

JANUARY 8, 2015

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on January 8, 2015, in the Middle School Library. President Barbara Heyman called the Business Meeting to order at 7:05 pm, EST.

Board Members Present:

Alan Colorito
Harry Gilarno
Dawn Greene
Barbara Heyman
Lori Pail
Mary Ann Petcovic
Lorraine Rocco
Jennifer Sayre

Board Members Absent:

Dennis Sharpless

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Noriene Plate, Business Manager
William Deal, Principal, High School
Frank Hernandez, Assistant Principal, High School
Dr. Darlene Corris, Principal, Middle School
Richard Edder, Principal, Elementary Schools
John Rosa, Faculty and Athletic Director
Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings & Grounds

Guests: **Public sign-in sheet attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

Note: Several Freedom High School Students were in attendance to observe a governmental meeting.

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

1. Carol-Lynn Dubovi, New Sewickley Township, asked if a needs assessment was being conducted at the High School. Dr. Fuller responded that one should be completed by this spring outlining options for the District to address.
2. Raylen Welling, Student, New Sewickley Township, asked if the doors to the main hallway being closed were required due to a fire code. Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, indicated they were.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, reported on the following:

- January In-Service activities to include CPR training that elementary staff will share with their peers; Lead to Learn, team planning activities, and curriculum meeting updates.
- The Polar Plunge will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2015, at 12:00 P.M., Bridgewater Landings Marina, Beaver. Several District staff, Administration and Board Members will participate.
- Wellness Day will take place in February.
- Dr. Fuller and Business Manager Noriene Plate advised the Board that "Act 168, Pass the Trash Bill" went into effect on December 11, 2014. The Bill adds requirements to the hiring of all positions involving direct contact with children by identifying applicants that have been subject of allegations, investigations, findings or discipline related to abuse or sexual misconduct involving a child.

EDUCATION:

Motion to approve the following Education items was made by Petcovic, seconded by Pail, and unanimously approved through consent agenda according to Act 48:

CA:1 Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Other:

- a. PSSA Text Dependent Analysis Training, January 13 and February 9, BVIU. Cost \$150 registration fee, substitute, mileage:
 - i. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
 - ii. Tina Strati, Middle School 6th Grade Teacher
 - iii. Susan Camp, Big Knob Elementary 4th Grade Teacher
 - iv. Kristine Ricci, Conway Elementary 4th Grade Teacher

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. Other:

- a. Confirm: Keith Kovalic, High School Band Director/Music Teacher, PMEA District 5 Band Festival, January 8-10, Greenville High School, Cost \$725 Registration Fee (Includes lodging for students), Substitute, Lodging, Meals, Mileage
- b. Michelle Koutsourais, Middle School 8th Grade Teacher, Beaver County Math Counts Competition, January 9, Penn State-Beaver, Cost Substitute Plus Transportation

CA:2 Resignation of Krystalynn Anderson as Conway Elementary Learning Support Aide effective December 19, 2014

CA:3 The following Aides:

1. Karen Thomas as Student Aide for Big Knob Elementary (Pending Receipt of Acts 151 and 114 Clearances)
2. Tara Testa as Learning Support Aide for Big Knob Elementary (Pending Receipt of Updated Act 151 Clearance)
3. Marisa Braddock as Learning Support Aide for Conway Elementary (Clearances on File)

CA:4 Placement of John Kariss, Student Teacher from Robert Morris University, with Valerie Marburger, High School Technology Teacher, January 12 thru April 3, 2015 (Clearances on File)

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Rocco, Heyman, Gilarno, Colorito , Sayre, Petcovic, and Pail.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

EXTRA CURRICULAR:

John Rosa, Athletic Director, provided the following monthly report:

1) Winter Team Updates:

Boys' Basketball 3-9, placed 3rd in 8 team Avella Tournament, showing progress
Girls' Basketball 6-5, 3rd place in section, Freedom Tournament Champs
Wrestling 4-1, 2nd place in section, placed 4th in South Side 8 Team Duals
MS Boys' Basketball 2-3, many players are participating
JH Wrestling doing very well, many wrestlers participating, 5th as a team at Blackhawk

2) Looking for a plan to bring Booster Groups together or a method to assure that all groups are following their own By-Laws and complying with district policies and philosophies.

3) Individual accomplishments – Our students have earned many individual honors:

Madi Daubenspeck – Freedom Tournament MVP
Casey Spieler – Freedom All Tournament Team
Zach Greene – South Side All Tournament Team
Evin Dicerio – Avella All Tournament Team
Kody Komara – Char Houston & Southmoreland Tournament Runner-Up
Evan Sweesy – Southmoreland Tournament Runner-Up
Dean Ward – Char Houston & Southmoreland Tournament 6th Place
Chase Komara – Char Houston Tournament 6th Place
ZJ Ward – Blackhawk JH Tournament Champ
Jake Pail – Blackhawk JH Tournament Champ
Matt Shaffer – Blackhawk JH Tournament Runner-Up

Shyann Komara – Blackhawk JH Tournament 3rd Place

Bryson Miller – Blackhawk JH Tournament 3rd Place

- 4) Cleveland Boys' Basketball Trip was a huge success, all players played in the game, over 40 parents and fans attended with the team Santino Guandolo competed in a skills competition during the NBA game in front of 19,000 people and won a pair of \$350 basketball shoes.

OPERATIONS:

Motion to approve the following Operations item was made by Gilarno, seconded by Sayre, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

CA:1 Proposal submitted by Volz Environmental Services, Inc. to provide asbestos-related industrial hygiene counseling services, Cost \$7,231.25 (Pending solicitor's review)
(Signature Required)

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Rocco, Heyman, Gilarno, Colorito , Sayre, Petcovic, and Pail.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings & Grounds, provided the following monthly report:

General Information:

- Routine maintenance of all buildings including painting, plumbing, and electrical completed.
- All operation times have been adjusted for the HVAC system. This has been done to accommodate the current weather conditions at all buildings. Additional steps have been taken to prevent loss to the District. Big Knob's sewer plant has been adjusted to help prevent freeze-up of the plant.

High School:

- All HVAC controls have been installed and work continues with the operation system and graphics.
- The Raypak boiler system from 1970 has failed. No repair parts are available, unit obsolete. This boiler system supplies the hot water to the girls' and boys' pool locker rooms. Currently conducting site visits with contractors.

Middle School:

- Completed a site visit at no charge with Trane, Inc. in regards to the Trane motor issues with the unit ventilators. Trane to recommend a different replacement motor to operate on low speed.

Big Knob:

- Repairs completed regarding the hot water side of the roof top unit that serves the 1st grade wing.

Conway:

- Heating, ventilation, and pneumatic work continue to operate the boiler system.

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

Scott Smith, Construction Representative/Clerk of Services, will provide a detailed update at the January 15th meeting. Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, provided a brief update on the progress made to date. Actual completion to date is at 40%, scheduled completion to date should be 42%.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Greene, seconded by Sayre, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 8:00 pm, EST, for personnel matters.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Rocco, Heyman, Gilarno, Colorito, Sayre, Petcovic, and Pail.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Colorito, for the Board to go out of Executive Session at 8:25 pm, EST.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Rocco, Heyman, Gilarno, Colorito, Sayre, Petcovic, and Pail.
Vote Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Note: No action taken.

Adjourn Motion by Sayre, seconded by Colorito, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.
8 Yeas. Adjourned at 8:25 pm, EST.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary