

## OCTOBER 9, 2014

The Freedom Area School Board held their Regular Board Meeting on October 9, 2014, in the Middle School Library. Vice President Mary Ann Petcovic called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, EST, following the New Teacher/Mentor reception.

### Board Members Present:

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

### Board Members Absent:

Harry Gilarno  
Dennis Sharpless

### School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent  
Noriene Plate, Business Manager  
William Deal, Principal, High School  
Frank Hernandez, Assistant Principal, High School  
Dr. Darlene Corris, Principal, Middle School  
Scott Smith, Construction Representative/Clerk of Services

### Solicitor:

Matthew Hoffman, Esq.

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

**Note:** Freedom High School and Penn State Journalism Students were in attendance to observe a governmental meeting.

## COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. ● Freedom Area High School Students of the Month Award for September 2014. Theme – Kindness & Compassion. Assistant Principal Frank Hernandez presented the awards:
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:
    - Boy - Ryan Edder
    - Girl - Michelle Keith
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade:
    - Boy - Hunter Giles
    - Girl - Carly Park
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade:
    - Boy - Jarrett Boyd
    - Girl - Hannah Shumsky
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:
    - Boy - Shane Everette
    - Girl - Haley Velemirovich
- Freedom Area Middle School H.O.P.E. Award for September 2014 was presented to: (Theme – Inspiration)
- Ron Miller, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
- B. Invitation:
1. Freedom Area High School National Honor Society Annual Induction Ceremony, Thursday, October 30, 7:00 P.M., High School Auditorium
  2. Freedom Area Middle School National Junior Honor Society Annual Induction Ceremony, Tuesday, November 4, 6:30 P.M., Middle School Auditorium
  3. Beaver County Career & Technology Center Open House, Thursday, October 16, 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

- C. Other:
- Board of School Directors Retreat, Thursday, October 16, 5:30 P.M., Middle School Library
  - November 2014 School Board Meetings to be held on November 6 and November 13; December 2014 Reorganization and Board Meetings to be held on December 4
- D. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (Enclosure)

Note in Minutes:

- New Teacher/Mentor Reception held on Thursday, October 9, 6:15 P.M. – 6:45 P.M., in the Middle School Cafeteria

**ENCLOSURES:**

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (Communications – Item D.)
- B. County/District Enrollment Data and Trends(Superintendent’s Report – Item A.):
1. 2014-2015 Composite Third Day Enrollments for Public Schools, Total 21,836
  2. 44 Year History of Third Day Enrollment 1971-1972 thru 2014-2015, 1,434
  3. County-Wide Summary by Grade Levels, 1995-1996 to 2014-2015
  4. Charter School Third Day Enrollments by District and Grade Level, 2005-2006 to 2014-2015, From 366 to 1,351 (Freedom Area School District From 10 to 74)
  5. 2014-2015 Total Third Day Student Enrollments for All Charter Schools for Beaver County School Districts – Total 1,351
  6. 2014-2015 Summary of Charter School Enrollments by Grade Level and by District
  7. History of Local Charter School Growth
  8. 2014-2015 Home Schoolers by Grade Level and School District
  9. Ten, Twenty and Thirty Year Third Day Enrollment Data Analysis
- C. 2015-2016 District Budget Calendar (Finance – Item G.)
- D. June 2014 Budget Transfers (Finance – Item H.)
- E. Free-Reduced Lunch Report as of October 2, 2014 – District at 42.19%
- F. Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of October 6, 2014 – Current Projected Annual Cost for 2014-2015 School Year \$803,851.56; 40 Cyber/Charter Students, 36 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students –76
- G. BVIU School Board Notes for September 24, 2014 Meeting

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, reported on the following:

- A. Provided County/District Enrollment Data and Trends as follows: (Enclosure)
- Our official enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year is 1,434 students, continuing a gradual decline that has been taking place since our highest enrollment of 3,124 students during the 1972-1973 school year.
  - We currently have 74 students enrolled in various charter schools, with 11 at Lincoln Park, 21 at PA Cyber, 24 at Baden Academy, and 18 spread throughout all of the other charter schools, both cyber and traditional.
  - We also currently have 21 students whose families have chosen to educate them through home schooling.
- B. Noted that the district is in receipt of a letter from the Pennsylvania Acting Deputy Secretary, Rita Perez, commending the District “For the Hard Work Being Done to Deliver High Quality Programs to Students With Disabilities”, with a determination that Freedom Area School District “Meets Requirements” of Part B of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Motion to approve the following Superintendent’s items was made by Rocco, seconded by Pail, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

CA:1 Adjudication for Disciplinary Hearing held on September 25, 2014 (Signatures required)

- CA:2 Release Time, According to Policy, for the following to attend CCBC Aviation Academy, October 16, Beaver County Airport-Chippewa, Cost mileage:
- i. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
  - ii. William Deal, High School Principal

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Rocco, Heyman, Sayre, Petcovic, Colorito and Pail.  
Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

Note: William Deal, High School Principal, gave a presentation on the Freedom Area High School SAT/ACT Scores. **Copy of the statistics is included in the minute book.**

### LEGISLATION:

Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, reported as follows:

There are only 2 days remaining in this year's legislative session and legislative leaders have indicated that they will not come in for additional days after the November elections. Any remaining bills that are not enacted in those 2 days will have to go through the entire process again next year.

During the last week of the legislative year, there was a surprising resurgence of interest in charter school reform, with the Senate preparing to amend HB 618 with its own version of Reform. However, it is unlikely to get passed before the end of the session because it would have to go back through the House for approval before the end of the session.

There has also been discussion about pension reform, but again, it is unlikely to go anywhere due to time constraints.

One Bill that may pass is HB 803 that would amend the school code to allow trained employees to administer Epi-pens and also allow schools to store Epi-Pens prescribed to the school entity by a physician.

There is also talk about SB76, which would eliminate property tax as the funding method for public school districts by increasing the state personal income tax, sales tax, and use tax. However, there is a lot of opposition to this bill, so it won't pass this session and will face some difficult challenges in the next session.

### FINANCE:

Motion to approve the following Finance items was made by Rocco, seconded by Green, and unanimously approved through consent agenda: **(Copies of items CA:1 – CA:6 are attached to the minutes in the minute book)**

- CA:1 Bills in the amount of \$343,079.14 (Second Check Run for September 2014)  
CA:2 Bills in the amount of \$435,550.37 (First Check Run for October 2014)  
CA:3 Capital Improvement Second Check Run for September 2014 - \$239.27  
CA:4 Primary Center construction payments in the amount of \$469,999.25 (First Check Run for October 2014); as approved by VEBH Architects and S. P. Smith Construction (Handout 10-2-14 – Scott Smith)  
CA:5 September 2014 Treasurer's Report

	<u>September 2014</u>
ESB Money Market	\$ 5,222,426.14
ESB Payroll	\$ 1,268.87
ESB General Checking Account	\$ 63,552.34
PA Treasury Invest	\$ 3,167,844.95
PSDLAF – Regular Account	\$ 3,090.75
PSDLAF Max - General Fund	\$ 2,284,353.89
PSDLAF/ESB Bank CD - General Fund	\$ 1,735,000.00
PA Treasury-Invest Capital Projects	\$ 212,980.29
PSDLAF Max – Capital Projects	\$ 2,577,523.79

ESB – Student Activity Account	\$ 43,627.51
ESB Bodkin Scholarship - CD	\$ 200,000.00
ESB Bodkin Scholarship	\$ 36,563.65
PSDLAF MAX – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 5,200,000.00
PSDLAF – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 574,225.79
ESB - Capital Projects Checking	\$ 480,262.42
PSDLF/ESB CD	\$ 445,000.00
PSDLAF – Term – CD’s Construction	\$ 2,205,000.00

CA:6 September 2014 Cafeteria Report

CA:7 Approve 2015-2016 District Budget Calendar (Enclosure)

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Rocco, Heyman, Colorito, Sayre, Petcovic, and Pail.

Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

Note in Minutes:

- June 2014 Budget Transfers (Enclosure)

**EDUCATION:**

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

CA:1 Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

1. **Special Education:**

- Assistive Technology Roundtable: Raising Awareness, January 30, BVIU, Cost \$20 Registration Fee, Substitute:
  - Jessika Fontaine, High School Learning Support Teacher
  - Shanda Wyatt, Middle School Learning Support Teacher
- Brian Obman, Elementary Learning Support Teacher, Assistive Technology Roundtable: Raising Awareness, January 30 and April 28, BVIU, Cost \$20 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage

2. **Gifted:**

- Jennifer Glover, Middle School Learning Support Teacher, Academic Games County-Wide Meetings for 2014-2015, BVIU, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage

3. **Math, Science Partnership:**

- Tom Hickey, K-12 Technology Coach, Network Connections: STEM for all, October 23, Carnegie Science Center-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage Plus Parking
- Amy Shultz, Elementary Math Coach, Network Connections: STEM for all, October 23 and February 5, Carnegie Science Center-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage Plus Parking

4. **Other:**

- Kelly Guerra, Middle School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse On-Line Training thru BVIU, October 13, Cost \$15 registration fee
- Frank Hernandez, High School Assistant Principal, October 23, Legal & Policy Issues Facing School Administrators, Westminster College, Cost \$75 Registration fee plus mileage
- Bonnie Adams, School Nurse, Fall School Nurse Update, October 13, Marshall Middle School-North Allegheny School District, Cost \$20 Registration fee plus mileage
- Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher, District 2 DECA Advisors’ Planning Meetings, October 22, November 19, December 17, North Allegheny High School, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
- Student Assistance Program (SAP) Training, dates to be determined (3 Days), Prevention Network-Baden, Cost Mileage:
  - William Deal, High School Principal
  - Tom Liberty, School Resource Officer
- Sara Heiman, Middle School Librarian, Model Library Curriculum as related to the PACommon Core Standards, October 13, Riverside Elementary School, Cost mileage
- Hillary Frankenstein, Middle School Half-Time Music Teacher, BCAEC Music for all non-consortium members, October 13, Beaver Falls High School, Cost \$15 Registration fee

- h. Chris Bennett, High School Counselor, PHEAA School Counselor Workshop, November 13, Waynesburg University-Southpointe, No cost to district
- i. Tara Little, Elementary Librarian, Model Library Curriculum as related to the PA Common Core Standards, October 13, Riverside Elementary School, No cost to district

**STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:**

1. **Gifted:**

- a. Jennifer Glover, Middle School Learning Support Teacher:
  - i. Equations Competition, November 13, Center Stage-Monaca, Cost \$3.50 per Student/Game, Substitute, Transportation
  - ii. Propaganda Competition, November 21, Geneva College, Cost \$3.50 Per Student/Game, Substitute, Transportation
  - iii. Presidents Competition, February 17, Geneva College, Cost \$3.50 Per Student/Game, Substitute, Transportation
  - iv. World Events Competition, January 22, Ambridge Area High School, Cost \$3.50 Per Student/Game, Substitute, Transportation

2. **Special Education:**

- a. National Disability Day Job Shadowing, October 15, Bayer Corporation-Pittsburgh, Cost Substitute Plus Transportation:
  - i. Ellen Hill, High School Career Coach
  - ii. Jeff Griffith, High School Half-Time Learning Support Teacher

3. **Other:**

- a. Aaron Fitzpatrick, High School English Teacher/Yearbook-Newspaper Sponsor, Print Media Workshop, October 12, Clarion University, No cost to district
- b. Keith Kovalic, High School Music Teacher, Beaver County Chorus Festival, October 21-22, New Brighton High School, Cost \$540 Registration fee, substitute, transportation
- c. Orientation Tour for Sophomores, October 28, Beaver County Career & Technology Center, Cost substitute plus transportation:
  - i. Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor
  - ii. Jeff Griffith, High School Half-Time Learning Support Teacher
- d. Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor, Half-Day Visit to Review Programs' Students interested in attending, January 27, Beaver County Career & Technology Center, Cost Transportation
- e. Aaron Fitzpatrick, High School English Teacher, John Knox Writing Contest, November 1, Waynesburg University, Cost Fuel (Will use school van)
- f. Model UN Competition, November 10, University of Pittsburgh, Cost \$5 Registration fee, substitute, fuel (Will use school vans):
  - i. Katie Gigl, High School Social Studies Teacher
  - ii. Kelly McNees-Krawchyk, High School Social Studies Teacher

CA:2 Annual Request from Freedom Area Community Task Force for \$1,500 Donation of Support for Task Force Activities, Including Project Graduation

CA:3 Annual Wallops Island, Virginia, Marine Science Consortium Field Trip on the dates of Wednesday, May 20, thru Saturday, May 23, 2015 – No cost to district

CA:4. 3-Week Practicum placements for Slippery Rock University Elementary/Special Education Dual Majors beginning November 19 thru December 2014

CA:5 Pennsylvania Department of Education – Bureau of Special Education LEA Agreements to participate in the following during the 2014-2015 School Year: (Administrative Report) (Signature Required)

- 1. School-Based Administrative Claiming Program (ACP), Cost \$500 Per Quarter
- 2. School-Based Access Program (SBAP), Cost \$.77 for each direct service claim

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Rocco, Heyman, Colorito, Sayre, Petcovic, and Pail.

Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

**OPERATIONS:**

A motion to approve the following Operations items was made by Rocco, seconded by Greene, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

CA:1 Referral Agreement with Drug and Alcohol Services of Beaver Valley, Inc. effective September 2014 thru August 2016

CA:2 Sheryl Palmer as Substitute School Nurse Aide, Salary \$14 per hour (Clearances on File)

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Rocco, Heyman, Colorito, Sayre, Petcovic, and Pail  
Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

Note in Minutes:

- Detailed list of Computer CPU's to be disposed
- Food Facility Inspection report by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for Conway Elementary School, Status – In Compliance (October 3, 2014)

**FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:**

Scott Smith, Construction Representative, gave a progress update to include reviewing the Value Engineering Report saying progress is being made, all Primes on site, except HVAC at this time. Actual percentage completed 23% /scheduled 25%; discussed change orders.

Motion by Pail, seconded by Sayre, to approve the following change orders:

1.	Increase storm pipe from 6" to 8" from drain to manhole closest to 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue.	\$704
2.	Added doors to casework at (7) sink locations to accommodate condensate lines from unit ventilators to sink drains.	\$900
3.	Furnish and install (2) W8x18 lintel for louvers for the emergency generator room.	\$585
	Total Change Orders	\$2,189

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Rocco, Heyman, Colorito, Sayre, Petcovic, and Pail.  
Vote Motion carried –7 Yeas

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

A motion to approve the following Extra-Curricular items was made by Greene, seconded by Colorito, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

- CA:1 Request to Close Middle School Ski Club Student Activity (Signature Required)
- CA:2 Megan Scott, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Student, to compete in WPIAL Gymnastics as an Independent through Terri Gazda, Monaca Turners Head Gymnastics Coach, for 2014-2015 (No Cost to District)
- CA:3 Hailey Baldinger, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Student, to compete in WPIAL Gymnastics as an Independent through Heather Yeck, Perfect 10 Gymnastics Coach, for 2014-2015 (No Cost to District) (Pending Receipt of Clearances)
- CA:3 Release Time, According to Policy, for William Deal, High School Principal, to attend MAC Principals' Meetings, 10/14, 12/9, 2/10, 4/1, 5/13, Holiday Inn-Beaver Falls, Cost Mileage
- CA:4 Request from Keith Kovalic for Freedom Marching Band to participate in the following Parades:
1. New Brighton Halloween Parade, Wednesday, October 22, 6:30 P.M., No cost to District (New Brighton Parade Committee will cover expenses, approximately \$800)
  2. Beaver County Veterans Day Parade, Beaver, Tuesday, November 11, 10:30 A.M., Cost Transportation

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Rocco, Heyman, Colorito, Sayre, Petcovic, and Pail.  
Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Pail, seconded by Greene, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:55 pm, EST, for personnel related matters.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Rocco, Heyman, Colorito, Sayre, Petcovic, and Pail.  
Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

Motion by Greene, seconded by Sayre, for the Board to go out of Executive Session at 8:30 pm, EST.

Roll Call    Yea Votes – Greene, Rocco, Heyman, Colorito, Sayre, Petcovic, and Pail.  
Vote            Motion carried – 7 Yeas

Note: No Action Taken

Adjourn    Motion by Greene, seconded by Rocco, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.  
7 Yeas. Adjourned at 8:30 pm, EST.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary