

FEBRUARY 14, 2017

The Freedom Area School Board began their Regular Board Meeting on February 14, 2017, in the Middle School Library. President Sayre called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm following an executive session that began at 6:30 pm.

Board Members Present:

Alan Colorito
Dawn Greene
Harry Gilarno
Gerald Inman
Julie Leindecker
Lori Pail
Mary Ann Petcovic
Lorraine Rocco
Jennifer Sayre

Board Members Absent

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Noriene Plate, Business Manager
Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
William Deal, Principal, High School
Steven Mott, Assistant Principal, High School
Ryan Smith, Principal, Middle School
Rich Edder, Principal, Elementary School
Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Solicitor:

Matthew Hoffman, Esq.

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. A Geneva College student was also in attendance for an observation class requirement.

An Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Freedom Area High School H.O.P.E. and Student of the Month Awards for February 2017 were presented by Steve Mott, Assistant High School Principal:

- H.O.P.E. Award, voted on by 10th Grade (Theme – “Most Motivational”):
 - Brad Baldwin, English Teacher
- H.O.P.E. Award, voted on by 9th Grade (Theme – “Best Welcome”):
 - Maria Porter, Social Studies Teacher

- Student of the Month Award (Theme – “Renaissance”)
 - 12th Grade:
 - Boy - Chad Dobish
 - Girl - Sydney Stiger
 - 11th Grade:
 - Boy - Charles Sapp
 - Girl - Tori Mitchell
 - 10th Grade:
 - Boy - Mason Combs George
 - Girl - Kyleigh Paglia
 - 9th Grade:
 - Boy - Luke Ippolito
 - Girl - Kyzah Russell

Freedom Area Middle School H.O.P.E. and Student of the Month Awards for February 2017 were presented by Ryan Smith, Middle School Principal:

- H.O.P.E. Award (Theme – “Teacher Who Inspires Me”):
 - Tina Boyd – Fifth Grade Teacher
- Student of the Month Award (Theme – “Determination”)
 - 8th Grade:
 - Boy - Cole Beck
 - Girl - Morgan Hay
 - 7th Grade:
 - Boy - Mark Baker
 - Girl - Gina Cardosi
 - 6th Grade:
 - Boy - Alex Probst
 - Girl - Elise Marosek
 - 5th Grade:
 - Boy - Robert Valentine
 - Girl - Jordyn Glumac

Freedom Elementary School H.O.P.E. Award for February 2017 was presented by Rich Edder, Elementary Principal:

- Lori Baker – Third Grade Teacher

Invitation:

- Elementary Story Walk Event, “Blast Off to Reading”, Thursday, March 2nd, 6:00 p.m.

Other:

- March 2017 Board Meetings to be held on March 7 (Committee) and March 14 (Regular)

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.

Steve Leasure, Sr., New Sewickley Township, discussed the Basketball Coach and Team requesting the Board not accept the Coach's resignation at this time. Leasure said that he is a good coach and the kids have learned a lot from him.

MINUTES:

Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Leindecker, to approve the January 10 and January 17, 2017 minutes.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Colorito, Greene, Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Petcovic, Pail, Sayre, and
Vote Leindecker. Motion carried – 9 Yeas

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (Communications- Item D.)
- B. Free-Reduced Lunch Report as of February 6, 2017 – District at 48.54%
- C. 2017-2018 District School Calendar (Operations – Item B.)
- D. BVIU School Board Notes for January 25, 2017 Meeting
- E. Beaver County School Health Insurance Consortium Self-Funding Report for December 2016
- F. Updated 2016-2017 District Taxes (Handout)
- G. February 2017 Budget Transfers (Finance, Item E.)
- H. List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (Athletics/Extra-Curricular, Item D.)
- I. Memorandum Requesting Price Increase for Lunch Meals for 2017-2018 School Year (Operations – Item D.)

Information:

- J. Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of February 2, 2017 – Current Projected Annual Cost for 2016-2017 School Year \$810,331.13; Cyber/Charter Students - 27, Brick and Mortar Students - 38 – Total No. of Students - 65

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Motion to approve the following Superintendent's items was made by Petcovic, seconded by Pail, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

CA:1 Attendance for the following at PASA's 2017 Education Congress: "Delving Deeper into the Every Child Succeeds Act" Program, March 29-30, Camp Hill, PA, Cost Registration Fee, Lodging, Meals, Mileage and Tolls:

1. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
2. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

CA:2 Attendance for the following at the PA Educational Leadership Conference, July 23-25, Altoona, PA, Cost Registration Fee, Lodging, Meals and Tolls, Will Use School Van:

1. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
2. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
3. William Deal, High School Principal
4. Steven Mott, High School Assistant Principal
5. Ryan Smith, Middle School Principal
6. Rich Edder, Elementary Principal

CA:3 Job Descriptions for Central Office Employees

CA:4 Resolution opposing Legislation which eliminates School Property Taxes (Signatures Required) NOTE: Noriene Plate, Business Manager, presented statistics on how property tax elimination would affect the District.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Colorito, Greene, Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Petcovic, Pail,
Vote Sayre, and Leindecker. Motion carried – 9 Yeas

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Petcovic, to approve Linda Eldridge and Barbara Houghton to replace Business Manager, Noriene Plate at the PASBO 62nd Annual Conference, March 22-23, Pittsburgh, Cost Registration Fee and Mileage. NOTE: The Business Manager's attendance and expense for the program was approved at the May 12, 2016 Board meeting.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Colorito, Greene, Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Petcovic, Pail,
Vote Sayre, and Leindecker. Motion carried – 9 Yeas

LEGISLATION:

Board Member Julie Leindecker reported on Governor Wolf's 2017-2018 State Budget Proposal saying the governor emphasized the need to keep education as a top priority, along with efforts to fight the opioid epidemic. The \$32.2 billion proposals are an increase of \$571 million (1.8%) over the prior year. It includes over \$2 billion in cuts and savings and avoids any new taxes.

FINANCE:

Motion to approve the following Finance items was made by Greene, seconded by Colorito, 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 \$324,163.81 (Second Check Run for January 2017)
 CA:2 Bills in the amount of \$610,957.98 (First Check Run for February 2017)
 CA:3 February 2017 Budget Transfers (Enclosure)
 CA:5 Cafeteria Report for January 2017
 CA:6 Treasurer's Report for January 2017

	<u>January 2017</u>
Wesbanko - Money Market	\$ 3,319,736.99
Wesbanko - Payroll	\$ 645.61
Wesbanko- General Checking Account	\$ 237,466.47
PA Treasury Invest General Fund	\$ 697,953.81
PSDLAF – Regular Account	\$ 0.00
PSDLAF Max - General Fund	\$ 856,513.21
PSDLAF Term – General Fund	\$ 0.00
Wesbanko/Western Alliance General Fund – CD's	\$ 5,240,019.05
CIT bank/First Internet BK of IND	
PA Treasury-Invest Capital Projects	\$ 1,191,497.32
PSDLAF Max – Capital Projects	\$ 31,045.20
Wesbanko – Student Activity Account	\$ 49,521.31
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship - CD	\$ 192,615.24
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship	\$ 26,630.23
PSDLAF MAX – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 0.00
PSDLAF – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 8,537.43
Wesbanko - Capital Projects Checking	\$ 320,193.88
Wesbanko - Capital Projects – CD	\$ 202,113.90

- CA:7 Proposal with Hosack, Specht, Muetzel and Wood, LLP for the Audit of Financial Statements for the Years Ended June 2018 through June 2022 (First year fee reflects no increase from the prior year)

Roll Call Yea Votes – Gilarno, Greene, Inman, Rocco, Colorito, Petcovic, Pail, Sayre and
 Vote Leindecker. Motion carried – 9 Yeas

EDUCATION:

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

- CA:1 Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Other:

- a. School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Conference, May 16-18, Hershey, No Cost to District, Will Use School Van (Funded through SWPBIS Grant):

- i. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- ii. Joe Testa, School Psychologist
- iii. Ryan Smith, Middle School Principal
- iv. Tina Boyd, Fifth Grade Teacher
- v. Jim Culler, Middle School Social Studies Teacher
- vi. Sara Heiman, Middle School Librarian
- vii. Rich Heisler, Middle School Science Teacher
- viii. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator
- ix. Lisa Moore, Sixth Grade Teacher
- b. National Principals Conference, July 9-11, Philadelphia, Cost Registration Fees, Lodging, Meals, Mileage and Tolls:
 - i. William Deal, High School Principal
 - ii. Steven Mott, High School Assistant Principal

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

- 1. Gifted:
 - a. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator, Forensics Competition, March 28, Riverside High School, No Cost to District, Will Use School Van
 - 2. Other:
 - a. Aaron Fitzpatrick, High School English Teacher:
 - i. Scholastic Journalism Week Workshop, February 23, Waynesburg University, Cost Substitute
 - ii. Escape the Room Pittsburgh, March 3, No Cost to District
 - iii. Senior Class Trip, May 20, Cedar Point, Sandusky, OH, No Cost to District
 - b. Keith Kovalic, High School Music Teacher/Band Director, District 5 Regional Band, March 22-24, Sharon High School, Cost Substitute, Registration Fees and Lodging (One Night, Kovalic Only)
 - c. Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher, Bots IQ Preliminary Competition, March 9, Butler Community College, Cost Substitute, Will Use School Van
 - CA:2 Maternity Leave for Jessika Fontaine, High School Life Skills Teacher, beginning approximately March 20, 2017 thru May 26, 2017, Followed by FMLA, According to Policy, Beginning May 27, 2017 through June 2, 2017
 - CA:3 Requests from the following for Uncompensated Leave for Personal Reasons per Policy No. 439:
 - 1. Sherry Perry, Fifth Grade Teacher, on March 2 and 3, 2017
 - 2. Kris McCowin, First Grade Teacher, on March 16 and 17, 2017
 - CA:4 FMLA (Intermittently), According to Policy, for Amy Giles, Middle School 5th Grade Teacher, effective approximately February 15, 2017, thru February 14, 2018
 - CA:5 Homebound Instruction, According to Policy, for Middle School Student
- Roll Call Yea Votes – Gilarno, Sayre, Inman, Rocco, Colorito, Petcovic, Pail, Greene,
Vote and Leindecker. Motion carried – 9 Yeas

OPERATIONS:

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

- CA:1 2017-2018 District School Calendar (Enclosure) (Handout 2-7-17)
- CA:2 Update of Current National School Lunch Program Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
(Administrative report, Randy Walker, 2-7-17)
- CA:3 The following Price Increase for 2017-2018 Lunch Meals (All breakfasts will remain at \$1.15): (Enclosure)
- Elementary Lunch - \$2.40 (Increase of \$.05)
 - Middle School Lunch - \$2.50 (Increase of \$.05)
 - High School Lunch - \$2.55 (Increase of \$.05)
- CA:4 Sixty (60) Month Lease Agreement with De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc. for Printers, includes maintenance, service and supplies
- CA:5 Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence, According to Policy, for Denzil Long, Part-Time Elementary Custodian, effective March 9, 2017 for Approximately Six to Eight Weeks
- CA:6 Released Time, According to Policy, for Randy Walker, Food Service Director, to attend the Annual Legislative Action Conference with the School Nutrition Association, April 1-4, Washington D.C., No Cost to District
- CA:7 Confirm Price and Approve Agreement with Direct Energy for Natural Gas Purchase at NYMEX Plus \$-0.274/Dth, December 1, 2016 through August 31, 2019

Roll Call Yea Votes – Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Colorito, Petcovic, Pail, Leindecker, Sayre, Vote Greene. Motion carried – 9 Yeas

Gary Mortimer, Buildings and Grounds Director, gave the following monthly report:

Monthly Summary:

- Conway school update: Plumbing repairs to a leaking Sloan valve were completed by replacing the faulty unit and testing the operation. In addition, two of the room uni-vent heaters used to maintain the heating operation were repaired. Weekly checks and service to maintain the system continue with the boiler and pneumatic systems.
- Approximately two tons of JASA was purchased to repair the blacktop area in front of the High School. The remaining JASA has been covered for future pot-hole repairs in the spring.
- The High School had several mechanical repairs completed in the past month. We experienced fan, burner motor, and electrical component failures on several roof top units. The gas train was replaced on one of our makeup air units for the locker room. Currently we have one makeup system for the kitchen ventilation system off line. Smoke detector parts have been ordered and shall be installed on the 20th of February.
- In the Elementary building, repairs were completed on two different water closets. Upon a fire drill test we discovered the master fire panel was not communicating with the Middle School sub panel. The panels should notify both buildings upon a fault in either

building. The contractor has been called to test the sub panel since we have verified communication with the main panel.

- General repairs regarding the Middle School classroom uni-vents were completed. We replaced two hot water control valves along with work on the pneumatic system for proper operation. Replacement of one emergency pull station for the fire alarm system was completed. We have scheduled the replacement of two backflow preventers on February 20th to be installed and certified by a third party.

ATHLETICS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

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

CA:1 Donation from Freedom Area Youth Wrestling in the amount of \$3512.50 for Half the Price of a Wrestling Mat

CA:2 The following Coaches, Salary According to Contact:

1. Tina Boyd, Junior High Baseball, Volunteer (Clearances on File)
2. Harry Ferrell, Middle School Softball (Clearances on File)
3. Tom Hickey, Junior High Baseball, Volunteer (Clearances on File)
4. Keith Kovalic, Junior High Baseball (Clearances on File)
5. Steve Slowinski, High School Softball Assistant (Pending Receipt of Act 126 Training)
6. Brad Baldwin, Head Varsity Girls Volleyball (Clearances on File)

CA:3 Released Time, According to Policy, for Thomas Liberty, Head Football Coach, plus staff, to attend Glazier Football Clinic, Sheraton–Station Square, March 3-4, Cost Registration Fees Plus Lodging

CA:4 List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (Enclosure)

CA:5 Resignation of Robert James as Assistant Marching Band Director, effective end of 2016-2017 School Year

CA:6 Resignation of Mark Cefola as Assistant Varsity Track Coach, effective January 30, 2017

Roll Call Yea Votes – Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Colorito, Petcovic, Pail, Leindecker,
Vote Sayre and Greene. Motion carried – 9 Yeas

Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Gilarno, to approve the resignation of Greg Cercone as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, effective end of 2016-2017 Basketball Season.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Gilarno, Rocco, Colorito, Petcovic, Pail, Leindecker, Sayre, and
Vote Greene. No Vote – Inman. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

POLICY:

Motion to approve the following revised Board Policies was made by Rocco, seconded by Gilarno, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

1. Policy No. 204 – Attendance
2. Policy No. 247 – Hazing
3. Policy No. 302 – Employment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent
4. Policy No. 609 – Investment of District Funds
5. Policy No. 818 – Contracted Services
6. Policy No. 916 – School Volunteers

Roll Call Yea Votes – Colorito, Pail, Rocco, Greene, Inman, Petcovic, Gilarno, Sayre,
Vote and Leindecker. Motion carried – 9 Yeas

Adjourn Motion by Colorito, seconded by Pail, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.
 9 Yeas. Adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary