

February 12, 2015

The Freedom Area School Board held their Regular Board Meeting on February 12, 2015, in the Middle School Library. Vice President Mary Ann Petcovic called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, EST.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Alan Colorito
Barbara Heyman

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Norienne Plate, Business Manager
Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
William Deal, Principal, High School
Frank Hernandez, Assistant Principal, High School
Richard Edder, Principal, Elementary Schools
Scott Smith, Construction Representative/Clerk of Services
Ryan Smith, Lead Teacher/Math Coach

Solicitor:

Matthew Hoffman, Esq.

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

Note: Freedom High School Students were in attendance to observe a governmental meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Freedom Area High School H.O.P.E. and Student of the Month Awards for December 2014 and January 2015 (Combined). Presented by Frank Hernandez, Assistant Principal, High School: (Administrative Report)

- H.O.P.E. Award (Theme – “Brightens My Day”):
 - Katie Gigl, Social Studies Teacher
 - Sherri Blinn, Custodian
- Students of the Month Award (Theme – “Most Improved”)
 - 12th Grade:
 - Boy - Brandon Padgett
 - Girl - Cassidy Humberston
 - 11th Grade:
 - Boy - Evin Diciro
 - Girl - Mia Vogel
 - 10th Grade:
 - Boy - Levi Ditmore
 - Girl - Sydney Stiger
 - 9th Grade:
 - Boy - David McKenna
 - Girl - Taylor Shaffer

Freedom Area Middle School H.O.P.E. Award for December 2014 and January 2015. (Administrative Report): Presented by Ryan Smith, Lead Teacher/Math Coach:

- December 2014 (Theme – “Supportive”)
 - Angela Post, Middle School 7th Grade Teacher
- January 2015 (Theme – “Leadership”)
 - Rich Heisler, Middle School 8th Grade Teacher

Conway / Big Knob Elementary Schools H.O.P.E. Award for January 2015 (Theme – “Kindness”) (Administrative Report): Presented by Rich Edder, Principal

- John Capehart, Conway Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher

The District is in receipt of a letter from the Freedom Area Community Task Force thanking the District for the Monetary Donation in the amount of \$1,500 and its support of the many sponsored activities provided for the Freedom Area Students

Invitation:

- Freedom Boys' Varsity Basketball Banquet, Sunday, February 22, 5:30 P.M., Ba'Runi's-Baden (Awareness)

Other:

- March 2015 Regular Board Meeting to be held on March 5
- Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (Enclosure)

MINUTES:

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Greene, to approve the Minutes of January 8 and January 15, 2015.

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

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (Communications - Item D.)
- B. February 2015 Budget Transfer (Finance-Item I.)
- C. Memorandum requesting price increase for lunch meals for 2015-2016 School Year (Operations-Item A.)
- D. List of Student Activity Account signatures for students and activity sponsors (Extra-Curricular-Item A.)
- E. Free-Reduced Lunch Report as of February 3, 2015 – District at 45.52%
- F. Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of February 3, 2015 – Current projected annual cost for 2014-2015 School Year \$844,208.55; 41 Cyber/Charter Students, 37 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students - 78
- G. BVIU School Board notes for January 28, 2015 Meeting
- H. Beaver County School Health Insurance Consortium self-funding report for January 2015.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Motion to approve the following Superintendent's items was made by Gilarno, seconded by Sayre, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

CA:1 Release Time, According to Policy, for Superintendent to attend PASBO 60th Annual Conference, March 10-13, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Cost \$404.05
Registration Fee, Lodging (\$559.44), Meals, Mileage, Tolls.

Receipt of letter from the Beaver County Educational Trust notifying the District of the following (Administrative Report):

- Linda Girty, Big Knob Elementary Title I Reading Specialist – Project Proposal "Story Walk 2015 – Let the Games Begin" is an approved Project, amount \$441

Submission of the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation Tablets in Education Grant for 20 Kindle Devices for Conway Elementary.

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

CA:2 BVIU to appoint IU Board Representative for a Three Year Term commencing July 1, 2015 (Currently held by Harry Gilarno)

FINANCE:

Motion to approve the following Finance items was made by Pail, seconded by Sayre, 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 \$639,569.454 (Second Check Run for January 2015)
 CA:2 Bills in the amount of \$528,520.10 (First Check Run for February 2015 + \$124,945.35 = \$653,535.45)
 CA:3 Capital Improvement first Check Run for February 2015 - \$37,072.63
 CA:4 Primary Center construction payment in the amount of \$947,049.12 (First Check Run for February 2015); as approved by VEBH Architects and S. P. Smith Construction (Handout 2-55-2015 – Scott Smith)
 CA:5 January 2015 Treasurer's Report

	<u>January 2015</u>
ESB Money Market	\$ 3,925,397.23
ESB Payroll	\$ 1,918.92
ESB General Checking Account	\$ 21,184.92
PA Treasury Invest	\$ 2,765,507.25
PSDLAF – Regular Account	\$ 3,090.80
PSDLAF Max - General Fund	\$ 110,801.34
PSDLAF Term – General Fund	\$ 2,000,000.00
General Fund – CD	\$ 1,248,592.59
PA Treasury-Invest Capital Projects	\$ 615,883.78
PSDLAF Max – Capital Projects	\$ 822,996.33
ESB – Student Activity Account	\$ 54,290.42
ESB Bodkin Scholarship - CD	\$ 200,000.00
ESB Bodkin Scholarship	\$ 36,575.89
PSDLAF MAX – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 3,400,000.00
PSDLAF – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 1,457,909.60
PSDLAF Term – Capital Projects	\$ 2,000,000.00
ESB - Capital Projects Checking	\$ 265,592.69
Valley GRN/One West Construction Fund-CD	\$ 490,000.00

- CA:6 January 2015 Cafeteria Report
 CA:7 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget in the Amount of \$22,647,920
 CA:8 Release Time, According to Policy, for Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent, and Noriene Plate, Business Manager, to attend Commonwealth Budget Seminar, March 19, DoubleTree, Pittsburgh, Cranberry, Cost 75 Registration fee plus mileage.
 CA:9 February 2015 Budget Transfer (Enclosure)

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

Note in Minutes:

- Negotiations Committee Meetings held/scheduled for:
 1. Thursday, January 15, 6:30 P.M.
 2. Thursday, January 22, 4:00 P.M.
 3. Thursday, February 26, 4:30 P.M.
- Beaver County School Health Insurance Consortium Self-Funding Report for January 2015

EDUCATION:

Motion to approve the following Education items was made by Gilarno, seconded by Green, 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. Transition Meetings for Incoming Kindergarten Students:
 - February 20, Tiny Tots-Rochester, Cost Substitute
 - i. Erica Davids, Big Knob Elementary Kindergarten Teacher

- ii. Amber Thompson, Elementary Speech Therapist thru Soliant Health Inc.
- b. February 24, Economy Elementary School, Cost Substitute
 - i. Lori Sacco, Conway Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
 - ii. Amber Thompson, Elementary Speech Therapist thru Soliant Health Inc.
- 2. Other:
 - a. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, PASCD 2015 Online Curriculum Leadership Academy, February 28 thru April 12, Cost \$415 Registration Fee
 - b. PSSA Annual Update, March 10, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
 - ii. Rich Edder, Conway/Big Knob Elementary Principal
 - iii. Middle School Principal
 - iv. Randy Perkins, Middle School Counselor
 - v. Susie Suleskie, Middle School Counselor
 - c. Bill Deal, High School Principal, iPad Seminar, March 4, Elizabeth Forward School District
 - d. Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor, Counselors Discussion/Feedback, February 19, Beaver County CTC, Cost Mileage

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

- 1. Special Education:
 - a. Jeff Griffith, High School Learning Support Teacher, New Castle School of Trade Job Shadowing, February 18 (No Cost to District)
 - b. Barb Willis, Middle School Autistic Support Teacher, Community Based Instruction Trip, March 13, Beaver Valley Mall, Monaca (Will Use School Van)
- 2. Other:
 - a. Keith Kovalic, High School Music Teacher/Band Director, Region I State Chorus, February 25-27, Trinity High School, Washington, Cost \$95 Registration Fee (Includes Student Lodging), Substitute, Mileage
 - b. Natalie Miles, High School Science Club Sponsor, Beaver County Envirothon Competition, April 29, Brady's Run, Cost Substitute
 - c. Natalie Miles, High School Science Club Sponsor, and Aaron Fitzpatrick, High School English Teacher:
 - i. Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium, Sunday, March 1 (No Cost to District)
 - ii. Venture Outdoors-Custom Science Outing, Sunday, May 17, North Park (No Cost to District)
 - d. Federal Courthouse Workshop, April 16, Pittsburgh, Cost Substitute:
 - i. Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor
 - ii. Kelly Krawchuk, High School Social Studies Teacher
 - d. Kaylee Haggerty, High School Art Club Sponsor, Mattress Factory Museum, February 27, Pittsburgh, Cost Substitute
 - e. Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher:
 - i. Build Battle Bot, February 11-12, February 18-19, February 25-26, March 4-5, March 11-12, Veka Inc., Fombell (Will Use School Van)
 - ii. Preliminary Battle, March 6, Veka Inc., Fombell (Will Use School Van)
 - iii. State DECA Competition, February 23-26, Hershey, Cost Not to Exceed \$5,450.66 Plus Substitute
 - g. Katie Gigl, High School Social Studies Teacher, Academic World Quest Competition, February 24, University of Pittsburgh, Cost Substitute (Will Use School Van)
- CA:2 Homebound Instruction, According to Policy, for High School Student
- CA:3 Frank Hernandez as Middle School Principal effective February 13, 2015 – Salary \$85,000
- CA:4 Ryan Smith as Interim High School Assistant Principal effective February 13, 2015, with a monthly stipend of \$1,000

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

OPERATIONS:

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

CA:1 The following price increase for 2015-2016 Lunch Meals (All Breakfasts will remain

\$1.15 and Milk will remain \$.60): (Enclosure)

- Elementary Lunch - \$2.35 (Increase of \$.10)
- Middle School Lunch - \$2.45 (Increase of \$.10)
- High School Lunch - \$2.50 (Increase of \$.10)

CA:2 Contract with Three Rivers Healthy Vending LLC to provide a vending machine for the high school and middle school for an initial period of 36 months. (Administrative Report, Signature Required)

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

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

Scott Smith, Construction Representative, reported that there were three change orders for approval at no cost and one at \$74,000 all due to a change in the Substantial Completion Date provided by GEM Building Contractors and Developers, Inc. to September 1, 2015.

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Sayre, to approve the following change orders due to a change in the Substantial Completion date of September 1st - Primary Center.

GEM	\$74,000
Shipley Brothers	no cost
Wieder	no cost
McCurly-Houston	no cost
Total Cost	\$74,000

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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

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

- CA:1 List of Student Activity Account signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (Enclosure)
CA:2 Joe Genre as Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach (Clearances on File)
CA:3 Resignation of Chantelle McKim as Middle School Track Coach
CA:4 Resignation of Michelle Koutsourais as Assistant Varsity Cheer Coach effective at end of 2014-2015 cheer season.

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

MEET AND DISCUSS:

A Meet & Discuss meeting was held with faculty and administration on Thursday, January 22, 6:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Pail, seconded by Gilarno, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:43 pm, EST, for a personnel related matter.

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

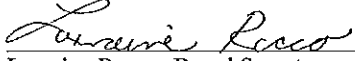
Motion by Sharpless, seconded by Sayre, for the Board to go out of Executive Session at 7:50 pm, EST.

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

Note: No action taken following executive session.

Adjourn Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Greene, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.
7 Yeas. Adjourned at 7:50 pm, EST.

Signed by:



Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary