

September 8, 2016

The Freedom Area School Board held their Regular Board Meeting on September 8, 2016, in the Middle School Library. President Sayre called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Board Members Present:

Dawn Greene
Gerald Inman
Julie Leindecker
Lori Pail
Mary Ann Petcovic
Alan Colorito
Lorraine Rocco
Jennifer Sayre

Board Members Absent

Harry Gilarno

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
Richard Edder, Principal, Elementary School
John Rosa, Faculty and Athletic Director
Scott Smith, Construction Representative/Clerk of Services

Solicitor:

Matthew Hoffman

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

NOTES: Senior High School students were in attendance to observe a School Board meeting to fulfill graduation requirements.

COMMUNICATION

Thank You Letter:

- From Mr. Dale Kline and the Freedom Area Homecoming Fall Festival Committee for the Monetary Donation towards the Fireworks Display.

Other:

Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Leindecker to approve Open Trustee Positions for the PSBA Insurance Trust (**Copy attached**)

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

- Open House Dates:

- Middle School – Thursday, September 15th, 6-8pm
- Elementary – Thursday, September 22nd, 6-8pm
- Parent-Teacher Conferences (Act 80 Day):
 - District Wide – Monday, October 31st
- October 2016 School Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 11
- New Teachers' Reception, Tuesday, October 11, Middle School Cafeteria, 6:15 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.
- Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (Enclosure)

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

President Sayre reviewed Board Policy 903: Public Participation in Board Meetings, saying members of the public must preface their comments with their name, address, and group affiliation (if appropriate). All comments should be addressed to the Presiding Officer, be relevant to business that is before the Board and observe required timelines (Prior Formal Request – 10 Minutes, Informal Request – 5 Minutes). Comments should not be personally directed, abusive, or obscene.

No Public Comments were made!

MINUTES

Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Colorito, to approve the Business Meeting minutes of August 11, 2016.

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

ENCLOSURES

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (Communications-Item C)
- B. 2016-2017 Local District Budget/Millage Data Provided by BVIU (Finance, Item H)
- C. BVIU Composite Calendar for 2016-2017 School Year (Education, Item H)
- D. Free-Reduced Lunch Report as of September 7, 2016 – District at 49.97%
- E. 2016-2017 Freedom Area School District General Office Telephone Directory
- F. List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (Extra-Curricular, Item E)
- G. Third Day Enrollment Data for 2016-2017
- H. List of 2016-17 Bus/Van Drivers, Aides and Substitutes

Information:

- I. Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of August 31, 2016 – Current Projected Annual Cost for 2016-2017 School Year \$759,270.36;
30 Cyber/Charter Students, 37 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students – 67

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, provided the following information:

Motion by Rocco, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the following Superintendent's item:
New Five Year Agreement with Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings and Grounds, at a starting salary of \$72,734 (Effective October 5, 2016 through October 4, 2021 (Signatures required)

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

Motion by Inman, seconded by Greene, to approve the following Superintendent's item:
Resolution to Retire Varsity Football Jersey Number Twelve (12) in Honor of JD Haglan's Life and Career. **(Copy Attached)**

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

Motion to approve the following Superintendent's items was made by Rocco, seconded by Petcovic, and unanimously approved:

- CA:1 Participation in the Beaver County Rehabilitation Center, Inc. (BCRC) Youth Ambassador Program (Administrative Report) (Signatures Required)
CA:2 Participation of Staff and Students in the September 19 Kick-Off Event for the Youth Ambassador Program

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

Note in Minutes:

Receipt of letter from the PA Department of Education with Determination that Freedom Area School District met all requirements and purposes of IDEA for Fiscal Year 2014.

LEGISLATION:

Julie Leindecker, Board Member, reported on the following:

“School bomb threats increase, lawmakers want harsher punishments”

- Data from the State Department of Education shows that unsolved school bomb threats in Pennsylvania rose 50% in 2014-15, the most recent statistics available, while terroristic threat incidents, which included solved bomb threats, have remained relatively steady between 2012-2014.
- Most bomb threats occurred in the months of April, September, and October between 2012-2015, the group said.

FINANCE:

Motion to approve the following Finance items was made by Colorito, seconded by Rocco, and unanimously approved through consent agenda: **(Copies of items CA:1 – CA:5 are attached to the minutes in the minute book)**

- CA:1 Bills in the amount of \$701,509.12 (Second Check Run for August 2016)
 CA:2 Bills in the amount of \$531,158.04 (First Check Run for September 2016)
 CA:3 Capital Projects first Check Run for September 2016 in the amount of \$10,714.50
 CA:4 June 2016 (corrected) and July 2016 Treasurers Report

	<u>June, 2016 - Corrected</u>
Wesbanko - Money Market	\$ 4,641,130.94
Wesbanko - Payroll	\$ 610.48
Wesbanko- General Checking Account	\$ 63,646.67
PA Treasury Invest	\$ 1,425,190.17
PSDLAF – Regular Account	\$ 0.00
PSDLAF Max - General Fund	\$ 744,523.40
PSDLAF Term – General Fund	\$ 0.00
Wesbanko General Fund – CD’s	\$ 1,480,000.00
PA Treasury-Invest Capital Projects	\$ 459,600.32
PSDLAF Max – Capital Projects	\$ 30,988.60
Wesbanko – Student Activity Account	\$ 43,109.18
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship - CD	\$ 201,402.44
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship	\$ 16,614.87
PSDLAF MAX – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 0.00
PSDLAF – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 8,521.89
Wesbanko - Capital Projects Checking	\$ 352,267.57
Wesbanko - Capital Projects – CD	\$ 202,113.90

	<u>July, 2016</u>
Wesbanko - Money Market	\$ 4,427,886.14
Wesbanko - Payroll	\$ 3,141.67
Wesbanko- General Checking Account	\$ 688,263.59
PA Treasury Invest	\$ 1,425,518.54
PSDLAF – Regular Account	\$ 0.00
PSDLAF Max - General Fund	\$ 975,133.77
PSDLAF Term – General Fund	\$ 0.00
Wesbanko/CIT Bank General Fund – CD’s	\$ 1,235,000.00
PA Treasury-Invest Capital Projects	\$ 459,706.21
PSDLAF Max – Capital Projects	\$ 30,995.71
Wesbanko – Student Activity Account	\$ 41,789.18
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship - CD	\$ 192,615.24
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship	\$ 26,616.85
PSDLAF MAX – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 0.00
PSDLAF – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 8,523.75
Wesbanko - Capital Projects Checking	\$ 352,299.62
Wesbanko - Capital Projects – CD	\$ 202,113.90

CA:5 July – August 2016 Cafeteria Report

CA:6 Agreement between The Reschini Group and Freedom Area School District to assist with Employee Reporting Requirements under the Affordable Care Act (Annual Agreement)

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

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

Note in Minutes:

- 2016-2017 Local District Budget/Millage Data provided by BVIU (Enclosure)

EDUCATION:

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

CA:1 Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Special Education:

- a. Beaver County Monthly Transition Coordinators Meetings for 2016-2017, Location Varies, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Rita Kaplin, High School Guidance Counselor
 - ii. Ellen Hill, High School Career Coach
- b. Renae Bogdan, Elementary Speech/Language, Childhood Apraxia of Speech Video Conference, October 14, BVIU, No Cost to District

2. Other:

- a. Pennsylvania Institute of Instructional Coaching (PIIC) Collaboration Training, September 26, IU #4 – Grove City, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Emily Mather, Instructional Coach
 - ii. Amy Shultz, Instructional Coach
 - iii. Ron Kelm, Instructional Coach
- b. Pennsylvania Institute of Instructional Coaching (PIIC) Meetings/Coach Trainings for 2016-2017, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Emily Mather, Instructional Coach
 - ii. Amy Shultz, Instructional Coach
 - iii. Ron Kelm, Instructional Coach
- c. William Deal, High School Principal:
 - i. MAC Meetings for 2016-2017, Location Varies, Cost Mileage
 - ii. Beaver County Positive Behavior Support Council Meeting, September 13, BVIU, Cost Mileage
- d. Beaver County Counselors Association Meetings for 2016-2017, Location Varies, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Chris Bennett, High School Guidance Counselor
 - ii. Rita Kaplin, High School Guidance Counselor
 - iii. Susan Suleski, Middle School Guidance Counselor
 - iv. Randal Perkins, Elementary/Middle School Guidance Counselor

- e. PETE & C (Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference), February 12-15, Hershey, Cost Substitute, Registration Fee, Lodging, Meals, Mileage plus Tolls:
 - i. Tiffany Beckwith, Middle School Computer Applications Teacher
 - ii. Valerie Marburger, Elementary Technology Teacher
- f. 2016 PASCD Conference, November 13-14, King of Prussia, PA, Cost Registration Fee, Lodging, Meals, Mileage plus Tolls:
 - i. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
 - ii. Emily Mather, Instructional Coach

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

- 1. Special Education:
 - a. Jessika Fontaine, High School Life Skills Teacher, Kid Healthy Ideas Tour – Day 1, September 20, Giant Eagle, Baden, No Cost to District, Will Use School Van
- CA:2 Resignation of Denise Clements, Instructional Aide, effective September 5, 2016
- CA:3 Superintendent’s Recommendation to offer Professional Employee Contract granting Tenure Status in Accordance with 1108 of the School Code to Jennifer Glover, Fifth Grade Learning Support Teacher (Signatures Required)
- CA:4 Kolby Addis, Student Teacher from Slippery Rock University, to be placed with Peter Kappas, 8th Grade History Teacher, from August 29 through December 15, 2016 (Clearances on File)
- CA:5 Elizabeth Brauer as High School Special Education Teacher, Step 5M, effective September 9, 2016 (Pending Receipt of Completed Application, Act 168 Disclosure, Physical and TB Test/Statement) (Signatures Required)
- CA:6 The Following Mentors for the 2016-2017 School Year, Salary According to Contract:
 - 1. Jennifer Glover for Gretchen Meyer, Middle School Special Education Teacher
 - 2. Shanda Wyatt for Laura Gundlach, Middle School Special Education Teacher
 - 3. Jessika Fontaine for Elizabeth Brauer, High School Special Education Teacher
- CA:7 Ashley Fetchin as Instructional Aide, 5.75 hours per day, five days per week, at \$11.60 per hour, effective September 7, 2016 (Clearances on File)

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

Note in Minutes:

- BVIU Composite Calendar for 2016-2017 School Year (Enclosure)
- Ryan Smith, Approved as Middle School Principal, starting salary of \$87,000, effective September 1, 2016 (Change of Date)

OPERATIONS:

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

- CA:1 The Following Resignations, effective date to be determined, pending start date for New Position:
 - 1. Amanda Krampy, High School Part-Time Administrative Assistant

2. Tion Piehler, Middle School Part-Time Attendance Secretary

CA:2 Service Agreement with Building Control Systems, Inc. for the KMC Direct Digital Control System at the High School, effective October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 at a cost of \$8,770.00 (Signature Required)

CA:3 2016-2021 Contract with Rhodes Transit (Signatures Required)

CA:4 Payment of September Transportation to Rhodes Transit

CA:5 List of 2016-17 Bus/Van Drivers, Aides and Substitutes (Enclosure)

CA:6 Three Month Unpaid Leave of Absence, According to Policy, for Patty Spencer, Part-Time Elementary Custodian, beginning August 15, 2016, to be reviewed Monthly

CA:7 The Following, effective date to be determined:

1. Amanda Krampy as High School Guidance Secretary at a Starting Salary of \$24,000 (Clearances on File)
2. Tion Piehler as High School Administrative Assistant at a Starting Salary of \$24,000 (Clearances on File)

CA:8 Dawn Mohrbacher as Four-Hour Part-Time Custodian (Clearances on File)

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

Information:

Slippery Rock University CSN Practicum Placement of Melissa Leahy with Bonnie Adams, School Nurse during the Fall Semester (Change in Dates, approved for Spring Semester on October 8, 2015) (Clearances on File)

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, reported that the Change Order in relation to paving behind the concession stand will be \$28,382.09. (No motion required). A few bids for guard rail at the high school have been received. No selection at this time.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

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

CA:1 Resignation of Kelly Hospodar as Assistant Middle School Girls Volleyball Coach and Middle School Pep Club Sponsor

CA:2 Austin McClinton as Volunteer Trainer (Clearances on File)

CA:3 Request from Meghan Bohach to Job Shadow Athletic Trainer, Jackie Crytzer (Pending Receipt of Act 34 Clearance)

CA:4 List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (Enclosure)

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

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

1) FALL SPORTS UPDATES

Football – 0-2, played competitive in week 1, and ran in to a good Beaver Team last week
 Boys Soccer – 1-2, won the section opener, lost to two 3A Schools at Ambridge Tournament
 Girls Soccer – 2-0, ranked #1 in WPIAL Class 2A
 Volleyball – 0-1, lost a heartbreaker to South Side in section opener
 Cross Country – 0-2, lower numbers but we have good individual runners
 Golf – 0-4, very young team, only 2 experienced golfers
 Cheerleading – Squad is doing great
 MS Boys Soccer – 3-2, playing well
 MS Girls Soccer – 3-1, playing well

2) Friday Night Fall Themes

August 26 – Youth Night – SELL OUT CROWD
 September 9 – Veterans, Military, Police, and Firefighter Night
 Retiring of Freedom #12 in Honor of JD Haglan
 September 23 – Pink Out
 October 1 – Homecoming
 October 21 – SR Night

3) New Mascot has been purchased thanks to community support headed by Debbie Rose of Conway, who helped raise over \$1500 to buy a very nice bulldog mascot suit

4) Thanked the Board for their generous donation to help keep the Fireworks shining at the Homecoming Festival on October 1

5) Thanked Gary Mortimer and his staff – our athletic facilities have been kept in great shape and the staff has been very helpful with needs in the athletic arenas.

Adjourn Motion by Colorito, seconded by Greene, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.
 8 Yeas. Adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary