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**REORGANIZATION MEETING
December 8, 2016
AGENDA**

1. Election of Chairperson Pro-Tempore to Conduct the Reorganization of the Board of Directors By Hold Over Board Members
2. Election of Board Officers for 2017
3. Set Monthly Meetings as Follows:
 - A. Committee Meeting – 1st Tuesday
 - B. Regular Monthly Meeting – 2nd Tuesday

With the Following Exceptions:

January 2017	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Regular</u>
April 2017	Jan. 10	Jan. 17
July 2017	To Be Determined	Apr. 18

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Board of School Directors Meeting
“Students Are the Center of the Decision Making Process”
December 8, 2016

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Open School Communications: Positive and Constructive Comments between School Board Members, Administrators and Community:
1. Presentation of District's 2016 Holiday Card
 2. Presentation of Certificates from Senator Elder Vogel and from State Representative Robert Matzie of the PA House of Representatives to the 2016 WPIAL Championship Winning High School Girls Soccer Team and Coaches
 3. Freedom Area High School H.O.P.E. and Student of the Month Awards for December 2016 (**Administrative Report**):
 - H.O.P.E. Award – Tie (Theme – “Most Influential”)
 - Ruthanne Gudzan, Spanish Teacher
 - Keith Kovalic, Music Teacher/Band Director
 - Student of the Month Awards (Theme – “Creativity in School”)
 - 12th Grade:
 - Boy - Michael Fricke
 - Girl - Tara Carr
 - 11th Grade:
 - Boy - Jason Norman
 - Girl - McKenzie Deitrick
 - 10th Grade:
 - Boy - Cash Pcola
 - Girl - Lynzey Waddingham
 - 9th Grade:
 - Boy - Cade Skuse
 - Girl - Ella Walden

COMMUNICATIONS, CONT'D:

4. Freedom Area Middle School Student of the Month Awards for November 2016 (Theme – “Citizenship”) (**Administrative Report**):
 - 8th Grade:
 - Boy - Brett Boyd
 - Girl - Angel Clinkscales
 - 7th Grade:
 - Boy - Logan Harley
 - Girl - Skylar DeThomas
 - 6th Grade:
 - Boy - Luke Snavely
 - Girl - Jordan Lizzi
 - 5th Grade:
 - Boy - Chase Grable
 - Girl - Daisy Lewis
 5. Freedom Elementary School H.O.P.E. Award for December 2016 (Theme - “Someone Who is Helpful”) (**Administrative Report**):
 - Kristine McCowin, First Grade Teacher
 6. Receipt of Thank You Card to the School Board from the Freedom Girls Softball Team, Boosters and Parents for their Contribution toward the cost of the Infield Mix for the Softball Field. A Thank You was also given to Gary Mortimer for his Time in Pricing and Organizing the Delivery of the Mix
 7. Receipt of Thank You Card from the Yellow Ribbon Girls for the Donations Collected for the Christmas Care Packages for the Troops and for the Monetary Donation from the Middle School Pep Club
- B. Invitation:
1. **BVIU 2016 Reorganization Meeting, Tuesday, December 13, 5:45 P.M., Beaver County Career & Technology Center**
- C. Other:
1. Presentation of Financials for Year Ending June 30, 2016 by Auditors Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP
 2. **January 2017 Board Meetings to be Held on January 10 (Committee) and January 17 (Regular)**
- D. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (**Enclosure**)

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 November 3 and November 10, 2016

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (**Communications, Item D.**)
B. Free-Reduced Lunch Report as of December 1, 2016 – **District at 46.38%**
C. BVIU School Board Notes for October 26, 2016 Meeting (Correction Made to Attendance)
D. BVIU School Board Notes for November 16, 2016 Meeting
E. List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (**Extra-Curricular, Item B.**)
F. Average Daily Membership for Freedom Area School District, 60 Day Report – **1,403**

Information:

- G. **Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of December 6, 2016 – Current Projected Annual Cost for 2016-2017 School Year \$763,440.00; 27 Cyber/Charter Students, 38 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students - 65**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. Request from BVIU to Appoint/Approve a Representative for the Following:
1. Beaver Valley Joint School Committee, Annual Term (Current Representative – Mary Ann Petcovic, Current Alternate - Lorraine Rocco)
2. PSBA/BVIU Legislative Action Council, Annual Term (Current Representative – Dawn Greene, Current Alternate – Mary Ann Petcovic)
3. Beaver County Special School Authority Board, Five Year Term (Current Representative – Wanda Murray)
B. Approve the Following Requests to Complete Dissertation Studies:
1. Ms. Amanda Whitworth, 4th Grade Teacher, Using Literature Circles to Enhance Student Knowledge of Nonfiction Text, Northcentral University (**Presentation**)
2. Mr. Frank Hernandez, Middle School Principal (West Allegheny School District), Cultural Capital and Academic Achievement, University of Pittsburgh (**Presentation**)

LEGISLATION:

Open

FINANCE:

- A. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$372,220.70 (Second Check Run for November 2016)
- B. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$493,446.19 (First Check Run for December 2016)
- C. Approve Capital Projects First Check Run for December 2016 in the Amount of \$11,050.00
- D. Approve '98 Bond Interest Payment of \$25,698.75
- E. Approve Cafeteria Report for November 2016
- F. Approve Treasurer's Report for November 2016
- G. Approve Annual Financial Report as Presented by Auditors Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP by Steven Niedenberger
- H. Approve Resolution Appointing Barbara Houghton, Accounts Payable Coordinator, as an Additional Authorized Representative to Receive Any and All Information through E-Mail Regarding Monies Collected from Berkheimer (**Signatures Required**)

EDUCATION:

- A. Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. **Other:**

- a. Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher:
 - i. DECA Board Meeting, December 9-11, Hershey, Cost Substitute
 - ii. DECA Advisors Meeting, December 13, North Allegheny High School, Cost Substitute (Half Day)
- b. Tara Little, Elementary Librarian, "What's New in Children's Literature?" Seminar, January 6, Coraopolis, Cost Substitute, Registration Fee and Mileage
- c. Emily Mather, Instructional Coach, PA Institute for Instructional Coaching Professional Development, May 1-3, Penn State, Cost Transportation

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. **Gifted:**

- a. Math 24 Competition, March 8, Penn State – Beaver Campus, Cost Substitute and Transportation:
 - i. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted
 - ii. Wendy Clibbens, Sixth Grade Teacher

EDUCATION, CONT'D:

2. **Special Education:**
 - a. Jessika Fontaine, High School Life Skills Teacher:
 - i. **Confirm:** Festival of Trees Private Tour, December 1, Brady's Run Park, No Cost to District, Will Use School Van
 - ii. Vicary House Tour, Freedom, December 12, No Cost to District, Will Use School Van
 3. **Other:**
 - a. **Confirm:** Keith Kovalic, High School Music Teacher/Band Director, Honors Band, December 1, Westminster College, Cost Substitute and Registration Fees
 - b. **Confirm:** Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher, District II DECA Conference, Moon Twp., December 5, Cost Substitute and Transportation
 - c. Michelle Koutsourais, 8th Grade Math Teacher, Math Counts Competition, Penn State, Beaver, January 6, Cost Substitute and Transportation
 - d. Aaron Fitzpatrick, High School English Teacher, PSPA State High School Journalism Competition, PSU - State College, March 28-29, Cost Substitute, Lodging and Meals, Will Use School Van
- B. Approve the following Student Teachers from Slippery Rock University:
1. Barbara Metropoulos, to be Placed with Heather Giammaria, High School English Teacher (January 23-March 17) and Lisa Finch, Middle School English Teacher (March 21-May 11) **(Pending Receipt of Clearances)**
 2. David Lovett, to be Placed with K.C. Hastings, High School Math Teacher (January 23-May 11) **(Pending Receipt of Clearances)**
- C. Approve Maternity Leave for Kelly Krawchyk, High School Social Studies Teacher, Beginning October 3, 2016 thru November 8, 2016, Followed by FMLA, According to Policy, Beginning November 9, 2016 through January 9, 2017
- D. Approve FMLA (Intermittently), According to Policy, for Erica Davids, Kindergarten Teacher, as Needed
- E. Approve Homebound Instruction, According to Policy, for the following:
1. Elementary Student
 2. Middle School Student
- F. Approve Jessika Fontaine, High School Life Skills Teacher, as Mentor for Christina Waters, High School Special Education Teacher, Prorated for the 2016-2017 School Year, Salary According to Contract

OPERATIONS:

- A. Director of Buildings & Grounds Monthly Report
- B. Approve Released Time, According to Policy, for Randy Walker, Food Service Director, to Attend ServSafe Manager Certification Course, January 18, Cranberry Twp., Cost Registration Fee
- C. Approve Referral Agreement with Drug and Alcohol Services of Beaver Valley, Inc. Effective December 2016 thru November 2018
- D. Approve MOU for Transportation of Children and Youth in Foster Care between the District and Beaver Valley Children and Youth Services
(Pending Solicitor Review)

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

Open

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

- A. Athletic Director's Monthly Report
- B. Approve List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors **(Enclosure)**
- C. Approve Payment of the Homecoming Sponsor Stipend in the Amount of \$1,150 for the 2015 Homecoming Fall Festival **(Administrative Report)**
- D. Accept Resignation from Mackenzie Kemerer as Varsity Assistant Softball Coach, Effective November 22, 2016
- E. Rescind Resignation from Andrea Niedbala and Kristen Milanovich as Co-Sponsors of the High School Ski Club (Approved May 12, 2016)
- F. Approve Terri Seltzer, Second Grade Teacher, as Elementary Robotics Club Sponsor, Stipend \$1,200, Prorated for Start Date of December 12, 2016 (Position Funded Through the ALCOA Foundation STEM Grant) **(Clearances on File)**
- G. Approve Kristine Ricci, Fourth Grade Teacher, as Elementary Robotics Club Sponsor, Stipend \$1,200, Retroactive to November 7, 2016 (Position Funded Through the ALCOA Foundation STEM Grant) **(Clearances on File)**
- H. Approve Ben Welling as Head Middle School Boys Basketball Coach, Salary According to Contract **(Pending Receipt of Updated Act 114 Clearance and Act 126 Training)**
- I. Approve Proposal from ELA Sport to Conduct a Feasibility Study to Review the Track Facilities

POLICY:

A. Approve the Following Revised Board Policy (**Pending Solicitor Review**):

1. Policy No. 912 – Relations with Educational Institutions

MEET AND DISCUSS:

Open