

APRIL 18, 2017

The Freedom Area School Board began their Regular Board Meeting on April 18, 2017, at the Beaver County Career & Technical Center (CTC), Monaca, PA. President Sayre called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board Members Present:

Harry Gilarno
Dawn Greene
Gerald Inman
Julie Leindecker
Lori Pail (Arrived 7:11 PM)
Mary Ann Petcovic
Lorraine Rocco
Jennifer Sayre

Board Members Absent

Alan Colorito

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Noriene Plate, Business Manager
Steven Mott, Assistant Principal, High School
Ryan Smith, Principal, Middle School
Rich Edder, Principal, Elementary School

Solicitor:

N/A

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

Senior High School students were in attendance to observe a School Board meeting to fulfill Graduation requirements.

An Executive Session was held at the Committee Meeting on
April 4, 2017 to discuss personnel matters.

Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, introduced David Wytiaz, Administrative Director and Laura DelVecchio, Assistant Administrative Director of the Career & Technology Center (CTC). The Board held the April 18th meeting at the Center.

Introductions also included students of the CTC representing the 14 districts in the county. Mr. Wytiaz explained that his goal as the recently appointed Administrative Director, was to make the presence of the CTC known to all school districts in the county and the community as well. A tour of the Center will follow the Board Meeting.

Harley Ames, Senior, Freedom School District, explained the Health Occupations program she was enrolled in at the CTC and said that she has achieved 150 hours of clinical experience while in the program. She said that her future goal was to be a Registered Nurse specializing in Psychology. Harley praised the CTC program and staff saying it was a great place to be.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Other:

1. May 2017 Board Meetings to be held on May 2 (Committee) and May 9 (Regular)
2. High School Senior Project Presentations, May 4th and 5th, 1:00-3:00 P.M.
3. High School Prom, Friday, May 12th, 7:00 P.M.
4. High School Spring Band and Choral Concert, May 18, 7:00 P.M.
5. Middle School Play, "Million Dollar Meatballs", May 11, 7:00 P.M.
6. Middle School Concert Dates:
 - Chorus, May 16, 7:00 P.M.
 - Band, May 23, 7:00 P.M.
7. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (Enclosure)

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

President Sayre reviewed Board Policy 903: Public Participation in Board Meetings, saying members of the public must preface their comments with their name, address, and group affiliation (if appropriate). All comments should be addressed to the Presiding Officer, be relevant to business that is before the Board and observe required timelines (Prior Formal Request – 10 Minutes, Informal Request – 5 Minutes). Comments should not be personally directed, abusive, or obscene.

Mr. Roy Yeck, New Sewickley Township, asked if there was any further information the Board could provide on previously discussed turf for the football field and the track facility possibly being relocated to the Big Knob school property.

Dr. Fuller explained that the District is no longer considering turf because it is no longer an issue since the football field is not regulation size.

The feasibility study for relocation/repair of the track is nearly complete and should be discussed at one of the May Board meetings.

MINUTES:

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the March 7 and March 14, 2017 Board minutes.

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

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (Communications, Item B.)
- B. Free/Reduced Lunch Report as of April 5, 2017 – District at 48.56%
- C. BVIU School Board Notes for March 22, 2017 Meeting

- D. April 2017 Budget Transfers (Finance, Item G.)
- E. List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (Athletics/Extra-Curricular – Item A.)

Note in Minutes:

Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of March 24, 2017– Current Projected Annual Cost for 2016-2017 School Year \$810,264.32; 25 Cyber/Charter Students, 39 Brick and Mortar Students –Total No. of Students - 64

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Motion to approve the following Superintendent’s item was made by Rocco, seconded by Gilarno, and unanimously approved through consent agenda.

CA:1 Released Time, According to Policy, for Superintendent to attend the Northwest PA Superintendent Summit, May 5, Grove City College, Cost Mileage

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

FINANCE:

Motion to approve the following Finance items was made by Pail, seconded by Petcovic, and approved through consent agenda: **(Copies of items CA:1 – CA:6 are attached to the minutes in the minute book)**

- CA:1 Bills in the amount of \$336,158.97 (Second Check Run for March 2017)
- CA:2 Bills in the amount of \$288,769.80 (First Check Run for April 2017)
- CA:3 Capital Projects First Check Run for April 2017 in the amount of \$120,904.50
- CA:4 Cafeteria Report for March 2017
- CA:5 Treasurer’s Report for March 2017

	<u>March 2017</u>
Wesbanko - Money Market	\$ 2,274,989.60
Wesbanko - Payroll	\$ 3,314.03
Wesbanko- General Checking Account	\$ 102,239.82
PA Treasury Invest General Fund	\$ 698,790.08
PSDLAF – Regular Account	\$ 0.00
PSDLAF Max - General Fund	\$ 819,284.96
PSDLAF Term – General Fund	\$ 0.00
Wesbanko/Western Alliance General Fund – CD’s CIT bank/First Internet BK of IND	\$ 5,240,019.05
PA Treasury Invest Capital Projects	\$ 1,192,924.93
PSDLAF Max – Capital Projects	\$ 31,068.47
Wesbanko – Student Activity Account	\$ 63,615.94
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship - CD	\$ 192,615.24
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship	\$ 16,634.07
PSDLAF MAX – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 0.00
PSDLAF – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 8,543.83

	Wesbanko - Capital Projects Checking	\$ 320,246.18
	Wesbanko - Capital Projects – CD	\$ 202,113.90
CA:6	Approve April 2017 Budget Transfers (Enclosure)	
CA:7	All Sports and Voluntary Student Accident Insurance for 2017-2018 School Year, Total Cost \$10,250 (\$400 Decrease from Previous Year)	

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

EDUCATION:

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

CA:1 Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Gifted:
 - a. Rita Kaplin, High School Guidance Counselor, Gifted Consortium, April 19 and May 11, BVIU, No Cost to District
2. Other:
 - a. PA Association of Federal Programs Coordinators Annual Conference, May 8, Champion, PA, Cost Registration Fees, Tolls and Mileage:
 - i. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction/Federal Programs Coordinator
 - ii. Rich Edder, Elementary Principal
 - iii. Emily Mather, Instructional Coach

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. Special Education:
 - a. Beaver County Special Olympics, April 28, Geneva College, Cost Substitute:
 - i. Gretchen Meyer, Middle School Special Education Teacher
 - ii. Christina Waters, High School Special Education Teacher
 - iii. Laura Beck, Instructional Aide
 - iv. Tammy Hanshaw, Student Aide
 - v. Sharon Kilmer, Personal Student Nurse
 - b. Old Economy Field Trip, May 17, Ambridge, No Cost to District – Funded by FAEF:
 - i. Renae Bogdan, Elementary Speech/Language
 - ii. Erin Carnevale, Special Education Teacher
 - iii. Lauren Harley, Special Education Teacher
 - iv. Brian Obman, Special Education Teacher
2. Other:
 - a. Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher, SW Bots IQ Battle Bots Competition, April 28-29, California University of PA, Cost Substitute, Will Use School Van
 - b. Barb Martz, Youth Ambassador Facilitator, 2017 BCRC Youth Ambassador Program – Final Event, May 2, Penn State Beaver, No Cost to District
 - c. Third Grade Teachers, Carnegie Science Center Field Trip, May 11, Pittsburgh, No Cost to District – PTA Funded

- d. Second Grade Teachers, Carnegie Museum of Natural History Field Trip, May 11, Pittsburgh, No Cost to District – PTA Funded
 - e. Fourth Grade Teachers and Brian Obman, National Aviary Field Trip, May 15, Pittsburgh, Cost Substitute (Obman Only) – Trip is PTA Funded
 - f. Kindergarten Teachers, Wagon Trails Animal Park Field Trip, May 19, Vienna, OH, No Cost to District – PTA Funded
 - g. Fifth Grade Teachers, Strip District Field Trip, May 19, Pittsburgh, No Cost to District – Funded by FMS Parents
 - h. Fourth Grade Teachers, 4th Grade Bash – Fun Slides Skate Park, May 24, Pittsburgh, No Cost to District – PTA Funded
 - i. First Grade Teachers, Pittsburgh Zoo Field Trip, May 26, Pittsburgh, No Cost to District - PTA Funded
 - j. Joy Crouch, Second Grade Teacher, Nationality Classrooms at University of Pittsburgh, May 26, Pittsburgh, No Cost to District, Funded by FAEF Grant
- CA:2 Laura Innocenzi, Student Teacher from Geneva College, to be placed with Richard Heisler, 8th Grade Science Teacher, from March 12 through April 27, 2018 (Pending Receipt of Clearances)
- CA:3 Agreement with EduLink for PA-EETEP (Electronic Teacher Evaluation Portal), Cost \$7,752 per Year
- CA:4 Acceptance and Distribution of the Discover Pathway to Financial Success Grant from Goldman Sachs in the amount of \$2,720 to be used for Financial Education Curriculum at the High School
- CA:5 Acceptance and distribution of the HMANA Hawk Watch Fund Grant in the amount of \$500 to Brian Wargo for a Weather Station to be used in the Study of Raptor Migration

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

Note in Minutes:

Rob James, Middle School Music Teacher/Band Director, to attend PMEA State Band Festival, April 19-21, Erie, Cost Substitute, Registration Fee, Lodging, Meals and Mileage (Mr. James will take the Place of Keith Kovalic, Approved April 4, 2017)

OPERATIONS:

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

- CA:1 Payment of the Annual District Membership Fee to the Pittsburgh Regional Food Service Directors' Association (PRFSD) in the amount of \$400 for Randy Walker, Food Service Director, for the 2017-2018 School Year
- CA:2 Articles of Agreement with the BVIU for the following (Administrative Report) (Signatures Required):
1. PAIUnet Transport
 2. Internet 2 Service
 3. RWAN and Commodity Internet

4. IP Address Block

CA:3 Sharifimari Ahmad Foster as New Bus Driver (Clearances on File)

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

Penn Energy Update - Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, updated the board on his discussion with our attorney regarding Penn Energy and our current gas lease agreement. Penn Energy is requesting to adjust the unit cap size from 640 acres/unit to 1,280 acres/unit. This change could potentially reduce the amount of royalty payments received by the District. Penn Energy has stated that if the District agrees to the requested lease amendment, we will begin receiving royalty payments as soon as the wells located on a neighboring property go into production. However, if the District does not agree to the lease amendment we will not receive royalty payments. Our Attorney recommended that the District obtain a commitment from Penn Energy that they will drill additional wells in the units that include District property. Penn Energy was unwilling to provide that drilling commitment, but did ensure that there were already two (2) wells drilled and in final stages to go into production currently in place, with the drilling of additional lateral bores in each of those wells.

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

Motion to approve the following Facilities Master Plan items was made by Gilarno, seconded by Greene and unanimously approve through consent agenda:

- CA:1 Proposal from VEBH Architects for Architectural and Engineering Pre-Design Services for Freedom Area High School Alterations at a cost not to exceed \$16,500 plus Document Printing Fees
- CA:2 Proposal for Construction Management Pre-Design Services for Freedom Area High School Alterations from S. P. Smith Construction Services, LLC at no cost to the district.

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

ATHLETICS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

Motion to approve the following Athletics/Extra-Curricular items was made by Greene, seconded by Gilarno, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

- CA:1 List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (Enclosure)
- CA:2 Rich Heisler as Middle School Track Coach, Salary According to Contract (Clearances on File)
- CA:3 Agreement with UPMC Sports Medicine of UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside to provide Athletic Training Services for 2017-2022, Average Cost \$22,400 per year for five (5) Years
- CA:4 Cooperative Sports Agreement with Quigley Catholic High School and New Brighton High School for participation on the 2017-2018 Freedom Wrestling Team
- CA:5 Resignation of Heather Yeck as Fall Varsity Cheerleading Coach, effective March 20,

2017, will continue as a volunteer
 CA:6 Resignation of Carol-Lynn Dubovi as Drill Team Sponsor (Manager), effective April 2, 2017; Position was Co-Sponsored with Stacie Aland (Choreographer), Aland will Assume all Duties of Drill Team Sponsor

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

James Walker as Head Junior High/Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Salary According to Contract. (Pending Receipt of Act 151 and 114 Clearances and Act 24 Report) TABLE UNTIL MAY MEETING.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Petcovic, for the Board to go out of regular session and into Executive Session at 7:41 pm.

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

Motion by Leindecker, seconded by Gilarno, for the board to go out of Executive Session at 7:50 pm.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Greene, Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Petcovic, Pail, Petcovic, and
 Vote Leindecker. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Note: No action was taken following Executive Session.

Adjourn Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Pail, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.
 8 Yeas. Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Tour of the Beaver County Career & Technology Center (CTC) began.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary