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Board of School Directors Meeting
"Students Are the Center of the Decision Making Process"
February 12, 2015

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Open School Communications: Positive and Constructive Comments Between School Board Members, Administrators and Community:

1. Freedom Area High School H.O.P.E. and Student of the Month Awards for December 2014 and January 2015 (Combined)
(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

2. Freedom Area Middle School H.O.P.E. Award for **(Administrative Report):**

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

COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D):

3. Conway / Big Knob Elementary Schools H.O.P.E. Award for January 2015 (Theme – “Kindness”) (**Administrative Report**):
 - John Capehart, Conway Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher
 4. Receipt of 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
- B. Invitation:
1. Freedom Boys' Varsity Basketball Banquet, Sunday, February 22, 5:30 P.M., Ba'Runi's-Baden (Awareness)
- C. Other:
1. **March 2015 Regular Board Meeting to be Held on March 5**
- D. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (**Enclosure**)

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

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

MINUTES:

- A. Approve Minutes of January 8 and January 15, 2015

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. Approve 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
- B. Receipt of Letter from the Beaver County Educational Trust Notifying 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
- C. Approve Submission of the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation Tablets in Education Grant for 20 Kindle Devices for Conway Elementary
- D. Request from BVIU to Appoint IU Board Representative for a Three Year Term Commencing July 1, 2015 (Currently Held by Harry Gilarno)

LEGISLATION:

Open

FINANCE:

- A. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$639,569.45 (Second Check Run for January 2015)
- B. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$528,520.10 (First Check Run for February 2015) + \$_____ = \$_____
- C. Approve Capital Improvement First Check Run for February 2015 - \$37,072.63
- D. Approve 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 2-5-15 – Scott Smith**)
- E. Approve January 2015 Treasurer's Report
- F. Approve January 2015 Cafeteria Report
- G. Approve 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget in the Amount of \$22,647,920
- H. Approve 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
- I. Approve February 2015 Budget Transfer (**Enclosure**)

FINANCE (CONT'D):

Note in Minutes:

- J. 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.

EDUCATION:

- A. 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

EDUCATION (CONT'D):

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 Krawchyk, High School Social Studies Teacher
 - e. Kaylee Haggerty, High School Art Club Sponsor, Mattress Factory Museum, February 27, Pittsburgh, Cost Substitute
 - f. 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)
- B. Approve Homebound Instruction, According to Policy, for High School Student

OPERATIONS:

- A. Approve 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)

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

- A. Progress Update

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

- A. Approve List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors **(Enclosure)**
- B. Approve Joe Genre as Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach **(Clearances on File)**
- C. Accept Resignation of Chantelle McKim as Middle School Track Coach

POLICY:

- Open

MEET AND DISCUSS:

- A. Meet & Discuss Held Thursday, January 22, 6:00 P.M.