

Board of Directors Meeting
“Students Are the Center of the Decision Making Process”
February 6, 2014

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Open School Communications: Positive and Constructive Comments Between School Board Members, Administrators and Community:
1. **2-6-14:** Freedom Area High School H.O.P.E. and Student of the Month Awards for December 2013 and January 2014 (Combined)
(Administrative Report)
 - H.O.P.E. Award (Theme–“Brightens My Day”):
 - Ms. Katherine Gigl
 - Student of the Month Award (Theme–“Most Improved”):
 - 12th Grade:
 - Girl - Jessica Livingston
 - Boy - Christian Edder
 - 11th Grade:
 - Girl - Jessica Palak
 - Boy - Josh Leasure
 - 10th Grade:
 - Girl - Mia Vogel
 - Boy - RJ Schlegel
 - 9th Grade:
 - Girl - Meghan Imhoff
 - Boy - Hunter Yeck
 2. **2-6-14:** Receipt of Letter from the Freedom Area Community Task Force Thanking District for the Donation of \$1,500
- B. Invitation:
1. **2-6-14:** Freedom Area High School Big Red Marching Band Banquet, Saturday, February 8, 4:00 P.M., Center Stage, Monaca

COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D):

2. Freedom Boys' Varsity Basketball Banquet, Sunday, March 16, 5:00 P.M., Ba'Runi's-Baden (Awareness)
- C. 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**
- D. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (**Enclosure**)

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

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

- A. **2-6-14:** John Mohrbacher, Topic: Varsity Girls' Soccer Head Coach Position

MINUTES:

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

ACTION AGENDA:

• **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Approve _____ as School Board Director to Fill the Unexpired Term of Mike Tibolet Which Expires December 2015
- B. Recommend/Approve Make-Up Snow Days:
- Snow Day March 10th for January 28th
 - **Snow Day April 17th for February 5th**

• **EDUCATION:**

- A. Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. **Other:**
 - a. Michelle Koutsourais, Middle School 8th Grade Math Teacher, Math Counts Competition, February 8, Geneva College, No Cost to District
 - b. Middle School 6th Grade Instructional Staff, Sixth Grade Service Project, February 13, Rochester Manor, Cost Substitute (PTSA Paying for Bus)

ACTION AGENDA (CONT'D):

- c. Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher, February 13, 20 and 27, VEKA Inc.-Fombell, Cost Substitute (Will Use School Van)
 - B. Accept Resignation of Jackie Frank as Conway Elementary Learning Support Aide Effective January 17, 2014
 - C. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Administrators and Counselor to Attend Required 2014 PSSA Administration Training Week of February 10, Location Varies, Cost Mileage Plus Tolls
- **OPERATIONS:**
 - A. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Dawn Fronius, Food Service Director, to Attend the Following:
 - 1. Commodity and PA Meal Training, February 12, RIDC Park-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage Plus Tolls
 - 2. Think Tank Committee Meeting, February 14, Grazi-Wexford, Cost Mileage
 - B. Approve Theresa Colleen Rudnicki as Part-Time Administrative Assistant, 12 Month Position, to Director of Buildings and Grounds, Salary \$12.50 Per Hour (**Pending Receipt of Act 151 Clearance and New Employee Drug Screening**)
- **FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:**
 - A. Approve Solicitation of Bids for the Campus Consolidation Project

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy)
- B. Budget Transfers
- C. Information Relating to Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund Investment Management of Bond Proceeds
- D. Bond Summary Prepared by Janney Montgomery Scott LLC
- E. Draft 2014-2015 School Calendar for Tentative Adoption and Staff Input
- 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 (___ from December 2013; ___ from Third Day Enrollment)**
- H. **Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of _____, 2014 – Current Projected Annual Cost for 2013-2014 School Year \$ _____; ___ Cyber/Charter Students, ___ Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students - _____**
- 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

LEGISLATION:

Open

FINANCE:

- A. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$_____ (Second Check Run for January 2014)
- B. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$_____ (First Check Run for February 2014)
- C. Approve Capital Improvement Check Run for February 2014 - \$_____
- D. Approve January 2014 Treasurer's Report
- E. Approve January 2014 Cafeteria Report
- F. Approve Budget Transfers **(2-6-14-Administrative Report) (Enclosure)**
- G. Approve Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) as Depository of Bond Proceeds in the Capital Projects Fund **(2-6-14-Administrative Report) (Enclosure)**
- H. Review Bond Summary Prepared by Janney Montgomery Scott LLC **(2-6-14-Administrative Report) (Enclosures)**
- I. Discuss Request for Tax Exoneration for Property Listed Below at the Request of David and Melissa D'Atri, Owners of Knob Vue Estates, For Tax Years 2012 and 2013 **(2-6-14-Administrative Report):**
 - 404 Yale Circle, Freedom
- 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
- 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

EDUCATION (CONT'D):

- 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

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 **(Administrative Report)**
 - c. Natalie Miles, High School Science Club Sponsor, SciTech Days, March 6, Carnegie Science Center-Pittsburgh, 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 **(Administrative Report) (Enclosure)**
- D. Approve Submission of Freedom Area Educational Foundation Grant in the Amount of \$500 by Middle School 6th Grade Teacher Jeanine Ging for 6th Grade Enrichment Projects
- 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

OPERATIONS:

- A. **2-6-14:** Buildings & Grounds Director Monthly Report
- B. Approve Vending Machine Agreement with Cee Vee Vending Inc.; Machines to be Placed at High School and Middle School **(Signatures Required) (Administrative Report)**
- C. 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)
- D. Approve FMLA for Ellen Hill, High School Career Coach, Effective February 7 thru Approximately February 17, 2014

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

- A. **2-6-14:** Progress Update
- B. Approve 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) **(Administrative Report)**
- C. Approve Private Property Primary Right of Way Agreement with Duquesne Light Company

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)**
- 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)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR (CONT'D):

- 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 (**Administrative Report**):
 - 1. Policy No. 220 – Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
 - 2. Policy No. 913 – Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals

MEET AND DISCUSS:

Open