

MARCH 3, 2011

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on March 3, 2011, in the Middle School Library. President Kathleen Schlegel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., E.S.T.

Board Members Present:

Lorraine Rocco
Scott Challis
Bobbie Jo Elmer
Harry Gilarno
Barbara Heyman
Gregory Lehocky
Mary Ann Petcovic
Kathleen Schlegel
Mike Tibolet

Board Members Absent:

School Staff Present:

Ron Sofo, Superintendent
Noriene Plate, Business Manager
Robert Staub, Principal, High School
Darlene Corriss, Assistant Principal, High School
Robert Gallagher, Principal, Middle School
Debra Baycura, Principal, Conway Elementary

Solicitor

N/A

Guests: Lynn Dubovi, New Sewickley Township

- Minutes Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve the following minutes:
Agenda Meeting February 3, 2011
Regular Meeting February 10, 2011
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Tibolet, Gilarno, Challis, Elmer, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Petcovic,
and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
- Bills Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the second check run for
payment of bills for the month of February 2011, in the amount of \$577,349.18. **Copy
of the bills is in each Board Member's packet and copy attached to the minutes in
the minute book.**
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Gilarno, Tibolet, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer,
and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

- Communications Mrs. Carol-Lynn Dubovi, New Sewickley Twp., said that there are many positive
things being said about the District but she felt enhanced communication was needed
between the Board and the Community. Mrs. Dubovi, suggested among other things
board minutes be placed on the District website. As a parent, she was just asking for
more information to cut down on the rumors.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Snow Day Motion by Rocco, seconded by Challis, to approve make-up snow day:
Snow Day April 21st for February 22nd.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer,
and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Release Time Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Tibolet, to approve the following release time,
according to policy, for Superintendent Ron Sofo to attend the following meetings:
• Power of 32 Education Issue Meeting, Tuesday, March 8, 3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.,
University Club-Oakland

- Pennsylvania Education Policy Forum, Topic: Governor Corbett's Proposed Education Budget for 2011-2012, March 17, Holiday Inn Select-Oakland
- Spring 2011 Meeting of The Forum for Western Pennsylvania School Superintendents, April 27 thru April 29, Bedford, PA - Cost Mileage Plus Tolls (Accommodations and Meals Paid thru The Forum)
- PSBA Collective Bargaining and Labor Relations Courses, April 1, June 10, September 30, Westmoreland IU #7, Cost Mileage Plus Tolls

Roll Call Vote

Yea Votes – Petcovic, Heyman, Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

LEGISLATION:

Senate Bill 1

Dr. Sofu, Superintendent, discussed Senate Bill 1 saying it has been approved by the Senate Education Committee with an 8-2 vote in favor of Taxpayer Funded Private School Tuition Vouchers and provided a status report on the following:

1. Review E-Mail Sent to Senator Vogel Concerning District Position on Senate Bill 1 (Handout)
2. Review E-Mail to be Sent to Representatives Christiana and Marshall as a Follow-Up to the February 10, 2011 Meeting (Handout)
3. Review Draft of Beaver County Position Statement on School Choice and Taxpayer Funded Private School Vouchers and School Mandate Relief (Handout)

FINANCE:

Budget Transfers

Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Tibolet, to approve the following budget transfers:

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| 1. | From: DECA Registration Fees | - | \$ 200 |
| | To: High School Music Dues and Fees | - | \$ 200 |
| 2. | From: New Horizon Tuition | - | \$ 500 |
| | To: IU Operating Expenses | - | \$ 500 |
| 3. | From: Sub Secretary-Principal | - | \$ 4,000 |
| | To: Dues and Fees-Principal | - | \$ 4,000 |
| 4. | From: Physical Plant-Contracted Services | - | \$12,000 |
| | To: Physical Plant-Supplies | - | \$12,000 |

Roll Call Vote

Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

BVIU Budget

Motion by Heyman, seconded by Lehocky, to approve the BVIU 2011-2012 Budget in the amount of \$1,299,215 – a 3% increase or approximately \$279 to the District. (Signatures required)

Roll Call Vote

Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

EDUCATION:

Released Time

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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. **Special Education:**
 - a. Brittany Keefer, Elementary and Middle School Speech Therapist, Reading Comprehension: Going Beyond the “Wh” Questions, April 19, PaTTAN-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage
2. **Other:**
 - a. Confirm: Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor, RCI Meeting, February 23, BVIU, Cost Mileage
 - b. Confirm: Susie Suleski, Middle School Counselor, Beaver County Counselors Association Meeting on Depression/Alcohol, February 25, Geneva College, Cost Mileage
 - c. Confirm: LETRS Training Module #4 – Building Oral Vocabulary and Oral Language, March 3, PaTTAN-Pittsburgh, Cost \$33 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:

- i. Candy Bomberger, Conway Elementary 1st Grade Teacher
 - ii. Leslie DePace, Conway Elementary 1st Grade Teacher
 - d. Stephanie Hill, Big Knob Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher, SmartBoard Training-
Level I, March 31 and May 12, BVIU, Cost \$115 Registration Fee Plus Mileage
- STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. Other:

- a. Keith Kovalic, High School Music Teacher, PMEA Region I Band Festival, Marc
24, Butler High School, Cost \$80 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer,
and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

L-T Sub Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Jessica Inman as a long-term
Substitute Teacher for Angela Post (FMLA), Middle School Math Teacher, effective
February 22, 2011 thru June 9, 2011 – Rate \$95 Per Day (Clearances on File)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer,
and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

Day-to-Day Subs Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve the following as day-to-day
Substitute Teachers:

- 1. Brian Daniels (Clearances on File)
- 2. Shelly Traupman (Clearances on File)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer,
and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

Highmark Grant Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve acceptance of Highmark
Healthy High 5 2011 School Challenge Grant in the amount of \$8,967 to fund the
“Bulldog Steps Towards Success” Walking Program for students in Grades 5-8.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer,
and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

Foundation Grant Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve acceptance of Freedom Area
Educational Foundation Grant in the amount of \$189 (Student Transportation/Entrance
Fees) to Big Knob Elementary Second Grade Teacher Joy Crouch for Around the
World Field Trip to University of Pittsburgh Nationality Rooms.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer,
and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

Competition
Participation Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve National Gifted Competition
Participation and Travel Expenses, According to Policy, for three Middle School
students and one chaperone, total cost not to exceed \$2,000 – competition will be held
in Kissimmee, Florida, on April 29 thru May 3.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer,
and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

OPERATIONS:

Release Time Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Tibolet, to confirm and approve release time,
according to policy, for Technology Director Matt Scala to attend Ideal Integrations
Training, Thursday, February 17, Pittsburgh.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer,
and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

Furniture Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Tibolet, to approve disposal of and permission to sell
old Conway Elementary library furniture, six tables and 24 chairs.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer,
and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

- Release Time** Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Heyman, to confirm and approve release time, according to policy, for Wrestling Coaches Jim Covert and Scott Schweiger, plus two wrestlers, to attend the Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Wrestling Competition, March 3 thru March 5, Johnstown, Cost lodging (\$348.60), Meals (\$200), Mileage.
- Roll Call Vote** Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
- Resignation** Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Challis, to accept the resignation of Mary Jane Piccinini as Middle School Newspaper Sponsor.
- Roll Call Vote** Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
- Newspaper Sponsor** Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Challis, to approve Sara Miller, according to contract, as Middle School Newspaper Sponsor (Clearances on File).
- Roll Call Vote** Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
- Weightlifting Coach** Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Challis, to approve Caleb Schoy as Middle School/High School Weightlifting Coach, Salary \$19.23 Per Day (Clearances on File)
- Roll Call Vote** Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
- Coach** Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Challis, to approve Kristen Ames as (Pending Receipt of Act 151 Clearance):
1. Head Varsity Volleyball Coach, Salary \$2,900 (2011-2012 School Year)
 2. Head Jr. High Volleyball Coach, Salary \$1,250 (2010-2011 School Year)
- Roll Call Vote** Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
- AD Update** Dr. Sofo, Superintendent, updated the Board on the AD search saying that Administration has narrowed the candidates down to the final three. Dr. Sofo advised the Board that March 8th the Governor will be announcing his 2011 Budget and suggested holding for further action until the budget is released.

MEET & DISCUSS

- Student Discipline** Executive Session
- Personnel Matter** Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Executive Session** Motion by Tibolet, seconded by Challis, for the Board to go into executive session at 7:50 pm, EST to discuss the following:
- ◆ Student Discipline (Meet & Discuss Item A)
 - ◆ Personnel Matter (Meet & Discuss Item B)
- Roll Call Vote** Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
- Adjourn Executive Session** Motion by Challis, seconded by Tibolet, to adjourn executive session at 8:40 pm, EST.
- Roll Call Vote** Yea Votes – Challis, Tibolet, Gilarno, Petcovic, Heyman, Lehocky, Schlegel, Elmer, and Rocco. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

Adjourn

Motion by Lehocky, seconded by Rocco, to adjourn. All members voting Yea. - 9
Yeas. Adjourned at 8:40 p.m., E.S.T.



Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary