

**January 10, 2017**

The Freedom Area School Board began their Committee/Agenda Meeting on January 10, 2017, in the Middle School Library. Vice President Petcovic called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Board Members Present:**

Alan Colorito  
Dawn Greene  
Harry Gilarno  
Gerald Inman  
Julie Leindecker  
Lori Pail  
Mary Ann Petcovic  
Lorraine Rocco

**Board Members Absent**

Jennifer Sayre (Ill)

**School Staff Present:**

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent  
Noriene Plate, Business Manager  
Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
William Deal, Principal, High School  
Ryan Smith, Principal, Middle School  
Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
John Rosa, Faculty and Athletic Director

**Solicitor:**

N/A

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

**COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA:**

**Athletics/Extra-Curricular Committee:**

John Rosa, Athletic Director and Faculty, reported on the following:

- 1) Winter Team Updates:
  - BOYS BASKETBALL – (2 – 8)
  - GIRLS BASKETBALL – (2 – 8)
  - WRESTLING – (3 – 1) ranked #2 in WPIAL
  - MS BOYS BASKETBALL – 7<sup>th</sup> (4 – 4), 8<sup>th</sup> (5 – 3)
  - JH WRESTLING – (2 – 1) doing well, getting most work in at tournaments
  
- 2) MS Football and Cheer Proposal – Rosa said that he is recommending, following parent and student discussions, for the start of a Jr. High (7-8-9) football and cheer program. Rosa stated that if approved, he has tentatively set the JH conference, in conjunction with other AD's, as follows:
  - Ambridge, Beaver, Central Valley, Cornell, Freedom, Hopewell, Rochester, South Side
  - Estimated Costs for JH Football

Officials – 4 home games, 3 officials, \$45 per game = \$540  
 Busing – 4 away games, approx. \$200 per run = \$800  
 Game workers – 4 home games, 2 workers (clock/scoreboard), \$31 per game = \$248  
 Dues & Fees – Official assignor - \$150 (estimated)  
 Coaching Salaries – 2 Football Coaches @ \$1200, 1 cheer coach @ \$1000 = \$3400  
 Equipment - \$3000 start up (can possibly reduce for future seasons)  
 Total Estimated Budgeted Costs = \$8,138

Following Board discussion, it was determined to have the MS Football and Cheer Proposal on the January 17 Board Agenda for approval. The unbudgeted amount of \$8,138 is able to be managed through reallocation of the Athletic budget.

- 3) Golf Team - Discussion included enrollment numbers and whether or not to establish a co-op with New Brighton or to maintain the Freedom Team.

Following a report from Mr. Hickey on potential enrollment numbers for next season, it was determined that the Golf Team will remain intact for another year as a Freedom Team only.

- 4) Wrestling – There is a good possibility that the team will qualify for Team States in Hershey February 9-10-11. 20 Wrestlers, 2 Managers, 4 Coaches, AD/Principal – Costs to be determined.

**Policy Committee** – Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, reviewed the following Policies:

- Policy No. 251 – Homeless Students
- Policy No. 255 – Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care
- Policy No. 606 – Tax Collection
- Policy No. 610 – Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
- Policy No. 611 – Purchases Budgeted

**Education Committee** - Principal Bill Deal, outlined the curriculum for a new Social Studies Course at the High School titled “Conflicts & Conspiracies” for 12<sup>th</sup> Grade students to be effective September 2017. The course description states the course examines various forms of conflict (Genocide, organized crime, government groups) with the aim of understanding why these conflicts took place in order to help identify conflicts occurring today and the reasons for them. **(Copy of the outline is attached to the minutes in the minute book)**

### **AGENDA REVIEW AND ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **EDUCATION:**

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

- A. Released Time According to Act 48:

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**1. **Other:**

- a. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Aspiring to Leadership Workshop, January 17-18, Harrisburg, Cost Registration Fee, Lodging, Meals and Mileage

**STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:**1. **Gifted:**

- a. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator, National Robotics Engineering Center and Robomatter Office Tour, Pittsburgh, January 12, No Cost to District

2. **Special Education:**

- a. **Confirm:** Carnegie Science Center, January 10, No Cost to District (Transportation costs paid by Beaver County Job Training):
  - i. Jessika Fontaine, High School Life Skills Teacher
  - ii. Gretchen Meyer, Middle School Special Education Teacher

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

**ATHLETICS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

Motion to approve the following Athletics/Extra Curricular items was made by Petcovic, seconded by Rocco, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

CA:1 **Confirm:** Released Time, According to Policy, for Jim Covert, Head Wrestling Coach, Wrestling Staff and Team, to attend the Power-Ade Wrestling Tournament, December 29-30, Canonsburg, No Cost to District (Boosters will pay for lodging and meals), Will use school vans.

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

Motion by Leindecker, seconded by Greene, to adjourn the Committee/Agenda Meeting at 9:02 pm.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Greene, seconded by Leindecker, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 9:07 pm.

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

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Inman, for the board to go out of Executive Session at 9:50 pm.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Colorito, Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Petcovic, Pail, Greene, and

Vote        Leindecker. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Note: No action was taken following Executive Session.

Adjourn    Motion by Rocco, seconded by Petcovic, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.  
8 Yeas. Adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Submitted by:

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Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary