

## SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

The Freedom Area School Board held their Regular Board Meeting on September 16, 2015, in the Middle School Library. Vice President Petcovic called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### Board Members Present:

Harry Gilarno  
Dawn Greene  
Lori Pail  
Mary Ann Petcovic  
Lorraine Rocco  
Jennifer Sayre

### Board Members Absent:

Barbara Heyman (Ill)  
Alan Colorito  
Dennis Sharpless

### School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent  
Noriene Plate, Business Manager  
Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
William Deal, Principal, High School  
Frank Hernandez, Principal, Middle School  
Ryan Smith, Assistant Principal, High School  
Richard Edder, Principal, Elementary School  
John Rosa, Athletic Director and Faculty Member

### Solicitor:

Mathew Hoffman

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

## COMMUNICATIONS

The District is in receipt of the following correspondence:

- Receipt of Thank You Card from the family of Anna Maria Folmar
- Receipt of Thank You Card from Dawn Patosky and Family

### Other:

1. Open House Dates:
  - Elementary – Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm
  - Middle School – Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm
2. Parent-Teacher Conferences (Act 80 Day):
  - District Wide – Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>
3. October 2015 School Board Meetings to be held on October 1 and October 8
4. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (Enclosure)

## PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Dolly Cummins, Freedom, Requested clarification on procedure from the student handbook regarding harassment.

Mrs. Amy Johnson-Giles, New Sewickley, President of Boosters Club, Expressed her concern with the Athletic Director's conflict of interest regarding the football team since he is both a parent of a player and AD. She also advised the Board of threats made against her son and members of the football team as well as Facebook articles submitted by the AD's spouse being one-sided. Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, advised Mrs. Giles the matter will be investigated.

Robert Muron, Freedom, Parent of child recently suspended for inappropriate student behavior expressed his opinion on the situation.

## MINUTES

Motion by Pail, seconded by Greene to approve the Minutes of August 13 and August 20, 2015

Roll Call    Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Sayre, Pail, Petcovic, and Greene.  
Vote            Motion carried – 6 Yeas

### ENCLOSURES

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (Communications-Item C)
- B. 2015-2016 Local District Budget/Millage data provided by BVIU (Finance – Item H)
- C. BVIU Composite Calendar for 2015-2016 School Year (Education – Item J)
- D. Free-Reduced Lunch Report as of September 10, 2015 (New Applicants Only) – District at 47.94%
- E. Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of September 10, 2015, Current Projected Annual Cost for 2015-2016 School Year \$874,328.27; 42 Cyber/Charter Students, 36 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students – 78
- F. 2015-2016 Freedom Area School District General Office Telephone Directory
- G. BVIU School Board Meeting Notes for August 26, 2015 Meeting
- H. List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (Extra-Curricular – Item E)

### SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, reported as follows:

- A. Assessment Update – Dr. Fuller provided an update of the recently received PSSA test scores for grades 3 through 8 in English Language Arts and Mathematics. He also explained that the assessment was the first PSSA to be fully-aligned to the more rigorous PA Core Standards, which the State Board of Education adopted in the fall 2013. **Copy of the assessment attached to the minutes in the minute book.**
- B. State Audit exit recap took place Friday, September 11. There were no findings and the district received an unqualified review. Congratulations were extended to Business Manager Noriene Plate and her staff. The audit will not occur again for five years.

Motion by Rocco, seconded by Sayre, to approve Superintendent Fuller’s attendance at the PASCAD Evaluation Academy and the Leading and Achieving in an Interconnected World Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, November 15-16, 2015 and January 20, 2016, Cost \$465 Registration plus mileage, tolls, and meals.

Roll Call    Yea Votes – Greene, Rocco, Petcovic, Sayre, Pail, and Gilarno.  
Vote            Motion carried – 6 Yeas

### FINANCE:

Motion to approve the following Finance items was made by Pail, seconded by Rocco, and unanimously approved through consent agenda: **(Copies of items CA:1 – CA:7 are attached to the minutes in the minute book)**

- CA:1 Bills in the amount of \$51,096.71 (Second Check Run for August 2015)
- CA:2 Bills in the amount of \$364,710.74 (First Check Run for September 2015)
- CA:3 Capital Improvement Second Check Run for August 2015 - \$70.48
- CA:4 Primary Center Construction Payment in the amount of \$274,240.80 (First Check Run for September 2015); as approved by VEBH Architects and S. P. Smith Construction
- CA:5 August 2015 Treasurer’s Report

	<u>August 2015</u>
Wesbanko - Money Market	\$ 5,254,113.45
Wesbanko - Payroll	\$ 1,741.34
Wesbanko- General Checking Account	\$ 81,248.05
PA Treasury Invest	\$ 1,766,304.84
PSDLAF – Regular Account	\$ 3,090.84
PSDLAF Max - General Fund	\$ 1,931,562.15
PSDLAF Term – General Fund	\$ 1,900,000.00
Wesbanko General Fund – CD	\$ 1,255,875.28

PA Treasury-Invest Capital Projects	\$	616,055.01
PSDLAF Max – Capital Projects	\$	630,948.23
Wesbanko – Student Activity Account	\$	49,853.78
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship - CD	\$	201,402.44
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship	\$	26,594.14
PSDLAF MAX – 2014 Construction Fund	\$	650,000.00
PSDLAF – 2014 Construction Fund	\$	54,066.37
Wesbanko - Capital Projects Checking	\$	105,789.10
Wesbanko - Capital Projects – CD	\$	201,134.17

CA:6 August 2015 Cafeteria Reports

CA:7 Budgeted Annual \$1500 Donation to the Freedom Area Community Task Force

CA:8 \$197,075.60 payment to PSERS. Payment represents only District share of total payment due to budget impasse:

PSERS	\$498,889.23
Commonwealth	-\$301,813.63
District	\$197,075.60

CA:9 Pay application 17, for the period to 8/31/15, in the amount of \$353,601.12 to G.E.M. Building Contractors and Developers, Inc., pending approval of Scott Smith, Construction Representative.

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

Vote Motion carried – 6 Yeas

Note in Minutes:

2015-2016 Local District Budget/Millage Data Provided by BVIU (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 Released Time:

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

1. **Special Education:**

- a. Jessika Fontaine, High School Learning Support Teacher, Renew Facilitator Training, PaTTAN Pittsburgh, September 23-24 and November 18, 2015, Cost Substitute and Mileage
- b. Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor, Beaver County Monthly Transition Coordinators' Meetings for 2015-2016, Location Varies, Cost Mileage

2. **Other:**

- a. Frank Hernandez, Middle School Principal:
  - i. Principal's Educational Leadership Academy Retreat, December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, Nemaquin Woodlands Resort, Pittsburgh, Cost Registration Fee and Mileage
  - ii. SLO/Evaluation Training, September 23, BVIU, Cost Registration Fee and Mileage
- b. Rich Edder, Elementary Principal, PA Inspired Leadership Program, various IU's, October 7 and 8, November 17 and 18, 2015, February 2 and 3, March 8 and 9, 2016, Cost Mileage
- c. Pennsylvania Institute of Instructional Coaching (PIIC) Meetings/Coach Trainings for 2015-2016, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
  - i. Emily Mather, Instructional Coach
  - ii. Amy Shultz, Instructional Coach
  - iii. Ron Kelm, Instructional Coach
- d. William Deal, High School Principal:
  - i. MAC Meetings for 2015-2016, Beaver Falls Park Inn, cost mileage
  - ii. PASCD Evaluation Academy and the Leading and Achieving in an Interconnected World Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, November 15-16, 2015 and January 20, 2016, Cost \$465 Registration plus Mileage, Tolls, and Meals
- e. Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher, District II DECA Advisor's Meeting, Wexford-North, September 22, 2015, Cost Substitute and Mileage

f. Beaver County Counselors' Meetings for 2015-2016, Location Varies, Cost Mileage:

- i. Chris Bennett, High School Counselor
- ii. Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor

CA:2 The following Aides, 5.75 hours per day, five days per week, at \$11.60 Per Hour:

1. Cynthia Marosek, Elementary Math (Pending Physical and TB Test/Statement)
2. Amy Gloekner, Elementary (Pending Updated Clearances, Physical and TB Test/Statement)
3. David Simons, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (Clearances on File)
4. Traci Swab, Middle School Autistic/Emotional Support (Pending Updated Clearances, Physical and TB Test/Statement)
5. Brandace Coney, High School Student/Instructional Aide (Clearances on File)
6. Megan Alicandro, High School Student Aide (Pending Physical and TB Test/Statement)
7. Kalynn Hill, High School Student Aide (Pending Updated Act 114, Physical and TB Test/Statement)

CA:3 The following transfers:

1. George Miklas – Full-Time High School Special Education to Part-Time High School Special Education, Part-Time Technology Education (2015-2016 School Year Only)
2. Jennifer VanDeCar – Middle School Special Education to Kindergarten
3. Jennifer Glover – High School Special Education to Middle School Special Education

CA:4 The following appointments:

1. Bradley Baldwin, High School English, Retroactive to September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, Step OB (Pending Physical and TB Test/Statement)
2. Cara Seymour, High School Special Education, Retroactive to September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, Step OM (Pending Physical and TB Test/Statement)
3. Yvonne Abakah, High School Special Education (Part-Time), Retroactive to September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, Step OM (Pending Acts 168 and 114, Physical and TB Test/Statement)

CA:5 Resignation from Kristine Strickler, Middle School Instructional Aide, effective September 2, 2015

CA:6 Resignation from Amber Radzicki, Middle School Autistic/Emotional Support Aide, effective August 24, 2015

CA:7 Homebound Instruction, According to Policy, for High School Student

CA:8 The following Mentors for the 2015-2016 School Year, Salary According to Contract:

1. Aaron Fitzpatrick for Bradley Baldwin, High School English Teacher
2. Jessika Fontaine for Cara Seymour, High School Special Education Teacher and Yvonne Abakah, High School Education Teacher (Part-Time)

CA:9 Resignation from Letitia Vallecorsa, Cyber Aide, effective September 18, 2015

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

Vote Motion carried – 6 Yeas

Note in Minutes:

BVIU Composite Calendar for 2015-2016 School Year (Enclosure)

**OPERATIONS:**

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

Note: Board Member Gilarno stepped out of the meeting at 7:50 pm

CA:1 Resignation from Ken Caplinger, Custodian, effective August 25, 2015, Will Sub As Needed

CA:2 Resignation from Traci Swab, Middle School Food Services, effective August 21, 2015

CA:3 Resignation from Patty Spencer, High School Food Services, effective September 11, 2015, Will Sub As Needed

- CA:4 Resignation for purposes of Retirement from Julia Frynkewicz, Food Services Administrative Assistant, effective August 26, 2015
- CA:5 The following part-time Food Services Employees:
1. Shelly Young, Middle School, 3.5 Hours per Day (Clearances on File)
  2. Lori Schoedel, High School, 3 Hours per Day (Clearances on File)
- CA:5 Jeana Powell as Elementary Lunch Aide (Clearances on File)
- CA:6 The following four-hour part-time Custodians:
1. Trystan Summerville (Clearances on File)
  2. Patty Spencer (Clearances on File)
- CA:7 Authorization for Business Manager to sign electric energy supply agreement for the period December 2017 through December 2020 and update existing agreement to include the Elementary Addition on the current Middle School meter at current rates or better
- CA:8 Graham Line Striping, Butler, PA to repaint parking lots and number parking spaces on the lower campus, Cost \$2,200
- CA:9 \$1000 Annual Stipend to Wanda Murray for Accounts Payable and Receivable Service for Food Services, effective September 17, 2015 (In Lieu of replacing the Food Services Administrative Assistant)
- CA:10 The addition of one half hour per day for (6) six cafeteria employees, effective September 17, 2015 (In lieu of replacing the Food Services Administrative Assistant)
- CA:11 An additional 15 minutes per day plus a \$1500 stipend for Dave Matthews, Middle School Security, effective September 17, 2015
- CA:12 Resignation from Evelyn Grant, Certified School Nurse Assistant, effective September 25, 2015

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Sayre, Rocco, Pail, and Petcovic.  
Vote Motion carried – 5 Yeas

#### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

Motion to approve the following Extra-Curricular items was made by Pail, seconded by Sayre, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

- CA:1 Resignation from Carole Hartman as High School Photography Club Advisor effective August 10, 2015
- CA:2 Blaire Lasko as High School Photography Club Advisor (Clearances on File)
- CA:3 Jody Ketterer as Football Ticket Taker/Seller (New Gate) (Clearances on File)
- CA:4 Release Time, According to Policy, for John Rosa, Athletic Director, to attend MAC/SW CONF/WPIAL/PIAA Meetings for the 2015-2016 School Year, Cost substitute plus Mileage
- CA:5 List of Student Activity Account Signatures for students and Activity Sponsors (Enclosure)
- CA:6 The following Coaches:
1. Megan Alicandro, Cross Country, Salary According to Contract (Pending Physical and TB Test/Statement)
  2. Raelene Mack, Boys Soccer, Volunteer (Clearances on File)

Roll Call Yea Votes – Rocco, Pail, Greene, Sayre, and Petcovic.  
Vote Motion carried – 5 Yeas

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Pail seconded by Sayre, for the Board to adjourn the Business Meeting and go into Executive Session at 8:05 pm, EST, for personnel and legal related matters.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Pail, Greene, Rocco, Sayre, and Petcovic.  
Vote Motion carried – 5 Yeas

Note: Board Member Harry Gilarno returned to the meeting at 8:10 pm

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Sayre, for the Board to go out of Executive Session at 8:55 pm, EST.

Roll Call    Yea Votes – Greene, Pail, Gilarno, Rocco, Sayre, and Petcovic.  
Vote        Motion carried – 6 Yeas

Note: No action taken following Executive Session

Adjourn    Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Sayre, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.  
6 Yeas. Adjourned at 8:55 pm, EST.

Signed by:

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Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary