

**FEBRUARY 20, 2013**

The Freedom Area School Board held a Special Board Meeting on February 20, 2013, in the Middle School Library. President Kathleen Schlegel called the Business Meeting to order at 6:00 pm EST.

**Board Members Present:**

Lorraine Rocco  
Scott Challis  
Bobbie Jo Elmer  
Harry Gilarno  
Barbara Heyman  
Mary Ann Petcovic  
Kathleen Schlegel  
Dennis Sharpless (Arrived 6:10 PM)  
Mike Tibolet

**Board Members Absent:**

**School Staff Present:**

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent  
Noriene Plate, Business Manager  
Timothy Dadich, Principal, High School  
Richard Edder, Principal, Big Knob/Conway Elementary  
Darlene Corris, Principal, Middle School  
Gary Mortimer, Buildings & Grounds Director  
John Rosa, Athletic Director & Faculty

**Solicitor:**

Guests: Dan Engen & Ashley Smock, VEBH Architects; Community members from Freedom, Conway, and New Sewickley Township.

Presentation: Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent, introduced Dan Engen and Ashley Smock, VEBH Architects, to the Community attending the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Special Meeting was to present the District's proposed renovation project to the Community and to discuss relocation of the track facilities between the Middle/High Schools, modification to the existing football/soccer field and stadium bleachers location.

Dan Engen presented schematics showing the existing High School/Middle School Plan and proposed K-2 addition to the Middle School and discussed right-sizing the existing athletic fields. Engen discussed multiple Plan proposals saying 20 different variations have been created for the proposed renovation project but indicated Campus Consolidation will save money in the long run. Proposed cost of the renovation project is \$13 Million.

Following discussion regarding relocating the track facilities, modification to the football/soccer field and stadium bleachers location with the Community, the following motion was made:

Motion by Tibolet, seconded by Elmer, to approve a facilities master plan for the purpose of further design development by the project architect that includes the relocation of the track facilities from its current location to the area between the Middle and High Schools, the modification of the existing football/soccer field to regular dimensions and maintaining the present location and configuration of the stadium bleachers.

Roll Call Vote      Yea Votes – Elmer, Tibolet, Petcovic, Schlegel. Yea Votes – 4.  
No Votes – Gilarno, Heyman, Sharpless, Challis, Rocco. No Votes – 5  
Motion did not pass.

Adjourn              Motion by Challis, seconded by Heyman, to adjourn. All members voting Yea. – 9  
Yeas. Adjourned at 7:33 pm, EST.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary