

NOVEMBER 6, 2014

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on November 6, 2014, in the Middle School Library. Vice President Mary Ann Petcovic called the Business Meeting to order at 7:10 pm, EST, following a Finance Committee meeting.

Board Members Present:

Alan Colorito
Harry Gilarno
Dawn Greene
Barbara Heyman (Via telephone)
Lori Pail
Mary Ann Petcovic
Lorraine Rocco
Jennifer Sayre

Board Members Absent:

Dennis Sharpless

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Noriene Plate, Business Manager
Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
William Deal, Principal, High School
Dr. Darlene Corris, Principal, Middle School
Richard Edder, Principal, Elementary Schools
John Rosa, Faculty and Athletic Director
Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings & Grounds
Scott Smith, Construction Representative/Clerk of Services

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

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014,
FOR LEGAL AND PERSONNEL MATTERS

COMMUNICATIONS:

Congratulations were extended to the Girls' Soccer Team, Coach Williams, and Assistant Coach Sharpless, who finished as WPIAL Runners-Up. The Board wished Good Luck to the team in the State Playoffs. Coach Williams said he had a Great Team and thanked the Board and Administration for the support given the girls. In addition, Coach Williams said the girls have had a great season; they are special and good at what they do. President Heyman commented that the District is very proud of them.

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

1. Carol-Lynn Dubovi, New Sewickley Township, expressed concerns regarding AP Calculus. Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, advised that Mrs. Slavic is to address the issue at an upcoming Education Committee meeting. Mrs. Dubovi also expressed concerns with an inadequate number of nurses covering our buildings. Dr. Fuller advised that the District is conducting a search to place an additional nurse in the district.
2. Renee Romutis, Conway, expressed her thoughts concerning our football team asking if it were possible to have just a red and white game at the end of the season to give all players the opportunity to play. Included should be the band, cheerleaders, and any interested party who wants to participate. She asked if the District could start a new tradition by doing this. Excellent suggestion!
3. RJ Ward, New Sewickley Township, said his son was assaulted at the senior high school. Since the matter Mr. Ward wanted to discuss in public concerned another student, Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, advised that he would contact Mr. Ward in the morning to discuss the issue.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Motion by Rocco, seconded by Pail, to approve the following Adjudications for disciplinary hearings held on:

1. October 24, 2014 (Signatures Required)
2. November 3, 2014 (Signatures Required)

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

MINUTES:

Motion by Sayre, seconded by Green, to approve minutes of October 2 and October 9, 2014.

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

FINANCE:

Motion by Rocco, seconded by Heyman, to approve release time, According to Policy, for Wanda Murray, Accounts Payable Coordinator, to attend “Rate Beginner’s” Training, November 7, Westmoreland IU7, Greensburg, Cost Mileage Plus Tolls

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

EDUCATION:

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

CA:1 Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Other:

- a. Confirm: Beaver County Technology Council Meeting, October 29, Central Valley School District (Will Use School Van):
 - i. William Deal, High School Principal
 - ii. Courtney Anderson, Cyber Coordinator

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. Other:

- a. Confirm: Keith Kovalic, High School Music Teacher, Honors Chorus, October 30 thru November 1, Westminster College, Cost \$105 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage
- b. Confirm: Beaver County Honors Band, November 5-6, Hopewell Area High School, Cost \$629 Registration Fee, Substitute, Transportation:
 - i. Keith Kovalic, High School Band Director
 - ii. Rob James, Middle School Band Director

CA:2 The following resignations:

1. Lisa Bradley, Cyber Program Aide, effective November 7, 2014
2. Emily Evans, Big Knob Elementary Learning Support Aide, effective November 14, 2014

CA:3 The following learning support aides:

1. Krystalynn Anderson for Conway Elementary retroactive to October 14, 2014 - 5.75 hours per day, five days per week, at \$11.60 per hour (Pending receipt of Act 151 Clearance and New Employee Drug Screening)
2. Annette Debelak for Big Knob Elementary retroactive to October 16, 2014 - 5.75 hours per day, five days per week, at \$11.60 per hour (Clearances on File, Pending receipt of New Employee Drug Screening)

CA:4 Alternative Education Services for 2014-2015 With C.L.A.S.S. Academy, 4th Seat – Cost \$8,785 (to be prorated)

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

EXTRA CURRICULAR:

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

1) Fall Season updates:

Football 2-8 Showed Improvement throughout the season

Boys Soccer 10-7-2 WPIAL Playoffs

Girls Soccer 14-9 WPIAL Runner-Ups, PIAA Playoffs (ongoing)

Golf 6-9 One Golfer qualified for WPIALs

Volleyball 3-9 MAC Championship Round

Cross Country 2-6 Various individuals Medals won in Invitational Meets

2) Winter Previews - approximate roster sizes

Boys Basketball 16

Girls Basketball 18

Wrestling 20

3) Boys basketball game at Quicken Loans Arena on December 19

Boosters working with Coach Cercone on tickets

4) Board Policy regarding Booster Group fundraising and player awards needs reviewed and amended as needed. It is the understanding that all players on the team shall be treated equally regardless of financial status or parent involvement in the FASD recognized Booster Group
(Copy attached to the minutes in the minute book)

OPERATIONS:

A motion to approve the following Operations item was made by Gilarno, seconded by Colorito, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

CA:1 Exchanging November 11, 2014, Holiday (Veterans Day) for December 26, 2014, for Custodial/Maintenance Personnel.

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

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

High School:

Roof repairs have been completed; Replaced Industrial Arts dust machine air filters, frames and hardware.

Work has started with the replacement of HVAC control system; Repairs to the showers' head arms that were broken off inside the wall.

Fire alarm system sensors cleaned and reset.

Middle School:

All roof drains and scuppers have been cleaned; HVAC fall equipment maintenance has been completed.

Plumbing repairs and updates on the automatic flush toilets.

Big Knob:

Working through ongoing issues with low water for the building operation. We are purchasing water as needed; General mechanical repairs with the building.

Conway:

General electrical and plumbing repairs.

Work continues with the heating systems expansion tanks and pneumatic controls.

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

Scott Smith, Construction Representative/Clerk of Services, reviewed change orders needing approval. He also reported that a significant amount of progress has been made in the last month. Steel is in the warehouse and brought on site as needed, ductwork started in Area K, as well as concrete has been poured in Area K and portions of Area L. Still behind schedule about 3%, should be under roof in next 2-3 weeks.

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Colorito, to approve the following change orders with field turf:

- Two (2) Long Jump Take-Off Boards, Credit of \$1,004.85
- Two (2) Concrete Standards, Cost \$1,560.87

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

Note: the following were not approved at this time:

- Additional Excavation and Top Soil for Pole Vault and Long Jump Runway, Cost \$3,870.91
- 219 Lineal Feet of Galvanized Chain Link, Posts, Top Rail and Tension Wire, Credit of \$2,785.67
- Payment of performance bond, cost \$18.96

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Greene, seconded by Pail, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 8:33 pm, EST, for personnel matters.

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

Motion by Greene, seconded by Sayre, for the Board to go out of Executive Session at 8:45 pm, EST.

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

Note: No action taken. Board went out of Executive Session to discuss the roadway at the Senior High School.

Motion by Greene, seconded by Sayre, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 8:50 pm, EST, for personnel matters.

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

Motion by Pail, seconded by Sayre, for the Board to go out of Executive Session at 9:30 pm, EST.

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

Note: No action taken.

Adjourn Motion by Sayre, seconded by Colorito, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.
8 Yeas. Adjourned at 9:30 pm, EST.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary