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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**“Students Are the Center of the Decision Making Process”**  
**January 17, 2013**

Approve Amended Minutes of May 14, 2009, to Include Motion of Approving the New Cheerleader Uniform and Color (Small Gray Stripe) to be Worn at Football and Basketball Games and by Wrestlerettes

Approve Minutes of December 6, 2012

Approve Bills \$605,635.33 (Second Check Run for December 2012)

Approve Bills \$ (First Check Run for January 2013)

Approve November and December 2012 Treasurer's Reports

Approve November and December 2012 Cafeteria Reports

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Open School Communications: Positive and Constructive Comments Between School Board Members, Administrators and Community:
  - 1. January 2013 PSBA School Director Recognition Month (**Handout**)
  - 2. Alumni Scholarship Gift
  - 3. Frank Hernandez, Former Head Varsity Football Coach, Named 2012 Coach of the Year by the MAC Coaches Association and the Italian Coaches Football Association of Western Pennsylvania
- B. Invitation:
  - 1. 2012 Freedom Lil' Bulldogs Football Banquet, Saturday, January 26, 5:00 P.M., The Fez, RSVP to Steve Slowinski at (724) 417-2153 by Thursday, January 17

**COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D):**

2. 2012 Freedom Area Varsity Football Banquet, Sunday, January 27, 5:30 P.M., Javy's, RSVP to Cheryl Fiscus at (724) 544-8671 or E-Mail at [freedomfootballboosters@gmail.com](mailto:freedomfootballboosters@gmail.com) by Thursday, January 17
  3. Freedom Area High School Big Red Marching Band Banquet, Saturday, February 16, 4:30 P.M., Center Stage, Mail RSVP by Friday, February 1, to Amy Moldovan (Address on Invitation)
- C. Other:
1. **February 2013 School Board Meetings to be Held on February 7 and February 14**
  2. **Filing of State Ethics Commission Statement of Financial Interests Form for 2012 – Due by May 1, 2013 (Handout)**
- D. Use of School Facilities (Schedule According to Policy):
1. Honors English II, High School Auditorium, 1/23, Documentary Film Project Screening/Film Night
  2. High School Math League, High School Cafeteria, 2/11, Math League Competition
  3. Freedom Area Educational Foundation, Middle School Library Conference Room, Second Monday of Each Month During 2013, Meeting
  4. Drama Club, High School Auditorium, Saturdays-Mondays-Wednesdays, 1/5 thru 1/30, Set Construction for Musical
  5. Skybacher Ministries:
    - Big Knob Elementary Multi-Purpose Room, Mondays, 1/7 thru 2/11, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Practice
    - Big Knob Elementary Multi-Purpose Room, 2/8, Someone Special Dance
  6. Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), Big Knob Elementary Multi-Purpose Room, Wednesdays, 2/6 thru 3/27, Good News Club
  7. Freedom ESPA, Middle School Library, January 27, Meeting
  8. Freedom Girls' Basketball Boosters:
    - High School Cafeteria, 1/18, Middle School Girls' Pizza Party
    - Middle School Gym, Saturdays, 1/26 thru 2/23, Elementary Basketball Program
  9. Conway Elementary Staff, Conway Elementary, 3/13, Story Walk
  10. Freedom Middle School PTSA, Middle School Student Center, 3/15, School Dance

**PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:**

(Formal Request – 10 Minutes / Informal Request – 5 Minutes)

Open

**ENCLOSURES:**

- A. Average Daily Membership for Freedom Area School District, 60 Day Report – **1,494**
- B. In/Out Migration Report as of December 2012 – **1,473 (-8 from November 2012)**
- C. Free/Reduced Lunch Report as of January 7, 2013 – District at **41.51%**
- D. **Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of January 8, 2013 - Current Projected Annual Cost for 2012-2013 School Year \$711,401.43; 53 Cyber/Charter Students, 23 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students – 76**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- A. Receipt of Letters from the Beaver County Educational Trust Notifying District of the Following:
  - Jeanine Ging and Lisa Moore, Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers – Project Proposal “Pond Rehabilitation” Has Been Selected as One of Thirteen Award Winners in the 2012 Great Ideas Program, Amount \$500
  - Linda Girty, Big Knob Elementary Title I Reading Specialist, and Gena Tokar, Conway Elementary Title I Reading Specialist – Project Proposals “Story Walk 2013” are Approved Story Walk Proposals, Amount \$500 Each
- B. Approve Adjudication for the Disciplinary Hearing Held on January 17, 2013, Pending Solicitor's Review

**LEGISLATION:**

Open

**FINANCE:**

- A. Approve Annual Financial Report as Presented by Auditors Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP
- B. Approve Renewal of Curtailment Services Agreement with ClearChoice Energy Effective June 1, 2013, thru May 31, 2018
- C. Approve the Release of Health Insurance Data to a Third Party – Connie Harmotto, BVIU Business Manager and Beaver County Secretary, for the Period of July 1, 2013, thru June 30, 2015 (Beaver County Health Care Insurance Consortium)

**Note in Minutes:**

- D. Beaver County School Health Insurance Consortium Report for November and December 2012

**EDUCATION:**

- A. Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

1. **Special Education:**

- a. Francine Palak, High School Special Education Teacher, SBAP ACCESS Training for Providers, January 23, BVIU, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
- b. George Miklas, High School Special Education Teacher, Tour of Beaver County Career & Technology Center, January 31, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage

2. **Other:**

- a. Ed Shephard, High School Math Teacher, Basic Archery Instructor Training, January 21, Central Valley High School, Cost Mileage
- b. Transition Team Day 2013 – Supporting Children & Families, February 8, BVIU, Cost \$15 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
  - i. Lori Sacco, Conway Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
  - ii. Gena Tokar, Conway Elementary Title I Reading Specialist

**STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:**

1. **Other:**

- a. Pete Kappas, Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, World Events Competition, January 31 (Snow Date - February 5), Ambridge Area High School, Cost Substitute

- B. Approve Zachry Huwar as a Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher (**Clearances on File**)
- C. Approve Memorandum of Understanding With Freedom Area Education Association for Implementation of the Freedom Area Cyber Initiative (**Signatures Required**)
- D. Approve Tuition Rate of \$59,000 for 2013-2014 School Year with The Day School at The Children's Institute (Currently One Student Attending)
- E. Approve Acceptance of \$2,000 Gift from Alumnus C.J. Arbes, Esquire, FAHS Class of 1961
- F. Approve Payment to Debbie Baycura, Former Director of Special Education, for Aiding in the Completion of Corrections for the Special Education Department Audit, 4 Days at \$200/Per Day - Total \$800
- G. Field Trip Request:
  1. High School Spanish Club After School Field Trip to The Rink at PPG Place in Pittsburgh, Friday, February 8 (Tentative Date) - No Cost to District
- H. Approve Agreement with Interim Healthcare Services, Inc. for Skilled Nursing for the Period of January 2013 thru August 2013 for One (1) Special Education Student, Cost \$42 Per Hour as Needed (**Signatures Required**)

**EDUCATION (CONT'D):**

- I. Accept Resignation of Kara Pflugh as Autistic Support Aide Effective March 1, 2013

**OPERATIONS:**

- A. Approve Memorandum of Understanding With Freedom Area Education Support Professional Association for New Part-Time Employees Hired After July 1, 2012, Will Not Have an Off-Set of Wages the First, Second or Third Year of Employment (Collective Bargaining Agreement Expires June 30, 2017) **(Signatures Required)**
- B. Approve Request from James Dunn, Big Knob Elementary Part-Time Custodian, for Enrollment in the District's Dental Benefits Program
- C. Approve the Following New Bus Stops:
  1. 568 Baker Road, New Sewickley Township
  2. 491 Baker Road, New Sewickley Township
  3. 537 Jackson Boulevard, Freedom
- D. Approve New Part-Time (4 Hours) Utility Maintenance/Custodian Position

**Note in Minutes:**

- E. Detailed List of Computer CPU's to be Disposed

**FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:**

Open

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

- A. Approve Three One-Year Contracts for Kristen Schneider as Head Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach - Salary \$3,100 **(Clearances on File)**
- B. Accept Resignation from Bill Smith as Head Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach
- C. Approve the Following Coaches:
  1. Rick Boyd as Assistant Varsity Track Coach, Salary \$2,625 **(Pending Receipt of Clearances)**
  2. Shelly Houk as Volunteer Varsity Softball Coach **(Clearances on File)**
  3. Bob Greene as Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach **(Pending Receipt of Clearances)**
- D. Approve Establishment of High School Archery Club **(Administrative Report)**
- E. Approve One Year Leave of Absence for Kristen Schneider, Middle School Girls' Volleyball Coach, Effective February 4, 2013

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR (CONT'D):**

- F. Approve Patty Donaldson as Middle School Girls' Volleyball Coach for One Year Effective February 4, 2013 (Filling the Leave of Absence for Kristen Schneider), Salary \$1,300 (**Clearances on File**)
- G. Approve Kristen Schneider as Volunteer Middle School Girls' Volleyball Coach Effective February 4, 2013 (**Clearances on File**)

**POLICY:**

Open

**MEET AND DISCUSS:**

Open