

**AUGUST 9, 2012**

The Freedom Area School Board held a Special Board Meeting on August 9, 2012, in the Middle School Library. President Kathleen Schlegel called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, EST following executive session beginning at 6:30 PM.

**Board Members Present:**

Lorraine Rocco  
Scott Challis  
Harry Gilarno (Arrived 7:10 pm)  
Barbara Heyman  
Mary Ann Petcovic  
Kathleen Schlegel

**Board Members Absent:**

Mike Tibolet  
Bobbie Jo Elmer  
Dennis Sharpless

**Newspaper:**

N/A

**School Staff Present:**

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent  
Noriene Plate, Business Manager  
Tim Dadich, Principal, Senior High School  
Richard Edder, Principal, Big Knob Elementary  
Darlene Corris, Principal, Middle School

**Solicitor**

N/A

Guests: N/A

Executive Session      Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, for the Board to go into executive session at 6:30 pm, EST to discuss the following:

- ◆ Personnel Matters (Superintendent)

Roll Call Vote            Yea Votes – Schlegel, Rocco, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 5 Yeas.

Note: Board Member Harry Gilarno arrived at 7:10 pm

Adjourn Executive Session      Motion by Challis, seconded by Gilarno, to adjourn executive session at 7:30 pm, EST.

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

No Action taken.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

Dr. Jeff Fuller, Superintendent, advised the Board of the following:

- A. Revision to Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to include the following wording in bold under Item IV. - Directory Information:  
“In this District, the directory information that is released to the public consists of student’s name, **photograph or likeness**, address, telephone number, **date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance**. If you do not want some or all of this information about your child released, you may prevent its disclosure by contacting your child’s building principal.”
- B. Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program: The state Department of Education has identified the lowest performing 15% of elementary and secondary public schools and made available the Opportunity Scholarships. These scholarships provide up to \$8,500 for regular education students from low performing schools to attend high performing private schools or public schools in other districts. The District will apply to the state to participate in the program. Once received, the District will open up all classes on a room availability basis. All necessary paperwork will be completed by the administration.

**PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Parent A Freedom Parent addressed the Board to discuss his concerns with reassigning his student from the Conway school to Big Knob, bus scheduling, and day care needs. Parent will be contacted with final arrangements.

**ENCLOSURES:**

- A. Preliminary 2012-2013 Bus Stop List as of August 8, 2012 (Operations – Item A.)
- B. Revision to Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (Informational Items - Item A.)

**EDUCATION:**

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

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

- 1. Other:
  - a. Principals Administrative Meetings for 2012-2013 School Year, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
    - i. Tim Dadich, High School Principal
    - ii. Darlene Corris, Middle School Principal
    - iii. Rich Edder, Elementary Principal
  - b. Darlene Corris, Middle School Principal, 2012-2013 Pennsylvania Principals Leadership Academy: Year 2, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 6-7, January 9, February 13, March 13, April 3, May 1, Location to be Announced, Cost Mileage

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

Employee Contracts Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Superintendent's recommendation to offer professional employee contracts granting tenure status in Accordance with 1108 of the School Code to the following: (Signatures Required)

- 1. Ruthanne Gudzan, High School Half-Time Spanish Teacher
- 2. Amy Isanogle, High School Half-Time Math Teacher
- 3. Ken McLaughlin, Middle School Special Education Teacher
- 4. John Capehart, Conway Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher
- 5. Amie Buzza, Big Knob Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher

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

Resignations Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to accept the following resignations:

- 1. Joshua Prigorac, High School Special Education Teacher
- 2. Kelly Hospodar, High School Alternative Learning Coordinator
- 3. Jenna Dietrich, Middle School Student Aide
- 4. Stephanie Skiles, Middle School Learning Support Aide
- 5. Tion Piehler, Middle School Mastery Learning Aide
- 6. Lauren Sieger, Middle School 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Learning Support Aide
- 7. Lisa Levenson, Conway Elementary Student Aid

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

Cyber Coordinator Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Courtney Anderson (Currently Conway Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher) as full-time Cyber Coordinator effective for the 2012-2013 School Year.

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

Math Teacher Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Amy Isanogle from High School half-time Math Teacher to High School full-time Math Teacher.

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Schlegel, Rocco, Petcovic, Gilarno, and Heyman. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- English Teacher Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Catherine-Noel Stringer as High School English Teacher, Step 0M (Pending Receipt of Act 34 and 151 Clearances and New Employee Drug Screening).
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Schlegel, Rocco, Petcovic, Gilarno, and Heyman. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- L-T Substitute Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve the following Long-Term Substitute Teachers for 2012-2013 School Year:
1. Ashley Smith for Sarah Rusnak, Elementary Art Teacher (Clearances on File)
  2. Brian Obman for Erin Carnevale, Conway Elementary Special Education Teacher (Clearances on File)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Schlegel, Rocco, Petcovic, Gilarno, and Heyman. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- Aides Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve the following aides for the 2012-2013 School Year:
1. Lisa Levenson as Reading Aide for Big Knob Elementary (Clearances on File)
  2. Amanda Herman as Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Learning Support Aide Based on a 5 Hour and 45 Minute Workday, Daily Rate of \$59 (Clearances on File, Pending Receipt of New Employee Drug Screening)
  3. Suzanne Schlack as Middle School 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Learning Support Aide Based on a 5 Hour and 45 Minute Workday, Daily Rate of \$59 (Clearances on File, Pending Receipt of New Employee Drug Screening)
  4. Chelsey Yaromey as part-time Mastery Learning Aide Based on a 5 Hour and 45 Minute Workday, Daily Rate of \$59 (Clearances on File, Pending Receipt of New Employee Drug Screening)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Schlegel, Rocco, Petcovic, Gilarno, and Heyman. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- ESL Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve 2012-2013 English as a Second Language (ESL) Instructional Service Proposal with the BVIU for two District Students at \$35 per hour, total estimate \$12,005 (Signature Required).
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Schlegel, Rocco, Petcovic, Gilarno, and Heyman. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- Agreement Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve agreement with the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children for the period of August 27, 2012 thru June 14, 2013 for one (1) Special Education Student, Cost not to exceed \$3,500.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Schlegel, Rocco, Petcovic, Gilarno, and Heyman. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- OPERATIONS:**
- Bus Stop Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Rocco, to approve preliminary 2012-2013 Bus Stop List as of August 8, 2012. **Copy attached to the minutes in the minute book.**
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Schlegel, Rocco, Petcovic, Gilarno, and Heyman. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- Attendance Secretary Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve Tion Piehler as Middle School part-time Attendance Secretary effective August 20, 2012 - Salary \$10 per hour (Clearances on File).
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Schlegel, Rocco, Petcovic, Gilarno, and Heyman. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

- Sponsorships Motion by Challis, seconded by Rocco, to approve the following Sponsorships, Salary According to Contract:  
 1. Aaron Fitzpatrick as High School Newspaper and Yearbook Sponsor  
 2. Katie Gigl as High School World Cultures Club Sponsor  
 3. Rob James as Middle School Drama Club Co-Sponsor
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Schlegel, Rocco, Petcovic, Gilarno, and Heyman. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- Resignations Motion by Challis, seconded by Rocco, to accept the following resignations:  
 1. Joshua Prigorac as Varsity Assistant Football Coach  
 2. Larry Knopsnyder as Jr. High Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Schlegel, Rocco, Petcovic, Gilarno, and Heyman. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- Coaches Motion by Challis, seconded by Rocco, to approve the following coaches:  
 1. Katie Gigl as Middle School Girls’ Soccer Head Coach, Salary \$1,250 (Clearances on file)  
 2. Raelene Zajac, Middle School Girls’ Soccer Assistant Coach, Salary \$825 (Pending receipt of clearances)  
 3. Rick Sharpless, Middle School Girls’ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach, Salary \$1,650 (Pending Receipt of Clearances)  
 4. John Barlamas as Middle School Girls’ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach, Salary \$1,650 (Pending Receipt of Clearances)  
 5. DJ Sharpless as Middle School Girls’ 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volunteer Basketball Coach (Clearances on File)  
 6. Caleb Schoy as Varsity Assistant Football Coach, Salary \$2,500 (Clearances on File)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Schlegel, Rocco, Petcovic, Gilarno, and Heyman. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- Scouting Coordinator Motion by Challis, seconded by Rocco, to approve Michael French as Varsity Football Scouting Coordinator, Salary \$800 (Pending Receipt of Clearances)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Schlegel, Rocco, Petcovic, Gilarno, and Heyman. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- Band Camp Motion by Challis, seconded by Rocco, to approve medical coverage for summer 2012 Band Camp by Vince Sinovic, Athletic Trainer, August 6 thru August 17, \$250 per week stipend.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Schlegel, Rocco, Petcovic, Gilarno, and Heyman. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- Adjourn Executive Session Motion by Challis, seconded by Rocco, to adjourn executive session at 7:55 pm, EST.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary