

## MARCH 6, 2014

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

### Board Members Present:

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

### Board Members Absent:

### School Staff Present:

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

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

### COMMUNICATIONS:

- The Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Instructional Staff and students gave a PowerPoint presentation on their Service Project – a visit to Rochester Manor on Thursday, February 13. Mrs. Zeigler, Mrs. Moore, and students Cade and Cole Scuse discussed their service project saying they had a sing along with the residents, made and presented gifts to them, played games such as chair hockey and balloon volleyball; made rainbow loom bracelets and other activities with the residents. A good time was held by all. Note: The PowerPoint presentation was developed by Cade and Cole Scuse.
- Darlene Corris, Middle School Principal, reported on the recently held National Academic Games Competition saying this is the seventh year the district has participated in the academic games with 40 students involved. This is the third year students qualified for National competition that will be taking place in Knoxville, Tennessee, April 25-28. The students practice from September thru February after school, two days per week, to prepare for the competition. Under the tutelage of Ms. Miller, the students have progressed from a program of five to this year with 24 students. The three students participating in National competition are: Cade Scuse, Cole Scuse and Dan White.
- Tim Dadich, High School Principal, reported on the recent High School's DECA Club competition saying 14 students went to State competition held in Hershey, PA. DECA is an international association of high school and college students and teachers preparing leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, management, and other business areas. Seven students will be going to National competition in Atlanta, Georgia. They are: Jen Wallis, First Place in Apparel and Accessories Marketing; Zach Kugel/Reilly Collins/Maddie Edder, third Place DECA Quiz Bowl; Britnay Bionda, Third Place in Modeling; Ryan Gray, District 2 State Representative (this is an elected position); and Patrick Baker, Third Place in Business/Financial Services. Dadich and Mrs. Majors, DECA Advisor, recognized the students for their talent and the manner in which they represented the Freedom Area School district.

**PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:**

Mrs. Kelly Scott, district resident and parent of two children that go to a private school, requested that there be better communication between the parents, school, and bus company, since her children are not arriving at home on time. Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, said the District will look into the communication issues with all three parties.

**EDUCATION:**

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

CA:1 **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

1. Other:
  - a. Frank Hernandez, High School Assistant Principal, Keeping Kids Safe: School Safety and Security, March 12, Westin Convention Center-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage
  - b. Roo-Tees, March 11, Carnegie, Cost Substitute:
    - i. Tim Dadich, High School Principal
    - ii. Kristen Milanovich, High School Freedom Fortune 500 Club Sponsor
    - iii. Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings & Grounds

**STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:**

1. Other:
  - a. Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher:
    - i. Veka Inc.-Fombell, March 10-13, No Cost to District (Will Use School Van)
    - ii. BotsIQ of Southwestern PA Robotics Competition, March 14-15, Westmoreland County Community College, Cost Substitute (Will Use School Van)

CA:2 Ashley Ashbaugh as Conway Elementary Learning Support Aide retroactive to March 3, 2014, Salary \$11.60 per hour (Not to exceed 29.5 hours per week) (Pending receipt of Act 151 Clearance and New Employee Drug Screening Test)

CA:3 The following student teachers:

1. Lucas Gray, Geneva College – Placed with John Rosa, High School Math Teacher, January 14 thru April 25, 2014 (Clearances on File)
2. Elizabeth Doyle, Robert Morris University - Placed with Kelly Krawchyk, High School Social Studies Teacher, January 13 thru January 31, 2014; Placed with Jim Culler, Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade History Teacher, February 1 thru April 25, 2014 (Clearances on File)

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

**SUPERINTENDENT:**

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent, reviewed the following:

- Snow Make-Up Day No. 4 (Handout)
- Draft B of the Proposed 2014-2015 School Calendar is closely in line with the County school calendar (Handout)
- Summary of Pennsylvania State Board of Education’s Revisions to Chapter 4 Regulations effective March 1, 2014 (Handout) was reviewed highlighting a number of important changes related to the Common Core Standards, now called Pennsylvania Core Standards. **Copy attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

**FINANCE:**

Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Sharpless, to refer open bank bids to the Business Office for Tabulation.

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

### OPERATIONS:

Motion by Sharpless, seconded by Sayer, to refer open catalogue bids to the Business Office for tabulation.

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

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

**Big Knob:** New drive belts have been installed and general sewer plant maintenance of the skimmers and transfer tanks completed. Discussion with Jim Stevenson, Big Knob water plant operator, regarding the requirements and deadlines to operate as a public water supplier. The DEP has been contacted to discuss the requirements/testing to operate the Big Knob School beyond June 2014. More information to come.

**Conway:** Work continues on repairs to the roof leaks at the gymnasium area. General plumbing and electrical work completed. Work continues with the classroom univents.

**High School:** Installed five new home runs of cat 6 cable to improve the flow of data. (Approximately 1500' of new cable). Repairs to the rooftop equipment, control boards, outdoor sensors, etc. Installed a charging station for the newly purchased forklift at the loading dock. Installed two high volume fans in the High School gymnasium ceiling to improve the stratification of the air temperature.

**Middle School:** Completion of the bearing assembly and mechanical seals on boiler pump 1. Salt bin with canopy has been completed. Repairs to the gym exterior entrance has been completed, awaiting refund under warranty for part. Replacement of camera in the lower hallway by the new nurse's office. Spring univent cleaning has started. Working with Trane technical support/technicians to resolve the problem with the new univent motors that are failing.

**General:** Removal of trailers and contents from the shed in preparation for the new primary center has started. Discuss quote on replacement of rooftop Unit A located at High School (Room 210 - Chemical Lab).

### FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

Dan Engen, Principal, VEBH Architects, provided a progress update on the Middle School construction project saying the initial review of construction bids received totaled \$11,464,343. A lot of work still needs to be done prior to next week. Low bidders still have the opportunity to drop out. A spreadsheet of items that still need resolved has been developed. Clerk of Works position has been advertised with 23 individuals requesting RFP packets. Interviews can begin by the first meeting in April. Great participation for bid.

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

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

1. Spring Roster Size; Baseball – 23; Softball – 13; Track – 60; JH Baseball – 16; MS Softball – 12; MS Track – 53; MS Volleyball – 35
2. Reviewed Annual Athletic Pass and District Personnel presence at events:
  - a. Summary of other schools – **Copy attached to the minutes in the minute book.**
  - b. Recommendations – **Copy attached to the minutes in the minute book.**
3. Review off season and post season pay structure and new athletic contract format – **Copy attached to the minutes in the minute book.**
4. New Homecoming format – Fall Festival on 9/27. To include a parade, vending booths, game, and bonfire – all on Saturday. Open for discussion.

5. New Act being proposed that all interscholastic coaches will need a certification. Course will cost approximately \$90 per coach – One time class.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Executive Session      Motion by Sayre, seconded by Gilarno, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 8:25 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      Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Sharpless, to adjourn Executive Session  
Session                      at 8:50 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.

Executive Session      Motion by Sharpless, seconded by Petcovic, for the Board to go into  
Executive Session at 9:00 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      Motion by Colorito, seconded by Rocco, to adjourn Executive Session  
Session                      at 9:30 pm, EST.

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

Adjourn      Motion by Sayre, seconded by Petcovic, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.  
9 Yeas. Adjourned at 9:35 pm, EST.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary