

AUGUST 13, 2015

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on August 13, 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 (Arrived 7:05 pm)
Mary Ann Petcovic
Lorraine Rocco
Jennifer Sayre
Dennis Sharpless

Board Members Absent:

Alan Colorito
Barbara Heyman (Ill)

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Noriene Plate, Business Manager
Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Frank Hernandez, Principal, Middle School
Richard Edder, Principal, Elementary Schools
Marie Dohanich, Director, Instructional Technology
Scott Smith, Construction Representative/Clerk of Services
Gary Mortimer, Director, Building and Grounds
John Rosa, AD & Faculty

Solicitor:

N/A

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

Note: The meeting began with a moment of silence for Anna Maria Folmar, a member of the Freedom Family, that recently passed.

EDUCATION:

Note: Board Member Lori Pail arrived at the meeting at 7:05 pm.

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

- CA:1 Adjudication for Disciplinary Hearing held on July 7, 2015 (Signatures Required)
- CA:2 Closure of Big Knob Elementary School and Conway Elementary School effective August 31, 2015
- CA:3 The Following Resolution providing for the Reassignment of Students and the Opening of the Newly Constructed Freedom Elementary School: (Signature Required)

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of Freedom Area School District Has Determined to Permanently Close Big Knob Elementary School and Conway Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, It Appearing That Better Educational Opportunities Can Be Offered to the Students of the Closed Schools by Their Reassignment to the Newly Constructed Freedom Area Elementary School Commencing with the 2015-16 School Term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Freedom Elementary School be opened in the Freedom Area School District at the Commencement of the 2015-16 School Term.

CA:4 The following appointments:

1. Jeffery Griffith – High School Social Studies
2. Blaire Lasko – High School English
3. Carol Hartman – Middle School English

Note: All furloughed staff back except ½ music teacher

CA:5 The following resignations (Effective dates per individual letters):

1. Natalie Miles, Middle School Language Arts Teacher
2. Katherine Gigl, High School Social Studies Teacher
3. Ashley Smith, Elementary Art Teacher
4. Danielle Barr, High School Special Education/English Teacher

CA:6 Appoint Lorraine Rocco as Voting Delegate at the PSBA 2015 Delegate Assembly.

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

Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas Vote

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, introduced Marie Dohanich, recently hired Director, Instructional Technology. She provided a brief overview of what she is currently working on in preparation for the beginning of school to include updating the Districts website.

OPERATIONS:

Motion to approve the following Operation item was made by Gilarno, seconded by Rocco, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

CA:1 2015-2016 Bus Schedule (Handout) (Administrative Report)

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

Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas Vote

Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings & Grounds, provided the following monthly report:

General information:

Required forms from DEP have been completed and approved for the shutdown of the drinking water and sewer plant. The recommendation to remove 11,000 gallons of sludge has been completed.

Existing dumpsters from the elementary schools have been removed and/or scheduled to be relocated to the new Primary location by the end of August.

Vendors are being contacted in order to alter the needs of the District. Example: Ehrlich pest control, cost savings of \$1,147.00.

Work continues with the field activities and painting of the softball dugouts.

Middle School:

Summer cleaning and relocation of classrooms are continuing and are on schedule along with the replacement of VCT flooring.

HVAC air handlers and uni-vents have been serviced along with new air filters.

Locker rooms and new fitness room have been painted and the floors sealed.

Rekeying of the Middle school has been completed. Currently we are working on issuing the new keys.

High School:

Cleaning of the High school is on schedule and will be completed after band and football camp.

Repairs to roof top unit 20 along with servicing of equipment to start.

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

Scott Smith, Construction Representative, gave a construction progress update and discussed change orders totaling up to \$80,751. Project status to date: 96% scheduled, actual 95%.

Motion to approve Change Orders dated August 13, 2015 in the amount of \$80,751 was made by Gilarno, seconded by Sayre, and unanimously approved through consent agenda. **Copy of the Change Orders attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

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

1) **PRE SEASON FALL ROSTERS**

Football	41	(one more day of heat acclimation week)
Boys Soccer	27	Cross Country 12
Fall Cheer	15	Girls Soccer 20
MS Boys Soccer	20	Volleyball 16
MS Girls Soccer	16	Golf 16

2) **Athletic Facilities:**

Lil Bulldog Concession Stand – served our programs well for the last 12 months, will be moving this building off campus (most likely to Big Knob) within the next two weeks
Additional Ticket Booth – exploring the possibility of an additional booth on 8th Ave side of stadium, looking at possibly having home repair classes engage in the building of this booth, most likely will need an additional ticket taker position (approximate cost is \$155)

Football Booster Signs – repositioning these adjacent to home stadium bleachers
Track – Hoping that decisions can be made to have an uninterrupted home meet schedule in 2016 Baseball Field – Looking for permission to explore cutting down trees on right field fence line

- 3) Homecoming – We will be holding a reorganization meeting next week. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the late Anna Maria Folmar. Anna Maria's sudden passing leaves a void in many ways throughout the district and community. We will continue to plan this Homecoming event in her memory by following through with her vision and determination to make this an unforgettable event.
- 4) Baseball Team – Looking for permission to take a spring trip to Florida
- 5) Strength Coaching Position – A recommendation is being made out of the extra-curricular committee to hire Bob Prentice as the district strength coach and acknowledge that Mr. Prentice will offer discounted memberships to our staff and students to his Fitness Center (Prime Time Fitness) in Ambridge.
- 6) Looking to explore a Sponsorship Policy that may include signage around athletic fields.
- 7) Football Theme Nights
 - SEPT 11 – Veterans/Police/Firefighter Recognition Night
 - SEPT 18 – Youth Night
 - OCT 10 – Homecoming
 - OCT 23 – 1990 Football Playoff Football Team Reunion Night/Pink Out
 - OCT 30 – SR Night
- 8) Soccer Highlight – Boys and Girls will play a double header vs. Quigley on September 21 at Highmark Stadium - Great opportunity to showcase our teams, and possible generate funds for Boosters
- 9) Parent-Student and Coaches Handbooks have been completed – please review and offer feedback as needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Greene, for the Board to adjourn the business meeting and go into Executive Session at 8:10 pm, EST, for personnel related matters.

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

Note: Board Member Harry Gilarno left at the meeting at 8:38 pm

Note: Board Member Dennis Sharpless left the meeting at 8:46 pm

Motion by Sayre, seconded by Pail, for the Board to go out of Executive Session at 9:10 pm, EST.

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

Note: No action taken coming out of Executive Session

Adjourn Motion by Sayre, seconded by Pail, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.
 5 Yeas. Adjourned at 9:10 pm, EST.

Signed by: _____
 Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary