

MARCH 14, 2013

The Freedom Area School Board held their Regular Board Meeting on March 14, 2013, in the Middle School Library. President Kathleen Schlegel called the Business Meeting to order at 7:05 pm EST, following executive session.

Board Members Present:

Lorraine Rocco
Scott Challis
Bobbie Jo Elmer
Harry Gilarno
Barbara Heyman
Kathleen Schlegel
Dennis Sharpless
Mike Tibolet

Board Members Absent:

Mary Ann Petcovic

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Noriene Plate, Business Manager
Richard Edder, Principal, Big Knob/Conway Elementary
Frank Hernandez, Assistant Principal, High School
Gary Mortimer, Buildings & Grounds Director
Keith Kovalic, Music Teacher/Band Director

Solicitor:

Matt Hoffman, Esq.

Guests: Dan Engen & Ashley Smock, VEBH Architects; Dr. Javaid Alvi, President of GeoMechanics, Inc.; Robert Cercone, Former Superintendent; Community Members (**List of Names Attached**)

COMMUNICATIONS:

Sneak Preview: Students participating in the Freedom Area High School Production of "Fiddler on the Roof", (Led by Keith Kovalic, Music Teacher/Band Director) showcased the "Bottle Dance" for the Board, Administration and public attending the meeting.

Congratulations:

Frank Hernandez, Assistant High School Principal, extended congratulations to the following recipients of the Freedom Area High School H.O.P.E. and Student of the Month Awards for the Month of February (Administrative Report):

- H.O.P.E. Award:
 - Mrs. Maria Porter and Ms. Katherine Gigl
- Student of the Month Award:
 - 12th Grade:
 - Boy - Adam Shawger
 - Girl - Emilee Handyside
 - 11th Grade:
 - Boy - Lane Ward
 - Girl - Gigi DeWeese
 - 10th Grade:
 - Boy - Ryan Edder
 - Girl - Carley Schroeder
 - 9th Grade:
 - Boy - Aaron Scheider
 - Girl - Reilly Collins

Richard Edder, Principal, extended congratulations to the following Conway Elementary 4th Grade Students whose writing was selected to compete in the Breakfast Writing by Adagio Health National Contest:

- Olivia Cordes
- Lexi Mizelle
- Ashton SeEVERS

Congratulations

Freedom Area High School Student Noah Marks was recognized for being a recipient of the Eagle Scout Award – Letter of Congratulations will be sent from the Board and Superintendent

Other:

1. BVIU 2012 Annual Report (Handout)
2. April 2013 School Board Meetings to be held on April 4 and April 11

Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) **Copy of the list is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Carol-Lynn Dubovi, New Sewickley Township, commented on the building evacuation during the recent bomb threat saying she was appreciative how the evacuation was handled. She asked if additional means of notification can be implemented in such emergency situations to include substitutes in the building (in addition to e-mails) since they do not have access to e-mail.

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (Communications–Item C.)
- B. BVIU 2013-2014 General Operating Budget (Finance – Item K.)
- C. In/Out Migration Report as of February 2013 – 1,477 (+3 from January 2013)
- D. Free/Reduced Lunch Report as of March 7, 2013 – District at 41.94%
- E. Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of March 11, 2013 - Current Projected Annual Cost for 2012-2013 School Year \$677,177.78; 50 Cyber/Charter Students, 23 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students – 73
- F. BVIU School Board Notes for February 27, 2013 Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Dr. Fuller has been appointed as IU-27 Representative to the PASA Board of Governors.
- Reported that local police and FBI are actively pursuing every lead in the investigation of the recent bomb threat to the District and stated that hopefully a resolution will be had in the not too distant future. Dr. Fuller also discussed the possibility of adding a supplemental reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of an individual related to the bomb threats. As a result, the following motion was made:

Motion by Tibolet, seconded by Challis, to approve a supplemental amount of \$1,000, if needed, to increase the reward offered by the Beaver County Crime Solvers for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of an individual related to the recent bomb threats.

Roll Call Vote

Yea Votes – Elmer, Tibolet, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

- Dr. Fuller reported that the Freedom Area School District was recognized by the Freedom Business District Authority for supporting the Freedom Business District and Community.

FINANCE

Minutes

Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve the following Minutes:

Agenda Minutes	February 7, 2013
Regular Board Meeting	February 14, 2013
Special Meeting	February 20, 2013

Roll Call Vote

Yea Votes – Elmer, Tibolet, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Bills

Motion by Heyman, seconded by Tibolet, to approve the second check run for payment of bills for the month of February 2013 in the amount of \$559,740.42. **Copy of the bills is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Tibolet, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

- Bills Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve the first check run for payment of bills for the month of March 2013 in the amount of \$340,532.59, plus additional \$275,651.34, for a total of \$616,183.93. **Copy of the bills is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Tibolet, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

- Capital Improvement Check Run Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve Capital Improvement Check Run for February 2013 in the amount of \$64,937.52. **Copy of the Capital Improvement Check Run is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Tibolet, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

- Capital Improvement Check Run Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve Capital Improvement Check Run for March 2013 in the amount of \$79,582.33. **Copy of the Capital Improvement Check Run is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Tibolet, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

- Food Service Report Motion by Heyman, seconded by Tibolet, to approve the February 2013 Food Service Report. **Copy of the report is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Tibolet, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

- Treasurer’s Report Motion by Heyman, seconded by Tibolet, to approve the February 2013 Treasurer’s Report. **A copy of the Treasurer’s report is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

	<u>February 2013</u>
Money Market, Huntington Bank	\$ 1,387,956.22
General Fund, Huntington Bank	\$ 10,320.70
Payroll, Huntington Bank	\$ 1,644.10
PA Treasury Invest	\$ 3,465,038.63
Premier Savings – Huntington	\$ 1,712,702.91
PSDLAF – Regular Account	\$ 3,090.40
PSDLAF Max - General Fund	\$ 44,651.28
Huntington – Capital Improvement	\$ 172,052.68
Student Activity Account	\$ 61,012.00
Huntington – Bodkin Scholarship	\$ 256,385.63
PA Treasury-Invest Capital Projects	\$ 912,525.24
PSDLAF CD - Capital Projects	\$ 4,091,000.00
PSDLAF Max – Capital Projects	\$ 518,067.74
PSDLAF/ESB Bank CD - General Fund	\$ 2,720,000.00

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Tibolet, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

- Budget Transfers Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve Budget Transfer (Reallocation of Central Office Funds, parking signs requested by Athletics and security equipment):
 Note: Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, discussed the Raptor Security System, a school visitor ID security system that scans the drivers license of the visitor and prints a “visitor sticker” once cleared by a national database. The security system will be placed in all four buildings. Faculty will be required to wear at all times an updated ID card.
From:

2511-768 (3356)	Business Office Technology Equipment	\$(1,400)
2360-442 (4167)	Superintendent-Copier Lease	\$(800)
1100-600 (Mult)	Instructional Supplies	\$(8,500)

3250-141 (Mult)	Athletic Event Personnel	\$(4,500)
3250-750 (5348)	Athletic Equipment	<u>\$(230)</u>
		\$(15,430)

To:

2360-610 (3120)	Superintendent-Supplies	\$ 2,200
2600-700 (3538)	District Equipment	\$ 13,000
2600-612 (3536)	Buildings & Grounds Supplies	<u>\$ 230</u>
		\$ 15,430

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Tibolet, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

NSF Fee Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve implementation of a \$20 NSF check fee effective March 15, 2013 (Administrative Report)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Tibolet, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Delinquent Taxes Motion by Heyman, seconded by Tibolet, to approve release of 2012 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes from Tax Collectors to County (Signatures Required).

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Tibolet, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Website Advertising Following an overview of the “Thought Process Enterprises” advertising website by Eric Venezie, President, and Bob Phillips, Marketing Manager, the following motion was made (Note: The District has the “right for first refusal” for the advertising network.)

Motion by Heyman, seconded by Tibolet, to approve the publisher’s agreement with “Thought Process Enterprises” for website advertising effective August 1, 2013, thru December 31, 2014.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Tibolet, Sharpless, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

BVIU 2013/14 Budget The BVIU 2013-2014 General Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,210,217 (Increase of \$4,629 from 2012-2013 Budget – No Increase to District) will be tabled until the April board meeting following Board review of the budget.

NOTE: Mike Tibolet, Board Member, left the meeting at 8 pm.

Note In Minutes:

Beaver County School Health Insurance Consortium Report for January 2013.

EDUCATION:

Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve released time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Special Education:
 - a. Marian Leo, Special Education Secretary, IEP Writer Spring 2013 Focus Group Meeting, April 17, IU #4-Grove City, Cost Mileage
2. Other:
 - a. Darlene Corris, Middle School Principal, Strategically Confronting Today’s Leadership Challenges, April 18, Edgewood Country Club-Churchill, Cost \$135 Registration Fee Plus Mileage
 - b. Tara Roberts, Elementary Librarian, What’s New in Children’s Literature and Strategies for Using It in Your Program, April 12, Four Points Sheraton North-Mars, Cost \$229 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage
 - c. Beth Majors, High School Technology Teacher, VEX CORTEX Robotics Teacher Training, July 15-19, Carnegie Mellon Robotics Academy, Cost \$980 Registration Fee Plus Mileage

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. Gifted:
 - a. Ali Chiapusio, Long-Term Substitute K-8 Gifted Coordinator, Equations-4th Grade Academic Games Competition, March 25, Economy Elementary School, Cost Transportation
2. Special Education:
 - a. Danielle Barr, High School Learning Support Teacher, Beaver County Transition Fair, April 5, Cost Substitute Plus Transportation
3. Other:
 - a. Rob James, Middle School Band Director, PMEA District 5 Junior Band Festival, March 26, Beaver Area High School, Cost \$160 registration fee, substitute, mileage
 - b. Heather Giammaria, High School English Teacher, Performance for Widow's Group, March 27, Ohio United Presbyterian Church-Hopewell, Cost substitute plus fuel (School Van)
 - c. Aaron Fitzpatrick, High School English Teacher, 2013-2014 Print Media Workshop, August 9, Clarion University, Cost fuel (School Vans)
 - d. Brandi Burger, High School Biology Teacher:
 - i. Envirothon Science Competition, May 1, Brady's Run Lodge, Cost substitute plus transportation
 - ii. Volunteers for Competitions at Special Olympics, May 3, Western Beaver High School, Cost Substitute Plus Transportation
 - e. Kristen Milanovich, High School Technology Teacher, PA Computer Fair Competition and Presentation of Alice, April 5, BVIU, Cost substitute plus Transportation

Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Heyman, Sharpless, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas
School Calendar 2013/2014	Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve District School Calendar for 2013-2014.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Heyman, Sharpless, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas
Summer Academy	Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve 2013 Beaver County Summer Academy – Cost \$500 (Signatures Required)
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Heyman, Sharpless, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas
Tenure Status	Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve Superintendent's recommendation to offer Professional Employee Contract granting Tenure Status in accordance with 1108 of the School Code to: (Signatures Required) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barbara Willis, Autistic Support Teacher
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Heyman, Sharpless, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas
MOU	Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve the following Memorandum of Understandings with the Freedom Area Education Association (Signatures Required): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Club Sponsor Salaries 2. Retirement Accounts – OMNI Group
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Heyman, Sharpless, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas
High School Program Of Studies	Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve the Freedom Area High School Program of Studies for 2013 – 2014. Copy attached to the minutes in the minute book.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Heyman, Sharpless, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas

Resignation	Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to accept the resignation of Hilary Bertrand as Elementary Math Coach Aide effective March 12, 2013.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Heyman, Sharpless, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas
Field Trip Request	Motion by Heyman, seconded by Gilarno, to approve the following field trip request: 1. Middle School 5 th Grade Cross Curriculum Field Trip to Strip District, Pittsburgh Thursday, May 2, 2013 – No Cost to District.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Heyman, Sharpless, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 7 Yeas

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

In attendance from VEBH Architects was Dan Engen, Architect & Ashley Smock. Mr. Engen introduced Dr. Javaid Alvi, Geotechnical Engineer and President of GeoMechanics, Inc. GeoMechanics was contracted to conduct core borings on the proposed construction site for the Middle School addition given previous occurrences of mine subsidence on the school campus.

Dr. Alvi provided an overview of his business, followed by the Geotechnical Services report on the borings conducted by his firm. Based on the Geotechnical report, Dr. Alvi stated that, in his opinion, he does not foresee any problems with the foundation for the proposed construction site. Dr. Alvi also stated that the least amount of new construction would be attached to the existing building. The existing building and new addition will only “touch” during construction. Dr. Alvi felt, based on his Geotechnical Cross Section map, that the new addition is safe in the area selected and that no mine subsidence should be expected. **Copy of the map is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

Note: Dennis Sharpless, Board Member, left the Board meeting at 8:50 pm.

Robert Cercone, former Superintendent and Freedom resident, provided a brief report on mine subsidence that previously occurred while he was an administrator for the District.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

Resignation	Motion by Challis, seconded by Gilarno, to accept the resignation from Joe Taormina as Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Varsity Baseball Coaches	Motion by Challis, seconded by Gilarno, to approve the following Varsity Baseball Coaches: 1. Chris Coennen as Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, Salary \$1,750 (Clearances on File) 2. Joe Taormina as Volunteer Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach (Clearances on File)
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
Assistant Varsity Football Coaches	Motion by Challis, seconded by Heyman, to approve the following Assistant Varsity Football Coaches, Salary according to contract: 1. Robert Densmore (Pending Receipt of Clearances) 2. John Hickman (Pending Receipt of Clearances) 3. Dayne Bailey (Pending Receipt of Clearances) 4. Chris Coennen (Clearances on File) 5. Dan Guerra (Clearances on File) 6. Guy Ward (Pending Receipt of Clearances)
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas

- Resignation Motion by Challis, seconded by Gilarno, to accept the resignation from Brittany Giannetti as Assistant Varsity Softball Coach.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
- Varsity Softball Coaches Motion by Challis, seconded by Rocco, to approve the following Varsity Softball Coaches:
1. William Braddock as Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, Salary \$1,350 (Clearances On file.
 2. Brittany Giannetti as Volunteer Assistant Varsity Softball Coach (Clearances on file)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Heyman, Rocco, Gilarno, Challis, and Schlegel. Motion carried – 6 Yeas
- Adjourn Motion by Rocco, seconded by Challis, to adjourn. All members voting Yea. – 6 Yeas. Adjourned at 9:10 pm, EST.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary