

FEBRUARY 3, 2011

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on February 3, 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
Bobbie Jo Elmer
Harry Gilarno (Arrived 7:30 pm)
Barbara Heyman
Gregory Lehocky
Mary Ann Petcovic
Kathleen Schlegel

Board Members Absent:

Scott Challis
Mike Tibolet

School Staff Present:

Ron Sofo, Superintendent
Noriene Plate, Business Manager
Darlene Corriss, Assistant Principal, High School
Robert Gallagher, Principal, Middle School
Richard Edder, Principal, Big Knob Elementary

Solicitor

N/A

Guests: N/A

Minutes Motion by Heyman, seconded by Lehocky, to approve the following minutes:
Agenda Meeting January 6, 2011
Regular Meeting January 13, 2011

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Petcovic, and Rocco. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

Bills Motion by Heyman, seconded by Lehocky, to approve the second check run for payment of bills for the month of January 2011, in the amount of \$416,618.78. **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 – Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

COMMUNICATIONS

Snow Day Motion by Rocco, seconded by Heyman, to approve make-up snow day:
Snow Day March 14th for January 21^s

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Release Time Motion by Rocco, seconded by Lehocky, to approve the following release time, according to Policy, for Superintendent Ron Sofo to attend the following meetings:

- West Central Association of School Business Officials, Friday, February 18, Grazie-Wexford, Cost \$25 Registration Fee
- Test Coordinator Training on Administration of Keystone Exams and Classroom Diagnostic Tools, March 3, 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M., PaTTAN-Pittsburgh
- 2011 Advocacy Conference, April 17 and April 18, Hilton- Harrisburg, Cost \$299 Registration Fee, Lodging, Mileage and Tolls

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

FINANCE:

2011-2012 Budget Noriene Plate, Business Manager, presented a slide presentation on the 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget and outlined District requirements set forth by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by February 10, 2011. **Copy of the slide presentation is attached to the minutes in the minute book. A copy of the slides will be placed on the District web site for review by the Community**

Budget Transfers Motion by Rocco, seconded by Lehocky, to approve the following budget transfers:

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| 1. | From: Wrestling Umpires/Security | - | \$1,000 |
| | To: Wrestling Dues and Fees | - | \$1,000 |
| 2. | From: Athletic Director Dues and Fees | - | \$1,400 |
| | To: Track Supplies | - | \$1,400 |
| 3. | From: High School DECA Competitions | - | \$400 |
| | To: High School Music Dues and Fees | - | \$400 |

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

EDUCATION:

Released Time Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve released time according to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Special Education:
 - a. Henry Podbielski, High School Learning Support Teacher, County Wide Transition Day Planning Committee Meeting, March 4, Ambridge Area School District, Cost Mileage
 - b. Brittany Keefer, Elementary and Middle School Speech Therapist, Meeting the Literacy Challenge: Stress Free Strategies for the SLP, March 21, PaTTAN-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage
 - c. Autism Awareness Conference, April 6, Slippery Rock University, Cost \$60 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
 - i. Jessika Fontaine, High School Learning Support Teacher
 - ii. Danielle Walker, High School Learning Support Teacher
2. Title II:
 - a. Kim Smith, Title I Coordinator, Pennsylvania Association Federal Program Coordinators Annual Conference, April 4 thru April 6, Seven Springs Resort, Cost \$395 Registration Fee, Substitute, \$960 Lodging, Meals, Mileage and Tolls
3. Other
 - a. Confirm: Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor, BCC&TC Meeting on Recruiting for 2011-2012, January 14, Beaver County Career & Technology Center, Cost Mileage
 - b. Confirm: Essential Readings on Vocabulary Instruction, October 12, BVIU, Cost \$50 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
 - i. Chris DeLong, Big Knob Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher
 - ii. Linda Haffner, Big Knob Elementary 4th Grade Teacher
 - c. Confirm: K-4 Visit, February 3, South Side School District, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Debbie Baycura, Conway Elementary Principal
 - ii. Rich Edder, Big Knob Elementary Principal
 - d. K-4 Visit, February 10, Riverside School District, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Debbie Baycura, Conway Elementary Principal
 - ii. Rich Edder, Big Knob Elementary Principal
 - e. Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor, Project 720 Credential-Transition, February 4, Penn State-Greater Allegheny, Cost Mileage
 - i. Transition Team Day, February 4, BVIU, Cost substitute plus mileage:
 - ii. Lori Sacco, Conway Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
 - ii. Gena Tokar, Conway Elementary Title I Reading Specialist
 - f. LETRS Module 7: Teaching Phonics, Word Study, and the Alphabetic Principle, February 10, BVIU, Cost \$33 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
 - i. Amie Buzza, Big Knob Elementary 1st Grade Teacher
 - ii. Joy Crouch, Big Knob Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher

- iii. Erica Davids, Big Knob Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
- iv. Heidi Orrico, Conway Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
- v. Lori Sacco, Conway Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
- g. Pam Tesla, Elementary Literacy Coach, Increasing Oral Language Development-Judi Dodson's The Talking Classroom, February 10, PaTTAN-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage
- h. Alternative Education Region 7 Meeting, February 17, Dave and Buster's Restaurant-Homestead, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Ron Sofo, Superintendent
 - ii. Darlene Corris, High School Assistant Principal
- i. LETRS Module 4: The Mighty Word: Building Vocabulary and Oral Language, March 3, PaTTAN-Pittsburgh, Cost \$33 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
 - i. Joy Crouch, Big Knob Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher
 - ii. Chris DeLong, Big Knob Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher
- j. Essential Readings on Comprehension, March 11, BVIU, Cost \$50 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
 - i. Chris DeLong, Big Knob Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher
 - ii. Linda Haffner, Big Knob Elementary 4th Grade Teacher
- k. Tara Roberts, Elementary Librarian, What's New in Children's Literature, April 7, Marriott City Center-Pittsburgh, Cost \$215 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. Gifted:

- a. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator, Shakespeare Monologue and Scene Contest, February 11, O'Reily Theatre-Pittsburgh, Cost Transportation (Will Share Bus With High School)
- b. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator, Lego Mindstorm Exhibition, April 11, BVIU (Will Use School Van)
- c. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator, Shakespeare in the Schools, April 13, Center Grange Elementary-Monaca, Cost Transportation
- d. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator, Invention Convention, May 17, Central Elementary-Beaver Falls, Cost Transportation

2. Other:

- a. Keith Kovalic, High School Music Teacher, District 5 Regional Chorus, February 24 and February 25, Pine Richland High School, Cost \$140 Registration Fee, \$58.90 Student Music, Substitute, Mileage
- b. Heather Giammaria, High School English Teacher, Shakespeare Monologue and Scene Contest, February 11, O'Reily Theatre-Pittsburgh, Cost Substitute Plus Transportation (Will Share Bus With Middle School)
- c. Heather Giammaria, High School English Teacher, Penn State Forensics Competition, March 11, Penn State-Monaca, Cost Substitute Plus Transportation

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes –Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, Petcovic, and Rocco. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

Grant Award Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve acceptance of "Schools on the Move" Grant Award in the Amount of \$4,996.38 for Freedom Area Middle School (Sponsored by UPMC Heath Plan, H.J. Heinz Company, KDKA-TV and Del Monte Foods) (Administrative Report)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes –Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, Petcovic, and Rocco. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

OPERATIONS:

Release Time Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Heyman, to approve/confirm according to policy, the following release time:

- Confirm: Technology Director Matt Scala to attend County Technology Coordinators' monthly meetings for the 2010-2011 School Year
- Food Service Director Dawn Fronius to attend School Nutrition Director's Retreat, April 3 and April 4, Penn Stater Conference Center-State College, Total Cost \$435 (\$125 Registration Fee, \$119 Lodging and \$191 Mileage and Tolls)

- School Nurse Marjorie Anderson to attend Disaster Response Services: Opportunities for School Nurses, Saturday, March 5, 911 Center-Ambridge, Cost \$25 Registration Fee Plus Mileage

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes –Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, Petcovic, and Rocco. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- Sub Food Service Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Heyman, to approve Carrie Young as substitute for Food Service Department (Clearances on File)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes –Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, Petcovic, and Rocco. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- P-T Position Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Heyman, to approve Food Service Department Employee Jodie Ketterer from substitute to permanent part-time position.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes –Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, Petcovic, and Rocco. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- Resignation Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Heyman, so accept the resignation of Steve Campos as High School Hall Monitor.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes –Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, Petcovic, and Rocco. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- Grant Submission Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Rocco, to approve submission of Lowe’s Charitable and Educational Grant Application in the Amount of \$81,487 (Administrative Report)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes –Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, Petcovic, and Rocco. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

- Assistant Coach Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Rocco, to approve Carrie Cooper as Assistant Coach for Boys’ and Girls’ Middle School Track, Salary \$1,117 (Clearances on File)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes –Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, Petcovic, and Rocco. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- Release Time Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Rocco, to approve release time for Varsity Head Football Coach Frank Hernandez and Joshua Prigorac, upcoming Varsity Assistant Football Coach, to attend PSFCA Kick-Off Clinic, February 11, Penn State-State College, Cost substitute plus mileage (Substitute for Hernandez Only)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes –Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, Petcovic, and Rocco. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- Assistant Coaches Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Rocco, to approve the following as Assistant Coaches for Girls’ Softball:
1. Debra Braddock, First Assistant – Salary \$1,500 (Clearances on File)
2. Stephanie Skiles, Second Assistant – Salary \$1,300 (Clearances on File)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes –Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, Petcovic, and Rocco. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

Note: Board Member Harry Gilarno arrived at the meeting at 7:30 PM

- Adjourn Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Rocco, to adjourn. All members voting Yea. - 7 Yeas. Adjourned at 7:35 p.m., E.S.T.


Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary