

MAY 2, 2013

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on May 2, 2013, in the Middle School Library. President Kathleen Schlegel called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm EST, following executive session.

Board Members Present:

Lorraine Rocco
Scott Challis
Harry Gilarno
Barbara Heyman
Mary Ann Petcovic
Kathleen Schlegel
Dennis Sharpless

Board Members Absent:

Mike Tibolet
Bobbie Jo Elmer

School Staff Present:

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

Solicitor

N/A

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Voting Ballots Voting Ballots were provided to the Board to cast their vote for the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of School Directors; three-year term beginning July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016.

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RRELATIONS:

Common Core Program Mr. Roy Whipple provided additional information to the Board on the Federal Common Core program. He expressed concern in how the government is currently mining sensitive and highly personal information on children through the Common Core's tracking system and asked that as a Board, Freedom look into this matter. Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, explained that the District will meet state requirements for the Common Core, but said the Board is aware of what our Community values. Dr. Fuller invited Mr. Whipple to attend the May 16th committee meeting when the Board will discuss District educational programs and board policies.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Cyber Program A presentation on the Freedom Area School District Cyber Program was given by Courtney Anderson, Cyber Coordinator. Included in part were course offerings, number of students enrolled in grades 6 through 12, and names of Cyber Teachers and courses they teach. **Copy of the slide presentation is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

FINANCE:

Presentation Noriene Plate, Business Manager, gave a slide presentation on the proposed final 2013/ 2014 budget which included in part audited financials from 2005/06 through current; comparison of 2012/13 projected to 2013/14 proposed revenues; Homestead real estate tax history; historical delinquent taxes; state, local, federal projected revenues; proposed expenditures; and estimated use of fund balance. The 2013/14 proposed budget is \$19,845,518. **Copy of the slide presentation is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**

EDUCATION:

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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:1. Other:

- a. Confirm: Pam Tesla, Elementary Literacy Coach, Reading Vendor Expo, April 16, Westin Convention Center-Pittsburgh, No Cost to District
- b. Confirm: Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor, Sexual Exploitation & Trafficking of Children: A Victim Centered Approach, April 30, Community College of Beaver County, No Cost to District
- c. Observation of Robotics Program, May 7, Mars Area School District, Cost Substitute:
 - i. Tim Dadich, High School Principal
 - ii Beth Majors, High School Technology Teacher

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| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Schlegel, Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Sharpless. Motion carried – 7 Yeas |
| Substitute | Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Polly Winkelvoss as Conway Elementary full-day substitute Learning Support Aide retroactive to April 15, 2013, at \$75 Per Day (Clearances on File) |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Schlegel, Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Sharpless. Motion carried – 7 Yeas |
| Math Aide | Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Emily Ondrusek as Conway/Big Knob Elementary Math Aide retroactive to April 22, 2013, based on a five (5) hour and forty-five (45) minute workday, daily rate of \$59 (Clearances on File, Pending Receipt of New Employee Drug Screening) |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Schlegel, Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Sharpless. Motion carried – 7 Yeas |
| Substitute | Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Gilarno, to approve Michelle Koutsourais as long-term substitute teacher retroactive to April 17, 2013, for Ryan Smith, Middle School 8 th Grade Math Teacher (Newly Hired Middle School Lead Teacher) (Clearances on File) |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Schlegel, Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Sharpless. Motion carried – 7 Yeas |
| Substitute | Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Suzanne Schlack as day-to-day substitute teacher for Colleen Manion, Middle School 5 th Grade Teacher, retroactive to April 18, 2013 (Clearances on File) |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Schlegel, Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Sharpless. Motion carried – 7 Yeas |
| Grant | Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Gilarno, to approve submission and disbursement of \$200 “Bowling to Teachers” Grant completed by Gena Tokar, Conway Elementary Title I Reading Specialist – Grant funds will be used for the purchase of classroom supplies. |
| Roll Call Vote | Yea Votes – Schlegel, Gilarno, Heyman, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, and Sharpless. Motion carried – 7 Yeas |

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

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| Exploratory Evaluation | Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, presented a cost estimate proposal from Dr. Javaid Alvi, President, GeoMechanics, to perform a mine subsidence evaluation at the practice field area located between the middle and high school buildings. Estimated amount was \$41,850. Copy of proposal attached to the minutes in the minute book. Dan Engen and Ashley Smock, VEBH Architects, provided an updated Project Justification Board Transmittal Cost sheet and proposed site plan reflecting changes made by the Board on April 17, 2013, to include a full size gymnasium, restrooms and concession stand. Estimated cost \$12,639,098 with additions. Copy attached to the minutes in the minute book. |
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OPERATIONS:

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

Big Knob: Maintenance of all roof top equipment completed and replaced one fan motor.

Conway: Roof leak repaired over the stage area. All roof top equipment serviced.

High School: Installation of a new day/night camera for the parking lot of the high school. Ordered a replacement DVR for the camera system completing the upgrade of all 3 DVR's allowing web accessibility to the cameras. Completed installation of athletic storage bins in the Pole building.

Middle School: Replaced one of the 16 evaporator motors on the chiller system; Removed panels and cleaned the chiller; Serviced/repared all bathroom actuators. Ordered a replacement DVR for the camera system. Upgrade will permit web access to all of the Middle School cameras.

General Discussion: Upgrading exterior lights to LED units (example - installed by loading dock); Update on the emergency plans for the Freedom Area School District.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

AD Monthly Report John Rosa, Athletic Director, gave the following monthly report:

1) Spring sports are wrapping up. Highlights include:

Boys' Track & Field have advanced to the WPIAL Team Championship.

The Girls' Track & Field also qualified for the post season.

Baseball has had an up and down season.

The softball team has shown improvement.

MS Track has had an excellent season.

The new JH Baseball and MS Softball Teams had great first seasons.

2) Excellent work by the maintenance department for a fantastic job getting our fields playable this spring.

3) Coach Craig Morgan met with the boys' soccer team today, getting ready for the upcoming season.

4) The 2013-2014 sports schedules are shaping up. We have four home football games this coming fall.

5) Developing a new Athletic Handbook for all student-athletes and parents. This will be a guide to information about our teams, policies, physical and concussion testing, and schedules.

6) We are now using an on-line software (Schedule Star) for scheduling our sporting events. Parents and student-athletes will be able to sign up for alerts via text messaging or e-mail that instantly update them when changes are made to the schedules.

Adjourn Motion by Challis, seconded by Heyman to adjourn. All members voting Yea. 7 Yeas. Adjourned at 9:30 pm, EST.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary