

Board of Directors Meeting
“Students Are the Center of the Decision Making Process”
February 13, 2014

***AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD PRIOR TO START OF BUSINESS MEETING
FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS***

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Invitation:
 - 1. Freedom Boys’ Varsity Basketball Banquet, Sunday, March 16, 5:00 P.M., Ba’Runi’s-Baden (Awareness)
- B. Other:
 - 1. Middle School Play “Who Killed Mother Goose”, Wednesday, February 26, Middle School Auditorium, 6:30 P.M.
 - 2. **March 2014 School Board Meetings to be Held on March 6 and March 13**
- C. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (**Enclosure**)

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

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

Open

MINUTES:

- A. Approve Minutes of January 9 and January 16, 2014

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) **(Communications – Item C.)**
- B. Budget Transfers **(Finance – Item G.)**
- C. Information Relating to Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) Investment Management of Bond Proceeds **(Finance – Item H.)**
- D. Bond Summary Prepared by Janney Montgomery Scott LLC **(Finance – Item I.)**
- E. Draft 2014-2015 School Calendar for Tentative Adoption and Staff Input **(Education – Item C.)**
- F. Free-Reduced Lunch Report as of February 3, 2014 – **District at 43.81%**
- G. In-Out Migration Report as of January 2014 – **District at 1,470 (-10 from December 2013; -21 from Third Day Enrollment)**
- H. **Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of February 7, 2014 – Current Projected Annual Cost for 2013-2014 School Year \$630,727.83; 39 Cyber/Charter Students, 30 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students - 69**
- I. BVIU School Board Notes for January 22, 2014 Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- A. Request Made to PDE for a Section 2523 Exception for Big Knob Elementary for Monday, January 6, Due to No Power, Water or Sewage; Request Granted
- B. Select Alternate Dates for April 10 and May 8 School Board Meetings
- C. **Schedule School Board Picture for March 6**
- D. **District Comprehensive Plan – July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2017**
- E. **Introduction of Lead to Learn**

LEGISLATION:

Open

FINANCE:

- A. Approve Bills in the Amount of **\$632,368.32** (Second Check Run for January 2014)
- B. Approve Bills in the Amount of **\$532,174.09** (First Check Run for February 2014)

FINANCE (CONT'D):

- C. Approve Capital Improvement Second Check Run for January 2014 - \$1,175
- D. Approve Capital Improvement First Check Run for February 2014 - \$184,943.07 + \$82,366.00 = \$267,309.07 (Handout)
- E. Approve January 2014 Treasurer's Report
- F. Approve January 2014 Cafeteria Report
- G. Approve Budget Transfers (Enclosure)
- H. Approve Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) as Depository of Bond Proceeds in the Capital Projects Fund (Enclosure)
- I. Review Bond Summary Prepared by Janney Montgomery Scott LLC (Enclosures)
- J. Approve Petition for Confirmation of Distribution of Monies Collected by the Beaver County Tax Claim Bureau from the Repository for Unsold Properties
- K. Approve Proposal from Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP for Auditing Services for the Years Ending (Signature Required):
 - June 30, 2015 - \$16,500 (No Increase from June 30, 2014)
 - June 30, 2016 - \$16,800
 - June 30, 2017 - \$17,200

Note in Minutes:

- L. Finance Committee Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 7:00 P.M., Middle School Library, to Review 2014-2015 Budget Development

EDUCATION:

- A. Approve Released Time According to Act 48:
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:
 - 1. **Special Education:**
 - a. Renae Bogdan, Elementary Speech-Language Teacher, Integrating Mobile Technology Tools into Evidence-Based Practices for Speech-Language Pathologists, February 26, BVIU, Cost Mileage
 - b. Danielle Barr, High School Learning Support Teacher, Best iPad Apps to Enhance Content Instruction, March 24, Four Points by Sheraton-Airport, Cost \$229 Registration Fee Plus Substitute

EDUCATION (CONT'D):

- c. Approve Freedom Area School District Contribution of \$100 to Help Defray Cost of Beaver County Transition Fair for Students and Parents; Fair Scheduled for Friday, April 11, at Community College of Beaver County
 - d. Transition Meetings for Incoming Kindergarten Students:
February 20, Economy Elementary School, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Renae Bogdan, Elementary Speech-Language Teacher
 - ii. Amy DeChellis, Big Knob Elementary Kindergarten TeacherFebruary 21, Tiny Tots-Rochester, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Renae Bogdan, Elementary Speech-Language Teacher
 - ii. Lori Sacco, Conway Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
2. **Other:**
- a. School Success Following a Head Injury: The Legal Balance, February 28, BVIU, Cost \$20 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
 - i. Frank Hernandez, High School Assistant Principal
 - ii. Chris Bennett, High School Counselor
 - iii. Bonnie Adams, School Nurse
 - b. Tara Little, Elementary Librarian, What's New in Children's Literature?, March 24, Wyndham Garden-Airport, Cost \$235 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage
 - c. Trends in Computing, March 25, Robert Morris University-Moon Township, Cost \$35 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
 - i. Kristen Milanovich, High School Technology Teacher
 - ii. Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher
 - d. 2014 PAFPC Annual Title I Conference, April 27-30, Champion, PA, Cost \$395 Registration Fee, Lodging, Meals, Mileage and Tolls:
 - i. Noriene Plate, Business Manager
 - ii. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

EDUCATION (CONT'D):

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. **Other:**
 - a. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator, Robo Cup Competition Kickoff, February 18, BVIU, No Cost to District (Will Use School Van)
 - b. High School 9th Grade Instructional Staff, Post-Secondary Option Trip, March 5, Slippery Rock University, California University, CCBC and New Castle School of Trades, Cost Substitute (One) Plus Transportation
 - c. Natalie Miles, High School Science Club Sponsor, SciTech Days, March 6, Carnegie Science Center-Pittsburgh, Cost Substitute
 - d. Hillary Frankenstein, Middle School Music Teacher, District 5 Elementary Chorus Fest, March 7, Grove City College, Cost \$144 Registration Fee (Will Use School Van)
 - e. Keith Kovalic, High School Music Teacher, PMEA Region I Band Festival, March 12-14, Belle Vernon Area High School, Cost \$75 Registration Fee, Substitute, Lodging, Mileage
 - f. Kaylee Haggerty, High School Art Club Sponsor, The Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh, February 26, Cost Substitute
- B. Approve Request from Amy Nicely, Middle School 5th Grade Teacher, for One Unpaid Day, February 17, 2014 (According to Policy No. 439)
- C. Review/Approve Draft 2014-2015 School Calendar for Tentative Adoption and Staff Input (**Enclosure**)
- D. Approve Submission and Distribution of Freedom Area Educational Foundation Grants in the Amount of \$500 Each by:
 - Jeanine Ging, Middle School 6th Grade Teacher, for 6th Grade Enrichment Projects
 - Tami Smithmyer, Middle School Physical Education Teacher, for CPR Traveling Kit
 - Carole Hartman, High School English Teacher, for English Class Field Trip to Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC
 - Kristen Milanovich, High School Technology Teacher, for Supplies and Equipment for Freedom Fortune 500
- E. Approve Maternity Leave for Emily Mather, Elementary Literacy Coach, Beginning Approximately April 29 thru May 28, 2014; Followed by FMLA, According to Policy, Beginning May 29 thru June 6, 2014
- F. Approve Agreement with Passavant Memorial Homes for Training Services One Day Per Week for One District Special Education Student, Cost \$96 Per Day (**Signature Required**) (**Administrative Report**)

OPERATIONS:

- A. Approve Vending Machine Agreement with Cee Vee Vending Inc.; Machines to be Placed at High School and Middle School **(Signatures Required)**
- B. Approve Purchase of a Used 2010 Toyota 3000 lb. Forklift at a Cost of \$13,844.94 (Purchase Price Includes Forklift and Materials for Charging Station) (Capital Projects Fund)
- C. Approve FMLA for Ellen Hill, High School Career Coach, Effective February 7 thru Approximately February 17, 2014
- D. Approve Revised Memorandum of Understanding With New Sewickley Township and New Sewickley Township Police Department for a School Resource Officer to Serve the School District for an Initial Four (4) Year Period Beginning Approximately January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017 **(Signatures Required) (Administrative Report)**
- E. Approve the Continuation of Participation in the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium for the Purchase of Natural Gas for Up to a Three Year Term Commencing with Service After the Final Meter Read Date in August 2015; Final Basis (Transportation) Price will be Below Current Rate and will be Determined from Competitive Quotes **(Administrative Report)**

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

- A. Deny Payment to GeoMechanics, Inc. in the Amount of \$7,620; Brings Total Cost of Service Provided to the District to \$34,628, Adjusting Prior Amount Approved by the Board of School Directors of "Not to Exceed \$27,870" (Capital Projects Fund)
- B. Approve Private Property Primary Right of Way Agreement with Duquesne Light Company
- C. Create and Seek Candidates for the Position of Owner's Representative for the Upcoming Construction Project

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

- A. Athletic Director Monthly Report
- B. Accept Resignation from Robert Densmore as Assistant Varsity Football Coach
- C. Approve the Following Volunteer Club Sponsors:
 - 1. Beth Majors, High School DECA Club **(Clearances on File)**
 - 2. Carole Hartman, High School Photography Club **(Clearances on File)**

EXTRA-CURRICULAR (CONT'D):

- D. Approve the Following Coaches:
 - 1. Nick Pertile, Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, Salary According to Contract **(Clearances on File)**
 - 2. Cassandra Javens, Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, Salary According to Contract **(Clearances on File)**
 - 3. Kayla Clear, Middle School Softball Coach, Salary According to Contract **(Clearances on File)**
 - 4. Kylee Wolf, Middle School Softball Coach, Salary According to Contract **(Pending Receipt of Act 151 Clearance)**
- E. Approve Ski Trip to Seven Springs for Grades 7 thru 12 on Saturday, February 22 (No Cost to District)
- F. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for John Rosa, Athletic Director, to Attend Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association Conference, March 19-21, Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Cost \$265 Registration Fee, Substitute, Lodging, Meals, Mileage and Tolls

POLICY:

- A. Approve the Following Revised Board Policies:
 - 1. Policy No. 220 – Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
 - 2. Policy No. 913 – Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals

MEET AND DISCUSS:

Open