

February 7, 2017

The Freedom Area School Board began their Committee/Agenda Meeting on February 7, 2017, in the Middle School Library. President Sayre called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board Members Present:

Dawn Greene
Gerald Inman
Julie Leindecker
Lori Pail
Mary Ann Petcovic
Lorraine Rocco
Jennifer Sayre

Board Members Absent

Alan Colorito
Harry Gilarno

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Norlene Plate, Business Manager
Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
William Deal, Principal, High School
Steven Mott, Assistant Principal, High School
Randy Walker, Food Service Director
Emily Mather, K-6 Instructional Coach
Gary Mortimer, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Solicitor:

John Vogel, Esq.

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

COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA:

Education Committee:

- Presentation on Guided Reading Program – Emily Mather, K-6 Instructional Coach, updated the Board on the reading initiative saying it is for K-4th grade students and has been in the district for one and a half years. Mather said the Guided Reading Program is the bridge between modeling and independent practice. She also presented statistics on growth in our district giving first through fourth grade comparison Title 1 data. **Copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes in the minute book.**
- 2017-2018 School Calendar – Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, reviewed a “draft” 2017-2018 school calendar. A final copy of the School Calendar will be acted on at the February 14th Board Meeting.

Finance Committee:

- Resolution Regarding Property Tax Independence Act – Dr. Fuller, Superintendent advised the Board that there is a lot of opposition to the tax act and said that a number of Districts across the state are considering passing a resolution opposing legislation which eliminates school property taxes. Dr. Fuller presented a “draft” resolution for Board

review and subsequent approval. The Board acknowledged the resolution as stated and asked that it be placed on the 2/14/17 Agenda for approval.

Policy Committee:

The following Policies were reviewed by Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent. Action to take place at the February 14, 2017 Board Meeting:

- Policy No. 204 – Attendance
- Policy No. 247 – Hazing
- Policy No. 302 – Employment of Superintendent/Asst. Superintendent
- Policy No. 609 – Investment of District Funds
- Policy No. 818 – Contracted Services
- Policy No. 916 – School Volunteers

AGENDA REVIEW AND ACTION ITEMS:

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Per Board Policy 903: Public Participation in Board Meetings, 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.

No Public Comments were made.

Operations:

Randy Walter, Food Service Director, updated the Board on how commodities are distributed to a school district by the PA Department of Agriculture and explained that they are to be used for students only. Our commodity agreement will now be a permanent agreement.

EDUCATION:

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

CA:1 Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Other:
 - a. Transition Team Day: Social Emotional Development, February 10, BVIU, Cost Substitute and Registration Fee:
 - i. Lori Sacco, Kindergarten Teacher
 - ii. Gena Tokar, Kindergarten Teacher
 - b. PDE Annual Special Education Conference, March 8-10, Hershey, Cost Registration Fee, Lodging, Meals, Mileage and Tolls:
 - i. Misty Slavic, Director of Special Education
 - ii. Joe Testa, School Psychologist

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:1. **Other:**

- a. Ellen Hill, High School Job Coach:
 - i. **Confirm:** Bender Leadership/Calgon Carbon Corporation, November 16, January 11, February 9 and April 5, Moon Twp., No Cost to District, Will Use School Van
 - ii. **Confirm:** Job Interview for School to Work, January 26, Smallwood's Tire, Rochester, No Cost to District, Will Use School Van
 - iii. **Confirm:** Job Interview, February 3, Midas Muffler, Conway, No Cost to District, Will Use School Van
- b. Heather Giammaria, High School English Teacher, Shakespeare Monologue and Scene Competition, Pittsburgh Public Theater, February 13, Cost Substitute and Transportation

CA:2 Request for Uncompensated Leave for Personal Reasons from Amy Nicely Giles, Fifth Grade Teacher, Per Policy No. 439, on February 9 and 10, 2017

Roll Call Yea Votes – Inman, Rocco, Petcovic, Pail, Greene, Leindecker and Sayre.
 Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

FINANCE:

Motion to approve the following Finance item was made by Petcovic, seconded by Greene, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

CA:1 Tax Collector Salaries for Years 2018 thru 2021 (Signatures Required):

1.	New Sewickley Township	-	\$14,500
2.	Freedom	-	\$ 6,000
3.	Conway	-	\$ 6,750

Roll Call Yea Votes – Inman, Rocco, Petcovic, Pail, Greene, Leindecker and Sayre.
 Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

ATHLETICS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

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

CA:1 Released Time, According to Policy, for Bill Deal, High School Principal, John Rosa, Athletic Director, Jim Covert, Head Wrestling Coach, Wrestling Staff and Team (Pending Team/Individuals Qualifying and Advancing) to attend:

- i. PIAA Team Tournament, February 8-11, Hershey
- ii. PIAA Southwest Individual Regional Tournament, February 24-25, Indiana, PA (IUP)
- iii. PIAA State Individual Tournament, March 8-11, Hershey

Roll Call Yea Votes – Inman, Rocco, Petcovic, Pail, Greene, Leindecker and Sayre.

Vote Motion carried – 7 Yeas

Bill Deal, High School Principal, gave the following Athletics/Extra Curricular report in the absence of John Rosa, Athletic Director:

1) WINTER TEAM UPDATES

BOYS BASKETBALL – (4 – 15)

GIRLS BASKETBALL – (3 – 17)

WRESTLING – (15 – 4) Section Champs - WPIAL Runner Up

MS Girls Volleyball just starting, 41 students participating

2) Spring Sports - looking to begin in March, participation numbers seem higher than usual

3) Kody Komara is another Freedom Student-Athlete to be honored as the Beaver County Times Athlete of the Week

4) Zach Greene tied a school record in Boys Basketball by making 9 three-point shots in one game

5) Wrestling – The team is the first team from Beaver County to ever advance to the Hershey portion of the PIAA State Team Tournament.

6) Freedom is currently ranked 2nd in the entire WPIAL in class 3A in the Trib Cup Standings Class

Class 3A

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| 1. Shady Side Academy | 110 Points |
| 2. Freedom | 62 |
| 3. Oakland Catholic | 62 |
| 4. Seton-LaSalle | 61 |
| 5. Beaver Falls, Steel Valley | 51 |

7) Thank you to Jim Plummer and the Freedom Youth Wrestling organization for a donation to cover half of an already discounted new wrestling mat.

2016 – 2017 WPIAL Runner Ups, Section 1AA Champions

(Attach Picture)

Adjourn Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Sayre, to adjourn. All members voting Yea. 7 Yeas. Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary