosa, Faculty & AD  
Lisa Moore, Faculty  
Cindy Zeigler, Faculty

Guests: **No community members were in attendance at the meeting.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Lisa Moore and Cindy Zeigler, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers, held CSI days May 27 – May 29 in the Middle School. They provided a PowerPoint presentation for the Board on “CSI-Crime Scene Investigation-Forensic Science” techniques. Students attended workshops that included finger-printing, footprints, interrogative questioning, hair analysis, and instruction on how to bag and tag from various law enforcement officials. They also heard from the District Attorney who spoke on various types of cases Attorneys defend at the courthouse.

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent, provided an overview of Freedom Area High School 2014 Graduates saying \$750,000 had been received in college scholarships and 180 college credits had been earned while attending high School. Dr. Fuller also reported graduating students will be going to Technical/Trade Schools, and various other occupations. **Copy of the report is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

**FINANCE:**

Motion by Rocco, seconded by Sayre, to approve 2014-2015 Worker’s Compensation Insurance through Highmark Casualty, Premium \$82,541(Administrative Report).

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

Note: Noriene Plate, Business Manager, provided highlights to the Governor’s proposed State Budget.

**EDUCATION:**

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

CA:1 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Other:
  - a. Confirm: STEM Work Within Your School, May 21, BVIU, Cost substitute plus mileage:
    - i. Darlene Corris, Middle School Principal
    - ii. Rich Heisler, Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
  - b. Confirm: Frank Hernandez, High School Assistant Principal, Public Safety Training Seminar, June 11, Nemaocolin Woodlands, Cost \$75 registration fee plus mileage
  - c. Educator Effectiveness Open Forum, June 18, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
    - i. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
    - ii. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
    - iii. Darlene Corris, Middle School Principal
    - iv. Rich Edder, Big Knob/Conway Elementary Principal

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. Other:
    - a. Confirm: Senior Class Trip, June 7, Cedar Point-Sandusky, No Cost to District:
      - i. Aaron Fitzpatrick, High School English Teacher
      - ii. Katie Gigl, High School Social Studies Teacher
      - iii. Kelly Krawchyk, High School Social Studies Teacher
      - iv. Nate Langelli, High School Social Studies Teacher
- CA:2 Resignation of Tim Dadich, High School Principal, effective June 30, 2014
- CA:3. Frank Hernandez as Interim High School Principal effective July 1, 2014 with a monthly stipend of \$1,000
- CA:4 Agreement with Adagio Health, Inc. to conduct the Power Up...Eat Right Nutrition Education Program for Conway Elementary effective October 1, 2014, to September 30, 2015
- CA:5 The following Extended School Year Programs (Tuition and Transportation):
1. ACHIEVA/The Arc of Beaver – Tuition fee at \$1,537 per student (2 students)
  2. LifeSteps:
    - a. Tuition Fee at \$885 per student (3 students)
    - b. Tuition Fee at \$660 per student (No speech therapy) (1 student)
  3. St. Stephen's:
    - a. Glade Run Academics – Tuition fee at \$3,500 per student (4 students)
  4. Watson Institute/YMCA-Sewickley – Tuition fee at \$6,540 per student (1 student)
  5. McGuire Homes – No tuition fee to District (1 student)
  6. New Horizon – No tuition fee to District (7 students)
  7. Western Pennsylvania Psychiatric Care – No tuition fee to District (1 Student)
  8. Children's Institute – No tuition/transportation, District reimbursed by BVIU (1 student)
  9. The Education Center at Watson Institute – No tuition/transportation, District reimbursed by BVIU (2 students)
- CA:6 Summer In-Home Instruction for Middle School Student, Total 36 hours at \$28 per hour – Cost \$1,008
- CA:7 2014-2015 Educational Services Agreement with C.L.A.S.S. Academy/Signore Center – \$9,985 1<sup>st</sup> Seat, \$9,685 2<sup>nd</sup> Seat, \$9,285 3<sup>rd</sup> Seat
- CA:8 2014-2015 Agreement with the Prevention Network for costs for contracted prevention services, eight (8) days of service per week x nine (9) months for a total of \$72,000 (No increase from previous year), Plus additional programs at no cost to District
- CA:9 Agreement with BAYADA Home Health Care, Inc. for Skilled Nursing for the period of June 2014 thru June 2015 for (1) one Special Education Student, Cost \$44 per hour as needed

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

### OPERATIONS:

Motion by Rocco, seconded by Petcovic, to approve release time, according to policy, for Dawn Fronius, Food Service Director, to attend PRFSD Board of Directors' Meetings, June 16-17, Champion-PA, No Cost to District

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

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

#### District Summary:

- The yearly check and recharging of all District Fire Extinguishers has been completed. This includes verifying the fire extinguishers, seat belt cutter and first aid kits in all district student vehicles.
- Elevator inspections by the Department of Labor and Industry have been completed. No action required.
- The following have been completed: The setback and shutdown of District fans, boilers, rooftops and refrigeration systems for summer operation. This process will extend the equipment life and utility costs.
- Summer cleaning has begun in Big Knob, Conway and the High School buildings with removal and cleaning of the furniture.
- Gym floor refinishing has been scheduled to start July 7<sup>th</sup> at the High School and Middle School locations. Work to be completed by July 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Concrete replacement of the handicap ramp and sidewalks are being completed at the main campus. In addition, two sections of concrete at the Middle School are being replaced. (No cost to the district). The finish surface failed due to rain shortly after install before the concrete surface cured last year.

#### Conway:

- The #2 boiler pump mechanical seal and bearing assembly has failed. Installation of equipment to be completed in house this summer.

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

Motion by Sharpless, seconded by Sayre, to confirm and approve, release time, according to policy, for (5) five students and staff travel for State Track & Field Championships, May 22-24, Shippensburg University, Cost Substitute, Lodging (\$1,200), Meals (\$365), Fuel, Mileage:

1. Ed Shephard, Varsity Head Track Coach
2. Ryan Smith, Varsity Assistant Track Coach
3. John Roebuck, Varsity Assistant Track Coach
4. Vince Sinovic, Athletic Trainer

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

Athletic Director John Rosa, Athletic Director, gave the following monthly report:

- 1) Spring seasons finished up strong with success in Track; Jared Hogue was a WPIAL Champion and won 2 medals at States; Brenton Harrison, Trevor Adams, and Niki Vargo also qualified for States.
- 2) Act 82 Reporting has begun for the Booster Groups – The Law requires them to report all expenditures and donations.
- 3) 2014-2015 Schedules are almost complete – just making arrangements for Track & Field just in case our facility is not able to host events.
- 4) Looking into construction affects on home events at the stadium. All options will be reviewed and presented to the Athletic Committee once it is determined the best way to proceed.
- 5) UPMC Training Proposal is being worked on this week as per suggestions for language changes from solicitor. Hopefully, we will have that in place for June 19 meeting.

- 6) Special thank you to our long time trainer – Vince Sinovic – on his retirement from the Freedom Area School District after 50 years.

Note: Vince Sinovic, Athletic Trainer, was in attendance at the meeting and said how much he appreciated being the Athletic Trainer for 50 years at the District, it has been a long ride. A lot of changes were made over the years! He said he will still be attending some of the games...but as a spectator at this time. He thanked the Board saying they provided everything needed for health and safety for the athletes. Best Wishes were extended to Mr. Sinovic on his retirement.

President Barbara Heyman requested Central Office to determine cost vs. rental for Lights and a Sound System to be utilized for the school play. Business Manager, Noriene Plate, will report back at the regular Board Meeting.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, thanked Matt Scala and Gary Mortimer for all they did to have the District run smoothly when the electrical power was turned off for several days. Duquesne Light made some necessary power changes at the Middle School.
- Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction/Special Education, gave a year-end report on Curriculum Mapping saying the District was aligned to PA Common Standards. **Copy of report attached to the minutes in the minute book.**
- Noriene Plate, Business Manager, gave an updated report on the Governor's State budget saying the Governor signed House Bill 1738 for Basic Education Funding; included in part is legislation to adopt pension reform for public schools, and the education groups are urging enactment of a gas severance tax to help fund education.

### **FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:**

Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, reported that Dan Engen, VEBH Architect, and Scott Smith, Clerk of the Works, will attend the regular Board meeting and provide a full report on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Fuller also reported that there was a telephone outage on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>; correspondence will be sent to Freedom Borough Council asking them to waive the building permit fee of \$57,540 for the construction project; and Business Manager, Noriene Plate, is determining the amount to be refunded to the District for repair of the driveway at the Sr. High School.

### **POLICY:**

A Policy Committee meeting will be held at 6:00 pm, EST, Thursday, June 19, in the Middle School Library.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Executive Session      Motion by Greene, seconded by Petcovic, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 9:30 pm, EST, to discuss the following:

➤ Personnel Matters

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

Note: Board Member Mary Ann Petcovic left the meeting at 9:45 pm, EST  
Board Member D. J. Sharpless left the meeting at 10:30 pm, EST

Adjourn Executive Session      Motion by Greene, seconded by Pail, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:55 pm, EST.

Roll Call      Yea Votes – Rocco, Heyman, Sayre, Colorito, Greene, and Pail.  
Vote      Motion carried – 6 Yeas

Note: No action taken following Executive Session.

Adjourn Motion by Sayre, seconded by Pail, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.  
6 Yeas. Adjourned at 10:56 pm, EST.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary