

MARCH 7, 2017

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

Board Members Present:

Alan Colorito (Via Telephone)
Dawn Greene
Harry Gilarno (Arrived 7:20 pm)
Gerald Inman
Julie Leindecker
Lori Pail
Lorraine Rocco
Jennifer Sayre

Board Members Absent

Mary Ann Petcovic (Ill)

School Staff Present:

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

Solicitor:

N/A

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

Senior High School students were in attendance to observe a School Board meeting to fulfill Graduation requirements.

ATHLETICS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR

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

- 1) Spring Team Updates:
 - MS Girls Volleyball - developing many first-year players
 - Baseball, Softball, and Track & Field all starting this week
- 2) Jarrett Boyd placed 13th at the State Indoor Track & Field Championships
- 3) Evan Sweesy and Dean Ward each won their 100th career matches
- 4) ZJ Ward, Chase Komara, Kody Komara, and Evan Sweesy all qualified for the PIA Wrestling Championships

- 5) Kody Komara, Bryson Miller, and Evan Sweesy were all honored as the Beaver County Times Athlete of the Week for their WPIAL Wrestling Titles
- 6) Kody Komara tied a school record with 151 career wrestling wins; Evan Sweesy tied a School record for wrestling wins in a season with 44. Both have a chance to break these Records Thursday morning at States
- 7) Zach Greene was selected to the All-Conference 2nd team for Boys Basketball. Nick Henderson, Santino Guandolo, and Zach Rosa were Honorable Mention All-Conference
- 8) Coach Jim Covert was selected by his peers as The WPIAL Section 1AA Coach of The Year
- 9) Robbie Muron was selected by his peers as The WPIAL Section 1AA Jr High Coach of The Year
- 10) JH Football and Cheer Program will be sharing program information with students this week. **An information sheet for Players and Parents is attached.**
- 11) Currently in negotiations with UPMC for a renewal for contracted services for our athletic trainer (Current agreement to expire this summer)
- 12) Freedom is currently ranked 4th in the entire WPIAL in class 3A in the Trib Cup Standings

CLASS 3A

1. Shady Side Academy	119 points
2. Oakland Catholic	71 points
3. Seton-La Salle	67 points
4. Freedom	65 points
5. Beaver Falls	59 Points

COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA:

FACILITIES:

Review of High School “Needs Assessment” – Scott Smith, Consultant, provided a very detailed manual as the Facility Assessment Plan for the Freedom Area School District High School. The manual establishes an inventory of facilities, contents and equipment, as well as the current expected life of such facilities, contents and equipment. The intent of the manual is to provide a proactive approach to properly maintain the facilities, contents and equipment by implementing an efficient, timely and economical renovation solution. The manual included estimated costs associated with each item indicated.

Note: Board Member Gilarno arrived at 7:20 PM

Due to the high cost to renovate the building, Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, provided the Board with an informational “Referendum Handbook”, a guide for local government officials that would allow voters to approve by majority vote a question placed on an election ballot. In this situation, it would be to determine to what extent the Community would be willing to have property taxes raised above the Act 1 index should the Board determine this is the avenue they want to take. Next steps were discussed. Dr. Fuller was asked to contact the district's current architect, VEBH, to determine their interest in working with us on the project.

POLICY COMMITTEE:

The following Policies were reviewed by Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent. Action to take place at the March 14, 2017 Board Meeting:

- Policy No. 113.3 – Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities
- Policy No. 116 – Tutoring
- Policy No. 127 – Assessment System
- Policy No. 137 – Home Education Programs
- Policy No. 138 – English as a Second Language/Bilingual Education Program
- Policy No. 320 – Freedom of Speech in Non-School Settings
- Policy No. 420 – Freedom of Speech in Non-School Settings
- Policy No. 520 – Freedom of Speech in Non-School Settings
- Policy No. 918 – Title I Parental Involvement

AGENDA REVIEW AND ACTION ITEMS:

EDUCATION:

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

CA:1 Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Other:

- a. Kristen Milanovich, High School Freedom Fortune 500 Club Sponsor, Training on Embroidery Machine through SWF Central, date to be determined, Cost Substitute and \$1,000 toward cost of training and tune-up of machine.

CA:2 Homebound Instruction, According to Policy, for High School Student.

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

OPERATIONS:

Motion to approve the following Operations items was made by Gilarno, seconded by Greene, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

CA:1 Transportation of Quigley Track Co-Op Students from Quigley to Freedom on District Transportation (F37) during track season, No Cost to District

CA:2 Deborah Muchow as High School Administrative Assistant, annual salary of \$26,000 through June 30, 2018, Retroactive to March 1, 2017 (Clearances on File)

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

NOTE: Board Member Alan Colorito, arrived in person to the meeting at 9:00 PM.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Review/Discuss Bids for Camera/DVR Project:

Noriene Plate, Business Manager, reported that bids for Camera/DVR's were opened on February 27th at 10 am resulting in Communications Consulting, INC. (CCI) being the low bidder. Action will take place at the regular board meeting March 14, 2017. **Copy of bid sheet attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

2017-2018 Budget Update:

Noriene Plate, Business Manager, reviewed a working copy of the 2017-2018 preliminary budget with the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Leindecker, seconded by Pail, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 9:20 pm.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Colorito, Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Sayre, 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 9:59 pm.

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

Note: No action was taken following Executive Session.

Adjourn Motion by Greene, seconded by Gilarno, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.
8 Yeas. Adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary