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Board of School Directors Meeting
"Students Are the Center of the Decision Making Process"
March 17, 2016

**THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MET IN CONFERENCE ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016 FOR A BOARD MEMBER TRAINING
PRESENTED BY PSBA**

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 February 2016 (**Administrative Report**):

- H.O.P.E. Award (Theme – "Someone VERY Important Along the Way"):

- Cheryl Blinn, Custodial Staff Member

- Student of the Month Awards (Theme – "Resilience")

- 12th Grade:

- Boy - Tyler Sharpless
- Girl - Daisy Ward

- 11th Grade:

- Boy - Dean Ward
- Girl - Trish Pfeiffer

- 10th Grade:

- Boy - Gavin Mengel
- Girl - Breanna Kress

- 9th Grade:

- Boy - Sam Socash
- Girl - Rae Glomosila

COMMUNICATIONS, CONT'D:

2. Freedom Area Middle School H.O.P.E. Award for March 2016 (Theme – “Makes Class Fun”) (**Administrative Report**):
 - Rich Heisler, 8th Grade Science Teacher
 3. Elementary School H.O.P.E. Awards for March 2016 (Theme – “Patience”) (**Administrative Report**):
 - Stephanie Hill, Third Grade Teacher
 - Karen Suhayda, Second 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. Other:
1. **April 2016 Board Meeting to be Held on April 7**
- C. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (**Enclosure**)
- D. Presentation on Freedom Area High School’s American Cancer Society Relay for Life (**K.C. Hastings, Amy Isanogle, Dillon Spencer, Brianna Frashure**)
- E. Presentation on the Success of the 4th Annual Freedom Cares Cash Bash (**John Cummins**)

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Per Board Policy 903: Public Participation in Board Meetings, members of the public must preface their comments with their name, address, and group affiliation (if appropriate). All comments should be addressed to the Presiding Officer, be relevant to business that is before the Board and observe required timelines (Prior Formal Request – 10 Minutes, Informal Request – 5 Minutes). Comments should not be personally directed, abusive, or obscene.

MINUTES:

- A. Approve Minutes of February 11, 2016

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (**Communications - Item C.**)
- B. Free-Reduced Lunch Report as of March 7, 2016 – District at **48.98%**
- C. **Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of March 3, 2016 – Current Projected Annual Cost for 2015-2016 School Year \$757,848.09; 33 Cyber/Charter Students, 32 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students -65**
- D. BVIU School Board Notes for February 24, 2016 Meeting
- E. March 2016 Budget Transfers (**Finance - Item F.**)
- F. BVIU 2016-2017 General Operating Budget (**Finance – Item G.**)

ENCLOSURES, CONT'D:

- G. Updated List of Bus and Van Drivers and Vehicle Aides (**Operations - Item C.**)
- H. Catalog Discount Bids for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018 (**Operations – Item E.**)
- I. List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (**Extra-Curricular – Item G**)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. Approve Attendance for the Following at the Pennsylvania Educational Leadership Summit, July 24-26, State College, PA, Cost Registration, Lodging, Meals and Tolls, Not to Exceed \$4000, Will Use School Van:
 - 1. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
 - 2. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
 - 3. Richard Edder, Elementary Principal
 - 4. Frank Hernandez, Middle School Principal
 - 5. William Deal, High School Principal
 - 6. Ryan Smith, High School Assistant Principal
- B. **Confirm:** Approve the Following to Visit Mars School District to Review Envisions Math Program, March 15, Cost Substitutes, Will Use School Van:
 - 1. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
 - 2. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
 - 3. Rich Edder, Elementary Principal
 - 4. Candy Bomberger, First Grade Teacher
 - 5. Linda Haffner, Fourth Grade Teacher
 - 6. Karen Suhayda, Second Grade Teacher
 - 7. Jennifer VanDeCar, Kindergarten Teacher
 - 8. Jennifer Glover, 5th Grade Learning Support Teacher
 - 9. Kelly Guerra, Fifth Grade Teacher
- C. Snow Day Make Up – March 29, 2016 for February 16, 2016
- D. Approve Adjudications for Disciplinary Hearings Held on March 2, 2016 (**Signatures Required**)
- E. Coffee Talk – Wednesday, March 23, 9:15am
- F. Report on PSBA's "Every Student Succeeds Act" Study Group Meetings (**Lorraine Rocco**)
- G. Overview of Possible Special Education Transition Grant (**Misty Slavic**)
- H. Overview of Updated Special Education Plan (**Misty Slavic**)
- I. Information Regarding PASBO Legislative Efforts Concerning State Budget (**Noriene Plate**)

LEGISLATION:

Open

FINANCE:

- A. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$590,965.59 (Second Check Run for February 2016)
- B. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$362,614.46 (First Check Run for March 2016)
- C. Approve Primary Center Construction Payment in the Amount of \$25,178.92 (First Check Run for March 2016); as Approved by VEBH Architects and S. P. Smith Construction (**Handout – Scott Smith**)
- D. Approve February 2016 Cafeteria Report
- E. Approve February 2016 Treasurer's Report
- F. Approve Updated March 2016 Budget Transfers (**Enclosure**) (**Handout**)
- G. Discuss/Approve BVIU 2016-2017 General Operating Budget in the Amount of \$1,796,190 (Decrease of \$319,782 from 2015-2016 Budget – \$303.04 Increase to District) (**Enclosure**) (**Signatures Required**)

EDUCATION:

- A. Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- 1. **Other:**
 - a. Susan Suleski, Middle School Guidance, 2nd Annual School Safety Summit, May 3, Slippery Rock, Cost Mileage
 - b. Rich Edder, Elementary Principal, 2016 PAFPC Annual Conference, May 2, Seven Springs Resort, Cost Mileage plus Tolls

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

- 1. **Gifted:**
 - a. **Confirm:** Academic Games Competitions, November 6 and 19, 2015 and January 21, February 2 and 17, 2016, Location Varies, Cost Registration Fees plus Transportation:
 - i. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted
 - ii. Jennifer Glover, Gifted Co-Sponsor
 - b. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted, Academic Games National Competition, April 22-26, Atlanta, Georgia, Cost Substitute (April 26 only), Registration Fees, Lodging, Meals plus Transportation (Rental Car and Airfare)
- 2. **Other:**
 - a. **Confirm:** 6th Grade Community Service, February 11, Rochester Manor, No Cost to District:
 - i. Wendy Clibbens
 - ii. Jeanine Ging
 - iii. Lisa Moore
 - iv. Tina Strati
 - v. Cindy Zeigler

EDUCATION, CONT'D:

- b. Kristen Milanovich, High School Freedom Fortune 500 Club Sponsor, Pittsburgh Pirates Game, April 15 (After School), PNC Park, No Cost to District
- c. Michelle Koutsourais, 8th Grade Math Teacher, PA Math Counts Competition, March 18-19, Harrisburg, Cost Substitute (March 18, PM only), Lodging (Coach Only, \$60) plus Registration Fees (\$325)
- d. Open Doors to Court Program, April 7, Pittsburgh, Cost Substitute (Krawchyk Only) plus Transportation:
 - i. Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor
 - ii. Kelly Krawchyk, High School Social Studies Teacher
- e. Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher:
 - i. Southwest Bots IQ - Final Competition, April 8-9, California Univ. of PA, No Cost to District, Will Use School Van
 - ii. National DECA Conference, April 22-27, Nashville, Tennessee, Cost Substitute, Registration Fees, Lodging and Transportation (Airfare and Rental Car)
- f. 4th Grade Camp Kon-O-Kwee Science Field Trip, May 9, Fombell, PA, No Cost to District (Paid by PTA):
 - i. Susan Camp
 - ii. John Capehart
 - iii. Linda Haffner
 - iv. Kristine Ricci
 - v. Amanda Whitworth
- g. Special Olympics Track and Field, May 12, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Cost Transportation:
 - i. Jessika Fontaine, High School Learning Support Teacher
 - ii. Cara Seymour, High School Learning Support Teacher
- h. Joy Crouch, 2nd Grade Teacher, Nationality Rooms, University of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning, June 9, Oakland, No Cost to District (Target Field Trip Grant)
- i. Keith Kovalic, High School Music Teacher/Band Director:
 - i. PMEA State Band, March 30 – April 2, Hershey, Cost Substitute, Registration Fee, Lodging, Mileage plus Tolls

EDUCATION, CONT'D:

- B. Approve the Following as Part-Time Teachers to Provide "Instruction in the Home" After School from February 15 through the End of the School Year, Salary According to Contract:
 - 1. Jessika Fontaine, High School Learning Support
 - 2. Laura Gundlach, Middle School Learning Support Aide
 - 3. Lisa Liptak, Middle School Learning Support
- C. Approve Request from Keith Kovalic, High School Music Teacher/Band Director, to Host the First Ever Combined Beaver County Band and Chorus Holiday Concert in November 2016
- D. Approve FMLA (Intermittently), According to Policy, for Amy Giles, Middle School 5th Grade Teacher, effective approximately February 16, 2016, thru February 15, 2017
- E. Approve the Following Student Teachers:
 - 1. Charles Mignanelli from Clarion University, to be Placed with Maria Porter, High School Social Studies Teacher, August 30 through October 21, 2016 **(Pending Receipt of Clearances)**
 - 2. Mary French from Geneva College, to be Placed with Nathaniel Langelli, High School Social Studies Teacher, Spring of 2017 **(Pending Receipt of Clearances)**
- F. Approve Agreement with Adagio Health. Inc. to Conduct the Power Up...Eat Right Nutrition Education Program for the Elementary School, Effective October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017
- G. Approve Extended Sick Leave, According to Policy, for Barbara Willis, Autistic Support Teacher, Effective March 18, 2016 through April 12, 2016
- H. Approve the Acceptance and Distribution of a Renew Grant in the Amount of \$4500 to be used for Special Education Transition Services
- I. Approve FMLA (Intermittently), According to Policy, for Amie Buzza, First Grade Teacher, effective approximately March 14, 2016 thru March 13, 2017

OPERATIONS:

- A. Director of Buildings & Grounds Monthly Report
- B. Discuss Seeking Appraisals for Conway and Big Knob Properties
- C. Approve Updated List of Bus and Van Drivers and Vehicle Aides **(Enclosure)**
- D. Approve Agreement with Trane Building Services for UV Coil Replacement, Located in Classroom D115 at Middle School, Cost \$4,480
- E. Approve Catalog Discount Bids for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018 **(Enclosure)**

OPERATIONS, CONT'D:

- F. Approve the Following as Substitutes for Food Services:
 - 1. Robert Dunbar, Retroactive to March 10, 2016 (**Pending Act 34, Physical and TB Test/Statement**)
 - 2. Pamela Powell (**Pending Acts 151 and 114, Physical and TB Test/Statement**)
- G. Approve Five-Year Copier Lease with WPS, Inc., No Increase in Budget for the Length of the Lease (**Administrative Report**) (**Handout**)

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

- A. Progress Update

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

- A. Athletic Director's Monthly Report
- B. Approve Aaron Fitzpatrick as Public Relations Director Sponsor for the School District Newsletter, Salary According to Contract
- C. **Confirm:** Approve Released Time, According to Policy, for Thomas Liberty, Head Football Coach, Plus Staff, to Attend Erie Area Coaches Clinic, Erie, PA, March 11-12, Cost \$100 Registration Fee plus Lodging
- D. Approve the Following Coaches, Salary According to Contract:
 - 1. Mark Ross, Assistant Football Coach (**Pending Updated Act 114, Act 126 and TB Test/Statement**)
 - 2. Franzee Barlamas, Middle School Baseball Coach (**Clearances on File**)
 - 3. James Yonlisky, Assistant Football Coach (**Pending Acts 114 and 126 and TB Test/Statement**)
 - 4. Andrew Murray, Volunteer Track Coach (**Clearances on File**)
 - 5. Frank Mercier, Volunteer Softball Coach (**Pending Completed Application**)
 - 6. John Baldwin, Assistant Football Coach (**Pending Acts 34 and 114 and TB Test/Statement**)
- E. Approve Released Time, According to Policy, for the Following to Attend the UPMC High School Sports and Concussions Seminar, April 7, Heinz Field, Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage:
 - 1. John Rosa, Athletic Director
 - 2. Thomas Liberty, Head Varsity Football Coach
 - 3. Jackie Crytzer, Athletic Trainer

EXTRA-CURRICULAR, CONT'D:

- F. Accept the Resignation of Tion Piehler and Tami Smithmyer as Co-Sponsors for the Middle School Pep Club, Effective End of 2015-2016 School Year
- G. Approve List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (**Enclosure**)

POLICY:

- A. Approve the Following Revised Board Policies:
 - 1. Policy No. 610 – Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
 - 2. Policy No. 611 – Purchases Budgeted

MEET AND DISCUSS:

Open