

MAY 1, 2014

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on May 1, 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 (Arrived 7:05 pm)
Mary Ann Petcovic
Jennifer Sayre
Dennis Sharpless

Board Members Absent:

Lorraine Rocco

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Norieni Plate, Business Manager
Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Frank Hernandez, High School Assistant Principal
Darlene Corris, Middle School Principal
Richard Edder, Elementary School Principal
Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings & Grounds
John Rosa, Faculty & AD (Arrived 7:50 pm)

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Voting Ballots were distributed by Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, to be cast for the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of School Directors (Three-year term beginning July 1, 2014, thru June 30, 2017) – Return ballots to Board Secretary at end of meeting of May 6, 2014

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Petcovic, to approve/accept the following:

- A. Donation of an Art & School Announcement Display System from the Middle School PTSA
- B. “Big Red” Marching Band Participation in the Freedom and Conway Boroughs May 2014 Memorial Day Parades

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

Note in Minutes:

- Approved District 2014-2015 School Calendar (Handout)
- Important Dates for End-of-Year High School/District Activities (Handout)
 - *Principal’s Reception – Wednesday, May 21, 7:00 P.M.
 - *High School Spring Concert – Wednesday, May 28, 7:00 P.M.

EDUCATION:

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

CA:1 STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. Other:
 - a. Confirm: Margie Anderson, School Nurse/Conway Elementary 4th Grade Students, Basic Aid Training Skills Day, April 28, Big Knob Elementary School, No cost to District (Paid by PTA)

- b. Accelerated Reader Reward Incentive Field Trip to Baden Bowl, May 6, No cost to District (FAEF Grant):
 - i. Lisa Moore, Middle School 6th Grade Teacher
 - ii. Cindy Zeigler, Middle School 6th Grade Teacher
 - c. Aaron Fitzpatrick, High School English Teacher/Yearbook Sponsor, Spring Yearbook Workshop, May 6, Neshannock High School, Cost substitute (Will Use School Van)
- CA:2 Confirm: FMLA, According to Policy, for John Capehart, Conway Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher, effective April 22 thru April 27, 2014

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The following school representatives gave presentations:

- A. Students who attended the Field Trip to France on April 18 thru April 25, 2014
- B. Three members of the High School Robotics Team gave a board presentation and will also be on TV Saturday, May 10 from 7:30 to 8:00 PM
- C. Dr. Fuller updated the Board on the Pittsburgh Business Times School Ranking Report

FINANCE:

Public presentation of the 2014-2015 Proposed Final Budget in PDE-2028 format was given by Noriene Plate, Business Manager.

OPERATIONS:

Motion by Pail, seconded by Gilarno, to approve release time, according to policy, for Dawn Fronius, Food Service Director, to attend the 2014 Pennsylvania PrimeroEdge User Group Meeting, May 5, DoubleTree Hotel-Monroeville, Cost mileage plus tolls

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

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

General information:

- Grounds work continues with spring sporting events.

High School:

- Installation of the spot cooler for the chemical room 210 has been completed; Replacement of the industrial arts dust collector shaker motor and gear box has been installed and tested; Completed work for the success of the play. Additional 35 hours of custodial overtime was required with this year's show.

Middle School:

- Completed safety tests of all pressure relief valves, and low water cutoff controls on the (4) four boiler systems; Repairs to the Generator have been completed, including replacement of an internal heater.

Big Knob:

- Big Knob water update; General plumbing and electrical repairs

Conway:

- Serviced/cleaned elevator. Fluids and operations checked; General plumbing and electrical repairs. Additional repairs to the gym roof regarding leaks.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

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

- 1) Spring seasons have been dodging the raindrops
 Boys track made the playoffs – they will compete next Thursday
 Baseball and Softball are battling through growing pains
 Our Middle School Sports doing a great job developing players
- 2) Subcontractors for Training Services (UPMC, NovaCare, WestArm)
- 3) Cheerleading Concerns
- 4) Wrestling Coach Contract Status – Recommendation to renew Jim Covert
- 5) Coach/Athlete/Parent Communication: Team Snap App is working fine –
 looking at a system to be used by all coaches; Schedule Star communicates on
 schedule changes; Need a safe consistent way for coaches to communicate with
 students/parents
- 6) Legislation being looked at that will require charter school students to play
 sports in their home districts if the sport is offered (this would address Lincoln
 Park issues, but not private and parochial schools)
- 7) Homecoming conflict with Geneva Band Festival – may require a traditional
 homecoming

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Petcovic, to appoint ACA Engineering for Testing Services at an estimated cost of \$36,300.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session Motion by Pail, seconded by Petcovic, for the Board to go into Executive
 Session at 9:11 pm, EST, to discuss the following:

- Personnel Matter

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

Adjourn Executive Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Pail, to adjourn Executive Session
 Session at 9:33 pm, EST.

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

Note: No action taken following Executive Session.

Adjourn Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Sharpless, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.
 8 Yeas. Adjourned at 9:33 pm, EST.

Submitted by:

Noriene Plate, Business Manager

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary