

MARCH 14, 2017

The Freedom Area School Board began their Regular Board Meeting on March 14, 2017, in the Middle School Library. President Sayre called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent

Dawn Greene

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:

Christopher Voltz, 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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

- H.O.P.E. Award (Theme – “Inspirational Elective Teacher”):
 - Kaylee Haggerty, Art Teacher
- Student of the Month Awards (Theme – “Bulldog School Spirit”):
 - 12th Grade:
 - Boy - Nick Henderson
 - Girl - Meghan Kiefer
 - 11th Grade:
 - Boy - Jon Kaercher
 - Girl - Paige Velemirovich
 - 10th Grade:

- Boy - Noah Henderson
- Girl - Myla Sharpless
- 9th Grade:
- Boy - Maxwell Ujhazy
- Girl - Morgan Swab

Freedom Area Middle School Student of the Month Awards for March 2017 (Theme – “Kindness and Compassion”) was presented by Ryan Smith, Middle School Principal:

- 8th Grade:
- Boy - Nick Tavern
- Girl - Emma Zickefoose
- 7th Grade:
- Boy - Ethan Mulroy
- Girl - Anastasia Smith
- 6th Grade:
- Boy - Matthew Schultheis
- Girl - Annaray Hatt
- 5th Grade:
- Boy - Steffan Paganie
- Girl - Madison Shiring

Elementary School H.O.P.E. Award for March 2017 (Theme – “Kind and Compassionate”) was presented by Richard Edder, Elementary Principal:

- Susan Camp, Fourth Grade Teacher

Other:

1. April 2017 Board Meetings to be held on April 4 (Committee) and April 18 (Regular); Please note that the April 18 Meeting will take place at the Beaver County Career and Technology Center
2. 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.

Tanya Mohrbacher, New Sewickley Township, requested a Delinquent Tax Exoneration on property recently purchased in the District. She said that the Township forgave the delinquent taxes and requested the District do the same stating that if the school district does not approve exonerating the taxes she will be unable to purchase the property. Total cost is \$2,630.31 which includes the principal, interest and penalty.

Craig Liston, NST also addressed the exoneration issue reiterating much of Tanya Mohrbacher's comments.

MINUTES:

Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Colorito, to approve the February 7 and February 14, 2017 board minutes.

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

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (Communications - Item C.)
- B. Free-Reduced Lunch Report as of March 6, 2017 – District at 49.47%
- C. BVIU School Board Notes for February 22, 2017 Meeting
- D. BVIU 2017-2018 General Operating Budget (Finance – Item G.)
- E. Average Daily Membership for Freedom Area School District, 120 Day Report – 1,383

Note in Minutes:

- F. Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of March 1, 2017 – Current Projected Annual Cost for 2016-2017 School Year \$815,054.63; 27 Cyber/Charter Students, 39 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students - 66

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

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

- CA:1 BoardDocs End User Agreement for a Web-Based Service (BoardDocs LT) used for Board Meeting Agendas and Board Communication, Cost \$2,700 per year with a one time start-up fee of \$1,000
- CA:2 Adjudication for Disciplinary Hearing held on February 23, 2017 (Signatures Required)

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

LEGISLATION:

Board Member Julie Leindecker reported on the proposed Medicaid changes and how they will hurt Pennsylvania schools. School Officials are being asked to contact their members of the U.S. Congress and ask them to oppose legislation that eliminates or severely cuts Medicaid funding and changes the distribution to a per capita or block grant system. These changes will have a devastating impact on Pennsylvania's School-Based ACCESS Program that assists schools in providing medically-necessary services to children with disabilities.

FINANCE:

Motion to approve the following Finance items was made by Gilarno, seconded by Rocco, and approved through consent agenda: **(Copies of items CA:1 – CA:4 are attached to the minutes in the minute book)**

- CA:1 Bills in the amount of \$349,474.92 (Second Check Run for February 2017)
 CA:2 Bills in the amount of \$389,810.04 (First Check Run for March 2017)
 CA:3 Cafeteria Report for February 2017
 CA:4 Treasurer's Report for February 2017

	<u>February 2017</u>
Wesbanko - Money Market	\$ 3,513,884.68
Wesbanko - Payroll	\$ 898.23
Wesbanko- General Checking Account	\$ 90,748.35
PA Treasury Invest General Fund	\$ 698,381.27
PSDLAF – Regular Account	\$ 0.00
PSDLAF Max - General Fund	\$ 838,971.72
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	\$ 1,192,227.04
PSDLAF Max – Capital Projects	\$ 31,055.37
Wesbanko – Student Activity Account	\$ 55,722.69
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship - CD	\$ 192,615.24
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship	\$ 26,632.27
PSDLAF MAX – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 0.00
PSDLAF – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 8,540.23
Wesbanko - Capital Projects Checking	\$ 320,218.98
Wesbanko - Capital Projects – CD	\$ 202,113.90

- CA:5 Released Time for Barbara Houghton, Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager for Accounts Payable, Purchasing and Accounting, to attend the PASBO – Elements of Purchasing Workshop, May 11, Pittsburgh Marriott North – Cranberry, Cost Registration Fee and Mileage
- CA:6 Two-Year Agreement with Delta Dental, effective September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2019, No Increase in Administrative Fees
- CA:7 BVIU 2017-2018 General Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,677,962 (Decrease of \$118,228 from 2016-2017 Budget – \$609.87 Increase to District) (Administrative Report) (Enclosure) (Signatures Required)

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

EDUCATION:

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

CA:1 Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Other:
 - a. Early Intervention Meetings, March 15 (Lifesteps) and March 16 (New Horizon), Cost Substitute (Harley, March 16, PM Only):
 - i. Renae Bogdan, Elementary Speech
 - ii. Lauren Harley, Elementary Special Education Teacher
 - iii. Emily Mather, K-6 Instructional Coach
 - b. Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program, March 22, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Rita Kaplin, High School Guidance Counselor
 - ii. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
 - c. Eugene Matsook, Middle School Physical Education Teacher, Farm to Table Conference, March 24, David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, Cost Substitute
 - d. Emily Mather, K-6 Instructional Coach, Little Sprouts Pre-School, Early Intervention, March 24, Conway, No Cost to District
 - e. Courtney Anderson, Cyber Coordinator, 2017 Annual OPT Conference, March 30, Seneca Valley High School, Cost Substitute
 - f. Multi-Tiered Systems of Support/Response to Instruction and Intervention Bootcamp, April 24-25, PaTTAN-Pittsburgh, Cost Substitute (Carnevale, Seltzer, Smith, Tyler), Will Use School Van:
 - i. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
 - ii. Joe Testa, School Psychologist
 - iii. Rich Edder, Elementary Principal
 - iv. Emily Mather, K-6 Instructional Coach
 - v. Erin Carnevale, Elementary Special Education Teacher
 - vi. Terri Seltzer, Second Grade Teacher
 - vii. Kim Smith, Elementary Title I Reading Specialist
 - viii. Colleen Tyler, Third Grade Teacher
 - g. Functional Behavior Assessments and Behavior Intervention Plans Seminar, April 26, Pittsburgh, Cost Registration Fees:
 - i. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
 - ii. Joe Testa, School Psychologist
 - h. Ron Kelm, Instructional Coach, Pennsylvania Institute of Instructional Coaching (PIIC) Professional Development, May 1-3, Penn Stater Conference Center, Cost Mileage
 - i. Joe Testa, School Psychologist, CPI: Non-Violent Crisis Intervention and Prevention, May 15-18, Coraopolis, Cost Registration Fee
 - j. SAP (Student Assistance Program) Training, June 6-8, The Prevention Network, Baden, Cost Registration Fees:
 - i. Ryan Smith, Middle School Principal
 - ii. William Deal, High School Principal
 - iii. Steven Mott, High School Assistant Principal

- iv. Rich Edder, Elementary School Principal
- v. Joe Testa, School Psychologist
- vi. Tom Liberty, High School Resource Officer

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. Gifted:

a. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator:

- i. Fourth Grade Equations Tournament, April 21, Economy Elementary, Cost Transportation
- i. National Academic Games, April 28 – May 1, Oglebay Resort, West Virginia, Cost Registration Fees, Lodging and Mileage (Cost Not to Exceed \$1,155)

2. Other:

- a. Kaylee Haggerty, High School Art Teacher, Pittsburgh Glass Center, March 24 Pittsburgh, Cost Substitute
- b. Rob James, Middle School Music Teacher/Band Director, PMEA District 5 Junior High District Band, March 28, Mercer High School, Cost Substitute and Registration Fees, Will Use School Van
- c. Craig Bohan, High School Spanish Teacher/Spanish Club Sponsor, Cosmic Night Bowling, March 31, Baden Bowl, No Cost to District
- d. Ellen Hill, High School Job Coach, Job Training, Beaver Valley Mall – Planet Fitness, April 4, No Cost to District, Will Use School Van
- e. Kristen Milanovich, Fortune 500 Club Sponsor, Pittsburgh Pirates Game, April 21, No Cost to District
- f. Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher, International Career Development Conference- DECA, April 25 – May 2, Anaheim, CA, Cost Substitute, Registration Fees, Lodging, Airfare and Car Rental (Cost not to exceed \$5,543)
- g. Ed Majors, High School Math Teacher/Rifle Club Sponsor, Target Shooting, Dates to be Determined, Pine Run Sportsman Club, No Cost to District

CA:2 Uncompensated Leave on April 18-21, 2017, for Personal Reasons, per Policy No. 439, for Kristine McCowin, First Grade Teacher

CA:3 Agreement with The Hope Learning Center for Consultation Services at a fee of \$65.00 per hour, effective March 6, 2017

CA:4 High School Program of Studies for 2017-2018

CA:5 Instruction in the Home for Elementary Student

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

Note in Minutes:

Sara Miller to attend Gifted Boot Camp Day 2, April 19, BVIU, Cost Mileage (Approved January 17, 2017- Change of Date and Location)

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 School Nutrition Association in the amount of \$146.25 for Randy Walker, Food Service Director, for the 2017-2018 School Year
- CA:2 Award of Bid to Communications Consulting, Inc. for Camera/DVR Project in the amount of \$142,396
- CA:3 Amber Marley as Part-Time Administrative Assistant to the Director of Buildings and Grounds, 12 Month Position, Salary \$12.50 per hour (Pending Receipt of Act 151 Clearance)

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

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

Monthly Summary:

- Several mechanical repairs were completed at the High School including a new return air motor on roof top 20 and a replacement bearing installed on the return air fan cage RTU 13A. Repairs to motors, thermostats and relays on several electric space heaters have been completed.
- Replaced a faulty mix air damper in room B213 of the Elementary School. Currently working with the manufacturer for coverage thru Belimo's five-year warrantee program.
- The fire alarm system in the Elementary building required control work to setup the communication between the Elementary and Middle School buildings. All building fire alarm systems are now repaired and communicating as designed.
- Middle School back flow preventers have been installed and tested. Completed the installation of a new bladder for the domestic expansion tank which supplies the hot water needs for the district.

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

A progress update was given by Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, saying VEBH was interested in speaking with us but the scope of the project first needs identified and pre-construction costs determined to get a better idea of total cost. A proposal will contain both renovation costs and soft cost to determine the pre-construction number. More information will be submitted at the April Board meeting.

POLICY:

Motion to approve the following revised Board Policies was made by Rocco, seconded by Gilarno, and unanimously approved through consent agenda (Pending Solicitors Review)

1. Policy No. 113.3 – Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities
2. Policy No. 116 – Tutoring
3. Policy No. 127 – Assessment System
4. Policy No. 137 – Home Education Programs

5. Policy No. 138 – English as a Second Language/Bilingual Education Program
6. Policy No. 320 – Freedom of Speech in Non-School Settings
7. Policy No. 420 – Freedom of Speech in Non-School Settings
8. Policy No. 520 – Freedom of Speech in Non-School Settings
9. Policy No. 918 – Title I Parental Involvement

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Leindecker, for the Board to go out of regular session and into Executive Session at 7:36 pm.

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

Motion by Colorito, seconded by Gilarno, for the board to go out of Executive Session at 7:48 pm.

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

Note: No action was taken following Executive Session.

Adjourn Motion by Colorito, seconded by Pail, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.
8 Yeas. Adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary