

JUNE 2, 2011

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on June 2, 2011, in the Middle School Library. President Kathleen Schlegel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., E.S.T.

Board Members Present:

Lorraine Rocco
Scott Challis
Bobbie Jo Elmer
Harry Gilamo (Arrived 7:10 pm)
Barbara Heyman
Gregory Lehocky
Mary Ann Petcovic
Kathleen Schlegel

Board Members Absent:

Mike Tibolet

Newspaper:

Bill Utterback

School Staff Present:

Ron Sofo, Superintendent
Noriene Plate, Business Manager
Robert Gallagher, Principal, Middle School
Rich Edder, Principal, Knob Elementary
John Rosa, Faculty and AD

Solicitor

N/A

Guests: Laurey & Sam Schweinsberg; Maria Stewart, Stephanie Stewart, Coach Bill Layton, Barbara Layton, Tammy James, New Sewickley Township; Donna Raso, Conway

Presentation: Coach Bill Layton thanked the Board for the position he held as Head Swim Coach at the High School and commented how much he appreciated the support parents provided him and the team to keep the program active. He said that he appreciated everything the District is doing and again said he does not want to see the facility go away.

Mrs. Maria Stewart said she understood why the District is closing the pool for the upcoming school year due to the Governor's cut in education. The swim team will utilize the Sewickley YMCA for the coming year. Mrs. Stewart requested Board consideration for transportation from the school to the YMCA for the students.

Minutes Motion by Rocco, seconded by Lehocky, to approve the following minutes:
Agenda Meeting May 5, 2011
Regular Meeting May 12, 2011

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Rocco, Elmer, Challis, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Petcovic.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

Bills Motion by Rocco, seconded by Lehocky, to approve the second check run for payment of bills for the month of May 2011, in the amount of \$318,991.67. Copy of the bills is in each Board Member's packet and copy attached to the minutes in the minute book.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Sofo Dr. Sofo, Superintendent, thanked the Board and Administration for their expressions of sympathy during the recent passing of his father Rocco F. Sofo. A Music Scholarship will be established in Mr. Sofo's name.

Invitation:

- Presentation by State Auditor General Jack Wagner to discuss his views on the State Budget, Reform for Charter/Cyber Charter Schools Funding/Accountability and the role of his office in State Government, will be held Monday, June 13,

10:00 A.M., BVIU. RSVP to Sandy DiSante by Thursday, June 9, at sdisante@freedom.k12.pa.us.

Note: Board Member Gilarno arrived at the meeting at 7:10 PM

SUPRINTENDENT'S REPORT

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| Release Time | Motion by Rocco, seconded by Challis, to approve the following release time, according to policy, for Superintendent Sofo: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attend the Beaver County Regional Choice Initiative Strategic Planning Session with Mutiu Fagbayi of Performance Fact, Thursday, June 16, 8:00 A.M. – Noon, BVIU ➤ Attend 2011-2012 School District Cyclical Monitoring Training (For District's Special Education Audit of November 14, 2011), Monday, August 15, 9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., PaTTAN-Pittsburgh |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer. Motion carried – 8 Yeas. |
| Draft Letter | The Board reviewed and approved the draft 2011-2012 budget letter to community and faculty/staff. |

FINANCE:

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| Additional Budget | Motion by Challis, seconded by Heyman, to move the Chinese Teacher position to full-time status - \$45,000. |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer. Motion carried – 8 Yeas. |
| Executive Session | Bargaining/Non-Bargaining Employees' Salary Increases/Freezes for 2011-2012 School Year (Handout) |

EDUCATION:

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| Released Time | Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve released time according to Act 48: |
| | <u>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:</u> |
| | 1. Special Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Confirm: Brittany Keefer, Elementary Speech Therapist, Transition to Kindergarten, May 19, BVIU, Cost Mileage |
| | 2. Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Confirm: Rich Edder, Big Knob Elementary Principal, Observe Response to Intervention and Instruction Program, May 9, Propel Charter School-Montour, Cost Mileage b. Confirm: Kim Smith, Title I Coordinator, The First Book National Book Bank, May 18, Sewickley, Cost Mileage |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer. Motion carried – 8 Yeas. |
| LOA | Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve maternity leave, followed by FMLA, for Tricia Schink, Elementary Math Coach, effective approximately August 24, 2011 thru November 30, 2011. |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer. Motion carried – 8 Yeas. |
| Substitute | Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Amy Shultz, Conway Elementary 4 th Grade Teacher, as Substitute Math Coach during first semester of 2011-2012 School Year. |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer. Motion carried – 8 Yeas. |

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| L-T Substitute | Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Nancy Burket as long-term Substitute Teacher for Amy Shultz, Conway Elementary 4 th Grade Teacher, during first semester of 2011-2012 School Year (Clearances on File) |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer. Motion carried – 8 Yeas. |
| BVIU Programs | Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve 2011-2012 School Year Contract for Special Education Programs and Services with the BVIU at \$37,578 Per Student (Currently Four Students Enrolled) – New Horizon. |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer. Motion carried – 8 Yeas. |
| Agreement | Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve the following 2011-2012 Educational Services Agreement with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Glade Run Lutheran Services - \$19,750 Per Student for Alternative Regular Education Program, \$20,250 Per Student for Special Education Program and \$30,250 Per Student for Autism Education Program (Increase of \$500 for Alternative Regular Education, \$500 for Special Education and \$250 for Autistic Support Class from the 2010-2011 School Year) 2. Holy Family Learning - \$117 per scheduled school day (Increase of \$3 from the 2010-2011 School Year) 3. Signore Center - \$9,785 Per Seat or \$120 per Day |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer. Motion carried – 8 Yeas. |
| Day-to-Day Sub | Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Dan Guerra as day-to-day Substitute Teacher/Security Monitor (Clearances on File) |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer. Motion carried – 8 Yeas. |
| Student Teacher | Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Kara Zimmerman, Student Teacher from Geneva College, to be placed with Heidi Orrico, Conway Elementary Kindergarten Teacher, August 30 thru October 14, 2011 and Susan Camp, Big Knob Elementary 4 th Grade Teacher, October 17 thru December 23, 2011. |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer. Motion carried – 8 Yeas. |
| <u>OPERATIONS:</u> | |
| FMLA | Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Lehocky, to confirm and approve FMLA for Nancy Chamberlain, Middle School Custodian, effective approximately May 6, 2011 thru July 13, 2011. |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer. Motion carried – 8 Yeas. |
| Security Services | Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve additional end-of-year security services for High School/Middle School Campus with Black Dog USA, Inc. – Cost \$1,260 (Administrative Report). |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer. Motion carried – 8 Yeas. |
| Timeline | The following timeline was determined for reviewing RPF's from 15 Architectural Firms in anticipation of becoming the District Architect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identify 3-6 viable applicants from the pool of 15 by July/August ➤ Approve District Architect at the September Board meeting |
| FIT | FIT Optimized Solutions Contract Expiration (Executive Session) |

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

- Resignation Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Rocco, to accept the resignation from the following Homecoming Co-Sponsors:
 1. Cathy Baker
 2. Linda Keener
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.
- Resignation Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Heyman, to accept the following Coaches resignations:
 1. Zachary Zeigler, Varsity Football Assistant Coach
 2. Scott McGee, Varsity Football Assistant Coach
 3. John Mohrbacher, 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Head Coach
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.
- Head Coach Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Heyman, to approve Ron Kelm as Head Coach for 7th Grade Girls' Basketball, Salary \$1,600 (Clearances on File)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, and Elmer. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.
- Golf Coach Aaron Fitzpatrick as Varsity Golf Coach, Salary \$2,700 (Clearances on File) – Executive Session
- AD Report John Rosa, Athletic Director, provided the following monthly report:
 > Swim Update – YMCA \$50 per Day (New Brighton) Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 2-3 lanes; Sunrise Pool \$50 per day full pool, any day of the week. Will explore cooperative program with New Brighton School District.
 > Concussion Screening Update – would like to pursue a joint venture with local youth organizations.
 > Spring Sports:
 Baseball – Lost first round in playoff game
 Softball – Team improved all season – the interest is there to continue to improve
 Track – Boys Team 4th, Girls Team 3rd
 Individual Track – Zane Zeigler 5th; Nick Turner 4th
 > Schedules for 2011 – 2012 – 95% Completed
 > Buffalo Wild Wings Covert Display – Jersey Donation
 > Challis Award Plaque to be displayed in Student Center – MAC Conference wants to provide
 > Basketball Uniforms – Both boys and girls coaches are looking at the same uniform styles
 > MAC golf re-instatement – Players can now compete in MAC Tournament
 > Goal Coach – Aaron Fitzpatrick (HS English Teacher)
 > Cooperative Hockey – Approximately 6-8 students participating
 > Football – 62 players in helmets, we have 58 uniforms
 > Ticket Prices – Currently: FB Reserved \$5; FB General Admission \$4; FB Student \$2; Winter Sports Adult \$3; Student \$1.
Proposed: FB Reserved \$6; FB General Admission \$5; FB Student \$2; Winter Sports Adult \$5; Student \$2; Soccer/Volleyball Adult \$5, Student \$2 (makes all sports the same price with exception of football reserved seating)

MEET & DISCUSS

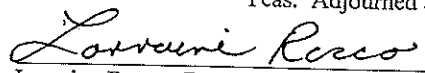
- Personnel Matter Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Executive Session Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, for the Board to go into executive session at 8:05 pm, EST to discuss the following:

- ♦ Bargaining/Non-Bargaining Employees' Salary Increases/Freezes for 2011-2012 School Year (Finance #B)
- ♦ Personnel Matter (Meet & Discuss)
- ♦ FIT Optimized Solutions Contract Expiration (Operations #D)
- ♦ Golf Coach Salary (Extra-Curricular #D)

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.
- Adjourn Executive Session Motion by Challis, seconded by Heyman, to adjourn executive session at 9:05 pm, EST.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.
- Golf Coach Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve Aaron Fitzpatrick as Varsity Golf Coach, salary \$2,700 (Clearances on file)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.
- Adjourn Motion by Challis, seconded by Lehocky, to adjourn. All members voting Yea. - 8 Yeas. Adjourned at 9:07 p.m., E.S.T.



 Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary