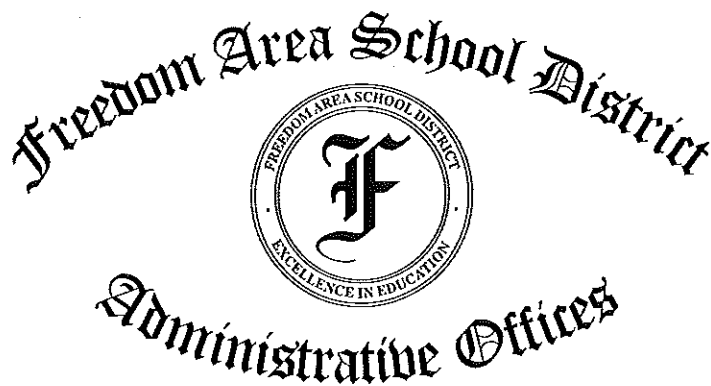


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Board of School Directors Meeting
“Students Are the Center of the Decision Making Process”
March 5, 2015

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 February 2015 (**Administrative Report**):
 - H.O.P.E. Award (Theme – “Someone Important Along the Way”):
 - Ed Shephard, High School Math
 - Students of the Month Award (Theme – “Leadership”)
 - 12th Grade:
 - Boy - Josh Battaglia
 - Girl - Raylen Welling
 - 11th Grade:
 - Boy - Trevor Adams
 - Girl - Brittany Bionda
 - 10th Grade:
 - Boy - Nicholas Henderson
 - Girl - Madeline Kiefer
 - 9th Grade:
 - Boy - Callum Heavens
 - Girl - Ava Colorito
 2. Freedom Area Middle School H.O.P.E. Award for February 2015 (Theme – “Goes Above and Beyond”) (**Administrative Report**):
 - Kelly Guerra, Fifth Grade Teacher
 3. Conway/Big Knob Elementary Schools H.O.P.E. Award for February 2015 (Theme – “Caring”) (**Administrative Report**):
 - Stephanie Hill, Grade 3 Teacher, Big Knob Elementary

4. Report on State DECA Competition by William Deal, High School Principal
- B. Invitation:
 1. Varsity Girls' Basketball Banquet, Cranberry Highlands Golf Course, Cranberry Township, PA, March 14, 2015, 7:00 – 10:00 pm
- C. Other:
 1. **April 2015 Board Meetings to be Held on April 16 and April 23**
- D. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (**Enclosure**)

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

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

- A. Alicia Gini, Conway, Request for Early Admission for Kindergarten Student

MINUTES:

- A. Approve Minutes of February 5 and February 12, 2015

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy)
- B. Free-Reduced Lunch Report as of March 2, 2015 – **District at 45.64%**
- C. **Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of March 1, 2015 – Current Projected Annual Cost for 2014-2015 School Year \$828,623.06; 41 Cyber/Charter Students, 36 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students - 77**
- D. Before/After School Care Request For Proposals
- E. 2015-2016 School Calendar
- F. Board Resolution Regarding Basic Education Funding Formula
- G. Budget Transfers

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. Before- and After-School Care Request For Proposals (Enclosure)
- B. 2015-2016 School Calendar Review (Enclosure)
- C. Update on Act 153 Requiring New Clearances for Staff
- D. Update on the Basic Education Funding Formula Campaign and Consideration of a Board Resolution Supporting the Development of a Fair Funding Formula. (Enclosure)
- E. Recognition for Big Knob's Designation as a Distinguished Title 1 School Received from Sen. Elder Vogel, Rep. James Marshall, and Rep. Rob Matzie.
- F. Accept a donation from the Greek Catholic Union of the U.S.A. for District Distribution to Five (5) Families in Need During the Easter Season in the Form of \$75 Food Certificates.

- G. Approve the Nomination of Mr. Harry Gilarno as Freedom Area School District's Representative to the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors for a Three-Year Term Commencing July 1, 2015.
- H. Approve Release Time, According to Contract, for Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent, and William Deal, High School Principal, to Attend *STEM: Creating a Regional Model for Economic and Workforce Development* workshop on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, Wyndham Grand Downtown, Pittsburgh, PA, Cost Mileage and Parking.
- I. Approve Release Time, According to Contract, for Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent, to attend a screening for a documentary, titled The Family Next Door, chronicles the challenges of autism for a family, at Upper St. Clair School District, Friday, March 6, 2015, Cost Mileage.
- J. Approve Snow Make-Up Days, per the 2014-2015 School Calendar: Monday, March 9, 2015 (for Thursday, February 19, 2015) and Wednesday, April 1, 2015 (for Friday, February 20, 2015).
- K. Update on Penguins Foundation Tablets in Education Grant and Title 1 Distinguished School Grant – Mrs. Slavic

LEGISLATION:

Open

FINANCE:

- A. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$578,547.35 (Second Check Run for February 2015)
- B. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$360,926.59 (First Check Run for March 2015)
- C. Approve Capital Improvement First Check Run for March 2015 - \$2,553.83.
- D. Approve Primary Center Construction Payment in the Amount of \$982,257.48 (First Check Run for March 2015); as Approved by VEBH Architects and S. P. Smith Construction (**Handout 3-5-15 – Scott Smith**)
- E. Approve February 2015 Cafeteria Report
- F. Approve March 2015 Budget Transfers (**Handout**)
- G. Discuss BVIU 2015-2016 General Operating Budget in the Amount of \$2,115,972 (Decrease of \$338,945 from 2014-2015 Budget – No Increase to District)

Note in Minutes:

- H. The Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Board has awarded the bid for Gasoline, Diesel Fuel and Heating Oil for the 2015-16 school year. The Western Pennsylvania Gasoline/Diesel Consortium Committee has made a recommendation to award the bid to Guttman Energy, Inc. Participants will Pay Approximately \$1 Less for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel.

EDUCATION:

- A. Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. **Other:**

- a. Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor, Student Services Committee, March 12, 2015, BCCTC, Cost Mileage
- b. Gene Feliciani, School Psychologist, and Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Why Use RtII for SLD Determination, April 17, 2015, PATTAN-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage, Tolls
- c. Lisa Woods, HS Physical Education, and Dana Gaertner, Elementary Physical Education, Farm to Table Pittsburgh Conference, March 27, 2015, Pittsburgh, PA, Cost Mileage

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. **Other:**

- a. (Confirm) Jim Covert, Varsity Wrestling Coach, PIAA Regional Wrestling Tournament, February 27-28, 2015, Canonsburg, PA, Cost Lodging, Meals, Mileage
- b. (Confirm) Ed Shephard, Varsity Track Coach, Indoor Track State Championships, February 28 – March 1, 2015, State College, PA, Cost Lodging, Meals, Tolls (Used School Van)
- c. Jim Covert, Varsity Wrestling Coach, PIAA State Wrestling Tournament, March 4-7, 2015, Hershey, PA, Cost Lodging, Meals, Mileage, Tolls
- d. Anthony Zimmerman, Gifted Instructor, Mental Math Competition, March 10, 2015, Midland, PA, Cost \$25 Registration
- e. Jennifer Glover, Academic Games Sponsor, National Academic Games Competition, April 23-28, 2015, Orlando, FL, Cost Lodging, Transportation (Airfare/Taxi/Shuttle) Not to Exceed \$3,600.
- f. Rob James, Middle School Band Director, Junior High District Band, March 31, 2015, Butler Intermediate High School, Butler, PA, Cost \$84 Registration
- g. Fifth Grade Teachers, Strip District Field Trip, May 15, 2015, Pittsburgh, PA, No Cost to District – Funded by Middle School PTSA

- B. Approve Ryan Smith as High School Assistant Principal, Effective March 5, 2015 - Salary \$77,500
- C. Approve Leticia Vallecorsa as Cyber Aide, Salary According to Contract, Effective March 9, 2015 (Clearances on File).
- D. Approve Request from Kris McCowin, Big Knob 1st Grade Teacher, for Three (3) Unpaid Days, March 16, 2015, May 1, 2015, and May 4, 2015, According to Policy No. 439

OPERATIONS:

- A. Director of Buildings & Grounds Monthly Report

Note in Minutes:

- B. Food Facility Inspection Report by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for:
 - 1. Big Knob Elementary School, Status – In Compliance (February 26, 2015)

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

- A. Progress Update
- B. Overview of Furniture Bids

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

- A. Director of Athletics Monthly Report
- B. Accept the Resignation of Kim Mihalik as Assistant Middle School Soccer Coach.
- C. Accept the Resignation of Diana Sektnan as Varsity Cheer Coach.
- D. Approve the Following Coaches:
 - 1. Corey Gilarno as Middle School Track Coach, Salary According to Contract. (Clearances on File)
 - 2. David Badamo, Assistant Varsity Track Coach, Salary According to Contract. (Clearances on File)
 - 3. Erica Barlow, Assistant Varsity Track Coach, Salary According to Contract. (Clearances on File)

POLICY:

Open

MEET AND DISCUSS:

Open