

NOVEMBER 5, 2015

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on November 5, 2015, in the Middle School Library.

In the absence of both the President and Vice President a President Pro Tempore was needed to be elected for the November 5th meeting only.

Motion by Heyman, seconded by Greene, to nominate Lorraine Rocco as President Pro Tempore for the November 5, 2015 only.

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

Lorraine Rocco, President Pro Temp called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, EST.

Board Members Present:

Alan Colorito
Harry Gilarno (Arrived 7:05 pm)
Dawn Greene
Barbara Heyman (Phone)
Lori Pail
Lorraine Rocco
Jennifer Sayre
Dennis Sharpless (Arrived 7:05 pm)

Board Members Absent:

Mary Ann Petcovic

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Noriene Plate, Business Manager
Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
William Deal, Principal, High School
Scott Smith, Construction Representative/Clerk of Services
John Rosa, AD & Faculty

Solicitor:

N/A

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

Notes:

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

Extra-Curricular committee met in executive session on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, to discuss personnel matters.

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Mrs. Carol-Lynn Dubovi said she heard her husband's contract as Head Football Coach was not going to be renewed. She said it was a great experience for the family and thanked the District for the opportunity.

Note: Board Members Sharpless and Gilarno arrived at the meeting at 7:05 PM.

EDUCATION:

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

CA:1 Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Other:
 - a. Confirm: Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor, Beaver County Transition Coordinator Meeting, October 23, CTC, Cost mileage
 - b. Confirm: Courtney Anderson, Cyber Coordinator, Beaver County Technology Council, October 15, BVIU, Cost Substitute plus mileage
 - c. Confirm: Ombudsman Alternative Center Discussion, November 5, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
 - ii. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
 - iii. William Deal, High School Principal

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. Gifted:
 - a. Confirm: Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator, plus 7th and 8th Grade Gifted Students, Center for Theatre Arts Drama Workshop, October 23, Beaver Falls High School, Cost Use of School Van
2. Other:
 - a. Aaron Fitzpatrick, High School English Teacher:
 - i. John Knox Writing Competition, November 7, Waynesburg University, No Cost to District (Student List to be Determined)
 - ii. PSPA Student Journalism Competition/Media Day, November 6, Point Park University, No Cost to District (Twenty-Two Students will attend)
 - b. Keith Kovalic, High School Music Teacher/Band Director:
 - i. Confirm: PMEA Honors Chorus, October 29 and 30, Westminster College, Cost Substitute and Registration Fee (One Student Will Attend)
 - ii. Confirm: County Band, November 4 and 5, Beaver High School, Cost Substitute, Registration fees plus transportation (Twelve students will attend)
 - c. Confirm: Yvonne Abakah, High School Learning Support Teacher, Henry Podbielski, High School Career Coach, plus ten (10) students, Transition National Mentoring Disability Day, October 21, Cranberry Twp., No cost to the District

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

OPERATIONS:

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Sayre, to approve Sharon Kilmer as Personal Student Nurse at a Salary of \$20 per hour (Pending updated Act 114 Clearance)

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

Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, advised the Board that in consulting appraisers Kelly, Reilly, Nell, & Barna the cost to have several of the Districts buildings and parcels of land appraised would be as follows:

Conway School and two additional parcels of land – \$2,800
10 acres on Conway Hill - \$1,700
Big Knob School (45 acres) - \$3,000
Total cost \$7,500

Following discussion regarding having the Conway, Big Knob and 10 Acres of land on Conway Hill appraised, the following motion was made:

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Sayre, to have only the Conway School building appraised for \$2,800.

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

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Sayre, to approve an Agreement with Kelly, Reilly, Nell, & Barna to complete an appraisal of Conway Elementary School for a cost \$2,800.

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

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

General information:

- Exterior building and parking lot lights have been repaired with new ballast, photo eyes and bulbs as needed.
- An update regarding the Notice of Violation from the Department of Environmental Protection from October 1st, 2015 regarding the Big Knob Sewer plant. The termination of the Permit has been approved with a written letter submitted and their required procedures completed. Permit termination on file.

Elementary:

- Equipment training has been schedule for the VFD pumps and the Hvac equipment. We continue to work with the contractor to work through the typical startup issues.
- Conducted a site visit to receive a quote regarding our annual inspections of the new sprinkler system, tamper valves and backflow preventer.

Middle School:

- General repairs to the Boiler system along with the uni-vents units.
- Roof repairs continue along the flashings on the edges and with the drains.

High School:

- Repairs to roof top equipment including exhaust fans.
- Looking into electrical upgrades to the lab stations upon request from the school claim inspection that was completed on October 28th.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Sayre, to approve Released Time, according to Policy, for Ed Shephard and Megan Alicandro, Cross Country Coaches, to attend the PIAA Cross Country Championship Meet, November 6 and 7, Cost Substitute, Lodging, Meals plus use of School Van (Pending students who qualify)

Roll Call Yea Votes – Colorito, Rocco, Pail, Sayre, Sharpless, Heyman, Greene, and
Vote Heyman. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

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

FALL SPORT UPDATES:

Football – Season Complete (2-7)

Boys Soccer – Season Complete (11-7-1) Lost round 1 of Playoffs

Girls Soccer – Season Complete (14-6-1) Lost in WPIAL Semi Finals, fell one win short of PIAA

MS Girls Basketball is now in season – 7th grade is 6-0, 8th grade is 3-3

2) The 1990 Reunion went extremely well, 6 coaches and over 30 players from the team participated.

The Pink Out was also a huge success –approximately 450 shirts sold and we raised \$2,147 for the Glimmer of Hope Foundation – I would like to acknowledge the work of Coach Nicely and her staff for such a great event for a great cause

SR Night for all of the sports were great nights – Football, Boys Soccer, and Girls Soccer all were victorious – and the Girls Won the Section Title over New Brighton

3) ACT 82 Athletic Disclosure Form were submitted

4) PIAA Enrollment numbers should be released on November 15

5) We will be receiving a Certificate of Sportsmanship from the WPIAL for having no players or coaches ejected from any contests at any level for the 2014-2015 school year. Of the 140 schools, only 40 schools received this award

6) Winter sports begin on November 16

Note: Board Member D J Sharpless left the meeting at 7:25 PM

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, reported on the following:

School Performance Profile Release

Our teachers, students, and administrators have been working very hard for the last few years to bring about needed improvements in our academic programming. We have completely revised our instructional curriculum, provided updated instructional resources, provided intensive professional development, significantly updated our technology, and pushed our students to new heights. When I first met with the Board almost four years ago, our academic growth scores were very low - in the -64 to -86 range. This year, for the first time, our growth scores were in the green - overall, our students showed positive growth in their academic achievement.

As the Board and community is aware, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has released the School Performance Profile reports for the 2014-15 School Year. As a reminder, for the last 2 years, PDE has given each school in the district an SPP score that provides and overall rating of the school taking into account a number of important items - student achievement, student academic growth, attendance, and a number of other factors. Because of the well-publicized concerns with student assessment scores across the state brought on by the complete revision of the PSSA tests last spring, PDE applied to the federal Department of Education for a waiver. This waiver was granted for K-8 schools. That means that districts only received an SPP score for schools that serve 11th grade students.

In 2013, our high school received an SPP of 67.7. In 2014, we had an SPP score of 69.1. This year's SPP scores were released to the public yesterday. Following the pattern shown in growth scores, this year's School Performance Profile score is a 72.2, a very positive improvement. We still have a lot of work to be done. However, the results we are seeing now show that the work of our students, staff, and administrators is paying off and we are moving in the right direction.

National Title I Distinguished School

Another sign of that improvement was seen in the letter that we received from the Division of Federal Programs this week. We have been notified that for the second year in a row, our elementary program is eligible to be identified as a National Title 1 Distinguished School. I have asked Mrs. Slavic to give the Board an overview of the elements of this nomination and any requirements that may be required if we are selected to represent the state this year.

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

Scott Smith, Construction Representative, gave a construction progress update saying the Contractors have revised the punch list and it is in process for completion. No final date for completion at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Heyman, seconded by Sayre, for the Board to adjourn the business meeting and go into Executive Session at 8:05 pm, EST, for personnel related matters.

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

NOTE: Board Member Colorito left the meeting at 9:16 pm

Motion by Sayre, seconded by Green, for the Board to go out of Executive Session at 9:20 pm, EST.

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

Motion by Heyman, seconded by Sayre, to begin recruiting for the Football Head Coach position. Position to be posted immediately and will be advertised in several newspapers.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Rocco, Gilarno, Sayre, and Heyman.
Vote No Votes – Pail. Motion carried – 5 Yeas

Adjourn Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Pail, to adjourn. All members voting Yea. 6 Yeas. Adjourned at 9:25 pm, EST.

Signed by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary