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Board of Directors Meeting
“Students Are the Center of the Decision Making Process”
May 9, 2013

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 April 2013 (**Administrative Report**)
 - H.O.P.E. Award:
 - Mrs. Kristen Milanovich and Mr. Keith Kovalic
 - Student of the Month Award:
 - 12th Grade:
 - Boy - Austin Bailey
 - Girl - Brittany Mavrigh
 - 11th Grade:
 - Boy - Aaron McSorley
 - Girl - Jennifer Wallis
 - 10th Grade:
 - Boy - Lucas Yeck
 - Girl - Casey Spieler
 - 9th Grade:
 - Boy - Hunter Giles
 - Girls - Skylar Corfield and Madyson Thompson
 2. Receipt of Letter and Card from Rochester Villa Thanking Middle School Principal, Darlene Corris, for the Wonderful Visit from the 6th Grade Classes; Students and Teachers Should Be Commended for Their Excellence in Dealing With the Elderly Community

COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D):

3. Receipt of Letter from Beaver County Career & Technology Center Indicating Four Freedom Area High School Students Acquired Perfect Attendance for a 120 Day Period Beginning September 17, 2012 and Ending April 18, 2013:
 - Anthony Kosis
 - Kelsie Matlick
 - Rachael Mogielski
 - Tyler Shingleton
4. Freedom Area High School in Receipt of Donations for a Total of \$350 by Two (2) Local Contributors in Support of the High School's "National Archery in the Schools Program"
5. Freedom Area Elementary Schools Participated in the Jump Rope for Heart Event on the Dates of April 29 and May 1, 2013 – Big Knob Elementary Raised \$7,586.83 and Conway Elementary Raised \$2,283 for a Total of \$9,869.93 (Freedom Area Largest Fundraising School in Beaver County for the American Heart Association); Event Coordinated by Dana Grandinetti, Elementary Physical Education Teacher, and Tara Roberts, Elementary Librarian

B. Invitation:

1. Freedom Area Middle School Spring Band Concert, Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 P.M., Middle School Auditorium
2. FHS Varsity Swim Team Banquet, Saturday, May 11, 2:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., Quaker Steak and Lube, Cranberry Township (Dinner and Program Starting at 4:00 P.M.) (Awareness)
3. 35th Annual Graduation Ceremonies of the Beaver County Career & Technology Center, Thursday, May 23, 12:30 P.M., Community College of Beaver County "Golden Dome"
4. New Horizon Class of 2013 Graduation Ceremony, Friday, May 24, 1:00 P.M., New Horizon School (No Freedom Area Graduates)
5. Circle of Scholars Dinner, Monday, June 3, 6:30 P.M., Javy's, Ambridge
6. Freedom Area High School Class of 2013 Graduation Ceremony, Thursday, June 6, 7:00 P.M.
7. Approve Request from Freedom Borough for the Big Red Marching Band's Participation at the 175th Year Anniversary Celebration ("Dodransbicentennial"), Saturday, August 10
8. Approve Request from Borough of Conway for District Participation in the May 2013 Memorial Day Parade
9. Approve Request from Borough of Freedom for District Participation in the May 2013 Memorial Day Parade

COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D):

- C. Henry Mancini Musical Theatre Awards:
1. District Performance of "Fiddler on the Roof" Earned Top Honors, Nominated for 10 of 13 Possible Awards for: **(Enclosure)**
 - Outstanding Overall Production
 - Outstanding Male in a Leading Role
 - Outstanding Female in a Supporting Role
 - Noteworthy Performance by an Individual (2)
 - Outstanding Dance Performance
 - Outstanding Costumes
 - Outstanding Technical Achievement
 - Outstanding Sets and Scenery
 - Outstanding Student Orchestra
 - Outstanding Vocal Ensemble
- D. Other:
1. **June 2013 School Board Meetings to be Held on June 13 and June 20***
- E. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) **(Enclosure)**

Note in Minutes:

- F. Committee Meeting, Thursday, May 16, 7:00 P.M., Middle School Library, to Discuss the Freedom Area School District Educational Programs, Personnel and Board Policies

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

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

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ENCLOSURES:

- A. Henry Mancini Nominations Announcement **(Communications – Item C.)**
- B. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) **(Communications – Item E.)**
- C. May 2013 Budget Transfers **(Finance – Item J.)**
- D. Summary of PERC Teacher Job Fair (463 Applications) **(Education – Item R.)**
- E. In/Out Migration Report as of April 2013 – **1,482 (-4 from March 2013)**
- F. Free/Reduced Lunch Report as of April 30, 2013 – **District at 42.62%**
- G. **Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of May 7, 2013 - Current Projected Annual Cost for 2012-2013 School Year \$654,547.03; 44 Cyber/Charter Students, 23 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students – 67**
- H. BVIU School Board Notes for April 24, 2013 Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. Presentation by Students Who Attended the Field Trip to Spain on March 25 thru April 1, 2013
- B. Approve Minutes of April 4 and April 11, 2013
- C. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Superintendent to Attend the Following for the 2013-2014 School Year:
 - 1. PASA Board of Governors' Meetings, Harrisburg, Only Cost to District Lodging
 - 2. Administrative Meetings, BVIU, Cost Mileage
- D. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Principals Administrative Meetings for 2013-2014 School Year, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
 - 1. Tim Dadich, High School Principal
 - 2. Frank Hernandez, High School Assistant Principal
 - 3. Darlene Corris, Middle School Principal
 - 4. Rich Edder, Conway/Big Knob Elementary Principal
- E. Review/Approve Resolution Urging Increased State Funding for School Construction and Renovation Projects (**Signatures Required**) (**Handout 5-2-13**)
- F. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Superintendent to Attend PA School Performance Profile Training, Tuesday, May 21, 1:30 P.M.–3:30 P.M., IU3-Homestead, Cost Mileage

LEGISLATION:

- A. Meeting With the Beaver County Legislators, Thursday, May 16, BVIU, Registration 4:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M., Meeting 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., RSVP to Sandy DiSante at sdisante@freedom.k12.pa.us by Monday, May 13

FINANCE:

- A. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$606,250.68 (Second Check Run for April 2013)
- B. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$353,245.57 (First Check Run for May 2013)
- C. Approve Capital Improvement Check Run for May 2013 - \$11,572.72
- D. Approve April 2013 Treasurer's Report
- E. Approve April 2013 Cafeteria Report
- F. Approve Proposed Final 2013-2014 Budget
- G. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Noriene Plate, Business Manager, to Attend:
 - 1. Monthly 2013-2014 Beaver County Business Managers' Meetings and 2013-2014 West Central PASBO Meetings (Costs According to Policy)
 - 2. PASBO 59th Annual Conference, March 11 thru March 14, 2014, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center (Costs According to Policy)

FINANCE (CONT'D):

- H. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Wanda Murray, Accounts Payable Coordinator, Attendance at 2013-2014 Beaver County Joint Purchasing Meetings Usually Held at BVIU, Cost Mileage
- I. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Linda Eldridge, Payroll Coordinator, Attendance at 2013-2014 PSERS Meetings Usually Held at BVIU, Cost Mileage
- J. Approve May 2013 Budget Transfers (**Enclosure**)
- K. Elect/Approve Bobbie Jo Elmer as Board Treasurer (One Year Term) According to Section 404 of the School Code (Non-Paid Position)
- L. Approve All Sports and Voluntary Student Accident Insurance for 2013-2014 School Year, Total Cost \$13,250 (No Increase from Previous Year) (**Signature Required**)
- M. Approve Act 93 Agreement With Administrative Team Effective July 1, 2012, thru June 30, 2017 (**Signatures Required**)
- N. Approve Non-Contractual Salary Increases for 2013-2014 School Year
- O. Approve Appointing the Beaver County Tax Assessment Office as the Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector for the 2013 Real Estate Tax Collections
- P. Approve the 2013-2014 Child Nutrition Program Sponsor Agreement With the BVIU for the Operation of the Cafeteria at New Horizon School

EDUCATION:

- A. Approve Released Time According to Act 48:
STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:
 - 1. **Gifted:**
 - a. Ali Chiapusio, Long-Term Substitute K-8 Gifted Coordinator, Invention Convention, May 14, Central Elementary-Beaver Falls, Cost Mileage
 - 2. **Other:**
 - a. Kristen Milanovich, High School Technology Teacher, PA Computer Fair State Competition, May 21, Dickinson College-Carlisle, Cost Substitute, Lodging (\$135), Meals, Fuel (Sharing With Lincoln Park)
- B. Approve the Following as a Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher:
 - 1. Mary Lou Foxall (**Pending Receipt of Fingerprint Clearance**)
 - 2. Darcy Clark (**Pending Receipt of Updated Fingerprint Clearance**)
- C. Approve Christy Baumgartner as Counseling Intern thru Carlow University for Fall 2013 (Will Be Placed with Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor) (**Clearances on File**)

EDUCATION (CONT'D):

- D. Accept the Following Retirements Effective June 7, 2013:
 - 1. Mary Jane Piccinini, Middle School 8th Grade Teacher
 - 2. Patricia Donaldson, Middle School 6th Grade Teacher
- E. Consider Annual Request from:
 - 1. High School Principal for Counselor Chris Bennett to Work Up to Twelve (12) Additional Days, As Needed and As Approved by Building Principal, to Complete High School Schedule and Special Projects for Summer Work (12 Days Budgeted)
 - 2. Middle School Principal for Counselors Susie Suleski and Randy Perkins to Work Up to Six (6) Additional Days Each, As Needed and As Approved by Building Principal, for Summer Work (Budgeted)
 - 3. Middle School Principal for Counselor Randy Perkins to Work Up to Six (6) Additional Special Project Days, As Needed and As Approved by Building Principal, on 25 PIMS Templates Due to be Submitted During the Summer Collection (Budgeted)
- F. Approve List of June 2013 Graduates (See Folder)
- G. Approve the Following Field Trip Requests:
 - 1. High School Spanish Club, Pirate Baseball Game, PNC Park-Pittsburgh, Wednesday, May 29 (After School) – No Cost to District
 - 2. Senior Class Trip, Cedar Point-Sandusky, Wednesday, June 5 – No Cost to District
 - 3. Middle School 8th Grade Class, Tour of Heinz Field/Great Hall Museum-Pittsburgh, Thursday, May 23 – No Cost to District
- H. Approve Trip to France Requested by Kaylee Haggerty, High School Art Teacher, on the Dates of Wednesday, April 16, thru Monday, April 21, 2014
- I. Approve Renewal Agreement with AOT, Inc. for 2013-2014 School Year at a Rate of \$64.25 Per OTR/L Hour (Increase of \$1.00 Per Hour from Previous Year), \$54 Per COTA/L Hour (Increase of \$1.00 Per Hour from Previous Year), Plus \$.50 Per Hour Surcharge for Travel Within the District (No Increase from Previous Year)
- J. Approve Renewal Agreement with MRS Physical Therapy for 2013-2014 School Year at a Rate of \$60 Per Hour Patient Care (Increase of \$5 from Previous Year) and \$60 Per Hour Non-Patient Care (Increase of \$10 from Previous Year), Including IEP Meetings and Documentation
- K. Approve Five Year Affiliation Agreement (2013-2018) for Student Teaching With Clarion University
- L. Approve Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Act 48 Program Agreement for Services with PHASE 4 Learning Center, Inc. for 2013-2014 School Year, \$6,500 Per Student (Increase of \$500 from Previous Year)

EDUCATION (CONT'D):

- M. Approve District's Special Education Plan for Three (3) Year Period - July 1, 2013, thru June 30, 2016
- N. Approve Memorandum of Understanding With Adagio Health, Inc. to Conduct the Power Up...Eat Right Nutrition Education Program for Conway Elementary Effective October 1, 2013, to September 30, 2015 **(Administrative Report) (Signature Required)**
- O. Approve the Following for Extended School Year Scheduled for June 24 thru July 26, 2013:
 - 1. Chelsey Yaromey, 110 Hours of Academic Instruction @ \$30 Per Hour, Plus 5 Hours for Preparation/Documentation – Cost Not to Exceed \$3,450
 - 2. Kathleen Dames of Rehabilitation Specialists, Inc., 100 Hours of Speech and Language Therapy @ \$48 Per Hour, Plus 5 Hours for Preparation/Documentation – Cost Not to Exceed \$5,040
- P. Accept Resignation of Tina Marteney, Middle School Learning Support Aide, Effective May 10, 2013
- Q. Approve Maternity Leave for Danielle Barr, High School Learning Support Teacher, Effective August 22 thru October 3, 2013, Followed by FMLA Effective Approximately October 4 thru October 21, 2013

Note in Minutes:

- R. Summary of 2013 PERC Teacher Job Fair (463 Applications) **(Enclosure)**

OPERATIONS:

- A. Approve Agreement with Medic Rescue Ambulance Service from July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2014 – Cost \$3,200 (Increase of \$100 from Previous Year) **(Signatures Required)**
- B. Approve Disposal of District Wide Unused Textbooks and/or Library Books for 2013-2014 School Year
- C. Approve Disposal/Donation of Old Unusable Computers to Goodwill for 2013-2014 School Year (Details Will Be Provided at Monthly Board Meetings When Necessary)
- D. Approve Disposal of Old Seimans Opti System Telephones and Accessories
- E. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Dawn Fronius, Food Service Director, to Attend PDE Nutrition Programs Healthy School Meals Training and Updates, June 9-10, Penn Stater Conference Center-State College, Cost Lodging Plus Mileage
- F. Approve Purchase of 27 Bus Cameras from Gate Keeper Systems Inc., Total Cost \$23,675 (PEPPM Pricing)
- G. Approve FMLA for Donald Watson, High School Part-Time Custodian, Effective May 3 thru September 30, 2013

OPERATIONS (CONT'D):

- H. Approve Disposal of the Following Football Tackling Sleds:
 - 1. Seven Man Sled
 - 2. Two Man Sled
 - 3. One Man Sled
- I. Approve Fixed Price Agreement With FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. for District Electricity for the Period of June 2014 thru December 2017, Pricing \$.05.93 Per kWh **(Administrative Report) (Signatures Required)**

Note in Minutes:

- J. Food Facility Inspection Report by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for:
 - 1. Big Knob Elementary School, Status – In Compliance (April 4, 2013)
 - 2. Freedom Area High School, Status – In Compliance (April 22, 2013)
 - 3. Freedom Area Middle School, Status – In Compliance (April 22, 2013)

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

- A. Approve PlanCon Sections A and B for Construction of a New Primary Center

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

- A. Accept Resignation of Rachel Choflet as Flag Unit Sponsor Effective June 1, 2013

POLICY:

- A. Approve the Following Revised Board Policies:
 - 1. Policy No. 123 – Interscholastic Athletics
 - 2. Policy No. 216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records
 - 3. Policy No. 313 – Evaluation of Administrative Employees
 - 4. Policy No. 611 – Purchases Budgeted
 - 5. Policy No. 701 – Facilities Planning

MEET AND DISCUSS:

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