

APRIL 4, 2017

The Freedom Area School Board began their Committee/Agenda Meeting on April 4, 2017, in the Middle School Library. Vice President Petcovic called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board Members Present:

Alan Colorito
Dawn Greene
Harry Gilarno
Gerald Inman
Julie Leindecker
Lori Pail
Mary Ann Petcovic
Lorraine Rocco

Board Members Absent

Jennifer Sayre (Ill)

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Noriene Plate, Business Manager
Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
William Deal, Principal, High School
Steven Mott, Assistant Principal, High School
Ryan Smith, Principal, Middle School
Richard Edder, Principal, Elementary School
Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings and Grounds
John Rosa, Faculty and Athletic Director
Scott Smith, Consultant
Thomas Durkin, Architect VEBH

Solicitor:

N/A

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

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

COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA:

Education Committee:

Elementary Sensory Room - Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, provided an overview of the proposed Multi-Sensory Room being established at the Elementary School. Slavic said that a Multi-Sensory environment can open a whole new world for individuals with cognitive and physical impairments. The environment not only generates a relaxing and calming effect, but also activates different perception areas aimed at basal stimulation for those who are neurologically impaired. Approximate cost for the sensory room is \$16,000 plus training. **(Copy of the outline is attached to the minutes in the minute book)**

Finance Committee:

A meeting date to discuss/review the 2017/2018 District Budget has been scheduled for April 27, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Facilities Master Plan:

Update from Scott Smith, Consultant and Thomas Durkin, VEBH Principal Architect - Scott Smith, Consultant, and Tom Durkin, VEBH, provided a “Pre-design Summary of Estimated Project Costs” for the potential capital improvements at the Freedom Area School District High School. The estimate, dated March 23, 2017, had an estimated total project cost of \$28,846,743. Durkin explained that the pre-design phase would be our first step in the process. Estimated cost for the pre-design phase is between \$650,000 -\$700,000. **(Copy of the project summary is attached to the minutes in the minute book)**

Following discussion, Dr. Fuller, Superintendent; Noriene Plate, Business Manager, Scott Smith, Consultant and VEBH representative, will narrow the scope of the project to build a project budget for board review. This will be necessary to put the tax increase to referendum for the public to vote on. Professional Services will also be invoiced to the district to determine cost for the schematic design phase.

Big Knob Gas Lease Update – Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, reported that Penn Energy currently has a gas lease agreement with the district for 640 acres/unit at the Big Knob property and are looking to double the acres/unit to 1,280. With this increase Penn Energy has indicated the district will increase their revenue stream. Because of the way the borings will occur it will decrease the revenue stream for the District. Dr. Fuller recommended that the district not sign anything until further discussion with our Solicitor.

Conway School Property – Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, reported that following review of the deed, the deed does include a “restrictive covenant” regarding use of the property as a school, but the covenant only applies to a Right-of-Way and not to the entire property. As a result, the covenant does not impact the possible sale as previously suggested.

District resident requesting tax exoneration at March 2017 Meeting – Following review of the property deed with the Court House, it was determined that the property is not “land locked”. Discussion included exonerating the interest and penalty and was brought to a vote.

Motion by Leindecker, seconded by Inman, to exonerate the penalty and interest on the property in the amount of \$1,218.58.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Leindecker and Inman. No Votes - Colorito, Gilarno, Rocco, Petcovic, Pail, and Greene. Motion did not pass – 6 No votes

AGENDA REVIEW AND ACTION ITEMS:**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Freedom Area High School H.O.P.E. and Student of the Month Awards for April 2017 were presented by William Deal, Principal and Steven Mott, Assistant

Principal: (Administrative Report)

- H.O.P.E. Award (Theme – “Most Helpful Teacher Outside of the Classroom”):
 - Andrea Niedbala, English Teacher
- Student of the Month Awards (Theme – “Respect for Self and Others”):
 - 12th Grade:
 - Boy - Shawn Bleau
 - Girl - Madeline Kiefer
 - 11th Grade:
 - Boy - Tom Frisco
 - Girl - Kit Jordan
 - 10th Grade:
 - Boy - Landon Zeiber
 - Girl - Ashlynn Young
 - 9th Grade:
 - Boy - Noah Valles
 - Girl - Bella Badamo

Freedom Area Middle School H.O.P.E. and Student of the Month Awards for April 2017 were presented by Ryan Smith, Principal: (Administrative Report):

- H.O.P.E. Award (Theme “Teacher That Goes Above and Beyond”):
 - Lisa Moore, Sixth Grade Teacher
- Student of the Month Awards (Theme – “Responsibility”)
 - 8th Grade:
 - Boy - Jacob Simmons
 - Girl - Emily Ostrowski
 - 7th Grade:
 - Boy - Jay Hessler
 - Girl - Erin Harp
 - 6th Grade:
 - Boy - Ian Evans
 - Girl - Leyasa Young
 - 5th Grade:
 - Boy - Colten Ditmore
 - Girl - Alexa Davis

Elementary School H.O.P.E. Award for April 2017 (Theme – “Someone Who is Inspirational”) was presented by Rich Edder, Principal: (Administrative Report):

- Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Vice President Petcovic reviewed Board Policy 903: Public Participation in Board Meetings, saying 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

No public comments were made.

EDUCATION:

Motion to approve the following Education items was made by Rocco, seconded by Petcovic, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

CA:1 Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Other:

a. Confirm: CDT Training – Testing and Data Analysis, March 30, BVIU, No Cost to District:

- i. Emily Mather, Instructional Coach
- ii. Amy Shultz, Instructional Coach

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. Other:

a. Confirm: Ellen Hill, High School Job Coach, Worksite Interview, April 3, Conway Borough, No Cost to District, Will Use School Van

b. Keith Kovalic, PMEA State Band Festival, April 19-21, Erie, Cost Substitute, Registration Fees (\$910) and Lodging (Kovalic Only)

CA:2 Request from Freedom Area Educational Association to offer Voluntary Sick Bank for One Elementary Teacher.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Colorito, Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Petcovic, Pail, Greene, and
Vote Leindecker. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

OPERATIONS:

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

Monthly Report:

- The roof top unit at the High School that serves the boys and girls locker room on the gym side has had a failure of a return air fan cage. A new fan cage, shaft and bearings have been ordered with an approximate cost of \$800.00. The anticipated delivery is approximately three weeks. Our maintenance department will be installing the new fan cage, shaft and bearings once received.
- Softball Boosters contacted Mr. Mortimer and Dr. Fuller regarding donation of an additional 10 tons of infield mix for the softball field. It was delivered on Thursday, March 30, 2017 and installed by the Boosters.
- Additional NO PARKING and HANDICAP signs have been installed under the direction of Officer Liberty “School Resource Officer” and Dr. Fuller. In addition, the STOP sign by the concrete Bulldog that was damaged has been replaced.

- Lighting repairs to both the Middle School and High School auditoriums for the upcoming plays have been completed. This included replacement of spot lights, sockets, relays, etc.

ATHLETICS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

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

1) **SPRING ROSTER SIZES**

Varsity Baseball 23 Players (2-2 Record)
 Varsity Softball 13 Players (1-2 Record)
 Varsity Boys Track 40 Players (3-1 Record)
 Varsity Girls Track 28 Players (3-1 Record)
 JH Baseball 19 Players (0-2 Record)
 MS Softball 14 Players
 MS Boys Track 16 Players
 MS Girls Track 13 Players

2) **Boys Basketball Coach Search**

11 applications received - Screening of candidates has begun

3) **The District has been approached for a cooperative sports agreement by Quigley and New Brighton in Wrestling. Adding both schools would keep us in class 2A. Looking for Board approval April 18**

4) **UPMC Athletic Training Services Update**

5) **INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

MAC – OVAC Wrestling Clash of Champions – Kody Komara and Dean Ward both participated

Pittsburgh Wrestling Classic – Kody Komara participated

Quigley Basketball Classic - Zach Greene and Nick Henderson participated

6) **College Athletic Signings**

Jarrett Boyd (Duquesne) Cross Country/Track & Field

Scott Lazarus (Waynesburg) Football

Zach Greene (Baldwin Wallace) Football

Nick Henderson (Westminster) Football

Randy Simmons (Bethany) Football

Kody Kamara (Kent State) Wrestling

Dean Ward (Mt Union) Wrestling

7) **PA Coaching Certificates will be required starting with the 2018-2019 school year. We will use the next 12 months to make sure that all our coaches are PA Certified by offering onsite instruction.**

8) **WPIAL Share Program – we received a check for \$1,123.66 from the WPIAL for our share in the Football and Soccer Championships. This money will be helpful since we have had higher than normal expenses because of the success of Football, Soccer, and Wrestling.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Petcovic, for the Board to go out of public session and into Executive Session at 8:45pm.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Colorito, Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Petcovic, Pail, Greene, and
Vote Leindecker. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Motion by Colorito, seconded by Pail, for the board to go out of Executive Session at 9:15 pm.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Colorito, Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Petcovic, Pail, Greene, and
Vote Leindecker. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Note: No action was taken following Executive Session.

Adjourn Motion by Greene, seconded by Gilarno, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.
8 Yeas. Adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary