

MAY 9, 2017

The Freedom Area School Board held their Regular Board Meeting on May 9, 2017, in the Middle School Library. President Sayre called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board Members Present:

Alan Colorito (Via telephone)
Harry Gilarno
Dawn Greene
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
Steven Mott, Assistant Principal, High School
Richard Edder, Principal, Elementary School

Solicitor:

Christopher Voltz

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
May 2, 2017 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Week saying on behalf of the Board and Administration he would like to take a minute to publicly recognize the efforts and accomplishments of our professional staff and the work that they do on behalf of our students and community each and every day. It is their hard work that enables our students to be so successful, that inspires the support of our parents, and that encourages all members of our community to become part of the Bulldog Family. As we do each month, we pause to recognize the efforts of several individual teachers who were selected by students for the HOPE award. But tonight, let's stop to recognize and honor the efforts of all our teachers and thank them for their conscientious work. Dr. Fuller asked all members of our teaching staff who are in the audience to please stand to be recognized.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

- H.O.P.E. Award (5/2/17) – (Theme – “Created the Most Lasting Memories”)
 - Aaron Fitzpatrick – English Teacher
 - Student of the Month Awards – (Theme – “Dare to be Different”)
 - 12th Grade:
 - Boy - Aaron James
 - Girl - Alexa Schoedel
 - 11th Grade:
 - Boy - Ian Moran
 - Girl - Rebekah Shumsky
 - 10th Grade:
 - Boy - Joe Smith
 - Girl - Jenna Engel
 - 9th Grade:
 - Boy - Colin Boyd
 - Girl - Alyson Homer
2. Freedom Area Middle School Student of the Month Awards for May 2017 (Theme – “Leadership”) were presented by Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction:
- 8th Grade:
 - Boy - Cole Beck
 - Girl - Angel Clinkscates
 - 7th Grade:
 - Boy - Caleb Falk
 - Girl - Tory Valles
 - 6th Grade:
 - Boy - Nathan Dinardo
 - Girl - Leannah Messenger
 - 5th Grade:
 - Boy - Dylan Scheel
 - Girl - Emma Falk
3. Freedom Area Elementary School H.O.P.E. Award for May 2017 – (Theme – “Someone Who is Thoughtful”) was presented by Richard Edder, Elementary Principal:
- Dana Gaertner, Physical Education Teacher
4. Presentation of Bulldog Awards was made by Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction. The award Theme: “What We Want Our Students to be When They Graduate”.
- Elementary – Jakob Jones - Presented by Richard Edder, Elementary Principal
 - Middle School – Alexis Surenda – Presented by Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
 - High School – Shane Everette – Presented by Steven Mott, Assistant Principal, High School
5. The District is in receipt of a letter from the Beaver County Career &

Technology Center indicating (4) four Freedom Area High School Students Acquired Perfect Attendance for a 120-day period beginning September 14, 2016 and ending April 12, 2017:

- Kaitlyn Daniel
 - Jordan Kanschat
 - Breanna Kress
 - Jarod Leonberg
6. The District is in receipt of a letter from Beaver County Career & Technology Center indicating (2) two Freedom Area High School Students will be recognized at the Annual Student Awards Event to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, May 11 at the CTC:
- Davaughn DeMar
 - Lauran Wylie
7. Congratulations to the Freedom Area Elementary School Staff and Students who participated in the Jump Rope for Heart Event on Friday, April 21st, Grand Total for money raised was \$12,776.50. The Event was Coordinated by Dana Gaertner, Elementary Physical Education Teacher and Tara Little, Elementary Librarian. Melissa Krajcovic, Elementary Art Teacher, Jennifer Newman, K-5 Music Teacher and Valerie Marburger, Elementary Technology Teacher, assisted in the implementation on the day of the event.
8. Congratulations to the following teachers who have been nominated for the 2017 Golden Apple Award:
- Elementary School – Lori Sacco and Colleen Tyler
 - Middle School – Jeanine Ging and Jim Gregg
 - High School – Jessika Fontaine and Brian Wargo

Invitation:

1. Freedom High School Science Conference, May 11, 8:00 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. (Administrative Report)
2. Principal's Reception, Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 P.M., High School Cafeteria
3. 39th Annual Graduation Ceremonies of the Beaver County Career & Technology Center, Friday, May 26, 12:30 P.M., Community College of Beaver County "Golden Dome"
4. Freedom Memorial Association for District participation in the May 29, 2017 Memorial Day Parade, Commences at 9:30 A.M.
5. Borough of Conway for District participation in the May 29, 2017 Memorial Day Parade, Commences at 11:30 A.M.
6. Circle of Scholars Dinner, Wednesday, May 31, 6:30 P.M., Franzee's & Javy's, Ambridge
7. Freedom Area High School Class of 2017 Graduation Ceremony, Thursday, June 1, 7:00 P.M.

Other:

1. June 2017 School Board Meetings to be held on June 6 (Committee) and 13 (Regular)

2. Voting Ballots to be cast for Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of School Directors (Three Year Term beginning July 1, 2017, thru June 30, 2020) – Return Ballots to Board Secretary at end of meeting (Handout)
3. 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.

Carol-Lynn Dubovi, New Sewickley Township extended an invitation to the Board to attend the 21st Annual Baccalaureate Service on Tuesday, May 30 at 7:00 PM in the Freedom High School Auditorium.

Natalie Dubovi, High School Freshman, discussed the situation regarding the substitute Biology Teacher. Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, explained the recent situation was beyond the district's control but to be assured we are working diligently to resolve the matter.

MINUTES:

Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Leindecker, to approve the April 4 and April 18, 2017 Board 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 (Communications, Item D.)
- B. Free/Reduced Lunch Report as of May 1, 2017 – District at 49%
- C. BVIU School Board Notes for April 26, 2017 Meeting
- D. Proposed Final 2017-2018 Budget
- E. 2017-2018 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget (Finance, Item M.)

Note in Minutes:

- Cyber/Charter School enrollment as of April 25, 2017 – Current Projected Annual Cost for 2016-2017 School Year \$861,843.15; 33 Cyber/Charter Students, 39 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students - 72

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

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

- CA:1 Released Time, According to Policy, for Superintendent to attend the following for the 2017-2018 School Year:
1. PASA Board of Governors' Meetings, Harrisburg, Cost Lodging, Meals and Mileage
 2. Administrative Meetings, BVIU, Cost Mileage
- CA:2 Released Time, According to Policy, for Principals' Administrative Meetings for 2017-2018 School Year, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
1. Bill Deal, High School Principal
 2. Steve Mott, High School Assistant Principal
 3. Ryan Smith, Middle School Principal
 4. Rich Edder, Elementary Principal
- CA:3 Attendance for Superintendent and Board Members at the 2017 PASA/PSBA School Leadership Conference, October 18-20, Hershey, Cost Registration, Lodging, Meals Mileage and Tolls.
- CA:4 Attendance and Voting Delegates for the PASA/PSBA School Leadership Conference, October 18-20, 2017

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

LEGISLATION:

Board Member Julie Leindecker reported on proposed House Bill 97 calling for reform of Cyber Charter funding. Leindecker said that House Bill 97 falls short in too many areas to be worthy of support. The Bill does not address funding, transparency, oversight or academic performance issues in a meaningful or balanced manner.

2017-2018 PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET

Motion by Rocco, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the Proposed Final 2017-2018 Budget in the amount of \$23,254,381 (Budget will be posted on the Website following Board Approval) (Enclosure) (Administrative Report)

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

Motion by Rocco, seconded by Petcovic, to approve the Resolution authorizing proposed final budget display on Form PDE 2028 and Advertising (Signatures Required)

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

FINANCE:

Motion to approve the following Finance items was made by Inman, seconded by Petcovic, and approved through consent agenda: **(Copies of items CA:1 – CA:5 are attached to the minutes in the minute book)**

- CA:1 Bills in the amount of \$363,044.37 (Second Check Run for April 2017)
 CA:2 Bills in the amount of \$432,564.32 (First Check Run for May 2017)
 CA:3 Capital Projects First Check Run for May 2017 in the amount of \$2,050
 CA:4 Cafeteria Report for April 2017 Cafeteria Report
 CA:5 Treasurer's Report for April 2017

	<u>April 2017</u>
Wesbanko - Money Market	\$ 2,301,449.17
Wesbanko - Payroll	\$ 2,712.36
Wesbanko- General Checking Account	\$ 1,689.53
PA Treasury Invest General Fund	\$ 699,272.14
PSDLAF – Regular Account	\$ 0.00
PSDLAF Max - General Fund	\$ 791,730.29
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	\$ 1,193,747.87
PSDLAF Max – Capital Projects	\$ 31,081.76
Wesbanko – Student Activity Account	\$ 77,579.85
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship - CD	\$ 192,615.24
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship	\$ 16,635.44
PSDLAF MAX – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 0.00
PSDLAF – 2014 Construction Fund	\$ 8,547.52
Wesbanko - Capital Projects Checking	\$ 199,365.79
Wesbanko - Capital Projects – CD	\$ 202,113.90
CA:6 Employee Assistance Program (EAP) through Lytle EAP Partners, estimated cost to District \$4,000 (\$1.65 per month per employee, full-time and part-time) (Pending Solicitor Review) (Administrative Report) (Signature Required)	
CA:7 Released Time, According to Policy, for Noriene Plate, Business Manager, to attend the following:	
1. Monthly 2017-2018 Beaver County Business Managers' Meetings and 2017-2018 West Central PASBO Meetings (Costs According to Policy) and Health Consortium Meeting	
2. PASBO 63 rd Annual Conference, March 6-9, 2018, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey (Costs According to Policy)	
3. Annual OnDemand Energy Solutions Energy Summit, usually held in May in Ellwood City, Cost Mileage	
CA:8 Released Time, According to Policy, for Barbara Houghton, Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager for Accounts Payable, Purchasing and Accounting, attendance at 2017-2018 Beaver County Joint Purchasing Meetings usually held at BVIU, Cost Mileage	

- CA:9 Released Time, According to Policy, for Linda Eldridge, Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager for Payroll and Benefits Coordination, attendance at 2017-2018 PSERS Meetings usually held at BVIU, Cost Mileage
- CA:10 Lorraine Rocco as Board Secretary, effective July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2021, According to Section 404 of School Code and Board Policy No. 005, Organization, Salary \$7,510.07
- CA:11 Alan Colorito as Board Treasurer effective July 1, 2017, thru June 30, 2018, According to Section 404 of the School Code (Non-Paid Position)
- CA:12 2017-2018 Child Nutrition Program Sponsor Agreement with the BVIU for the Operation of the Cafeteria at New Horizon School
- CA:13 2017-2018 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget of \$5,769,072.00 (Increase of \$297,440.26) (Enclosure) (Signatures Required)

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

- a. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction:
 - i. Curriculum Council Meetings for 2017-2018 School Year, BVIU, Cost Mileage
 - ii. Federal Programs/Non-Public School Consultation Meetings for 2017-2018 School Year, BVIU, Cost Mileage
 - iii. Foster Care Meetings for 2017-2018 School Year, Location Varies, Cost Mileage
- b. Ed Majors, High School Math Teacher, Getting Started with TI-Nspire in High School Mathematics Workshop, July 24-25, Riverside High School, Cost Registration Fee and Mileage

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. Other:

- a. Craig Bohon, Spanish Club Sponsor, Pittsburgh Pirates Game and Concert, May 26, PNC Park, No Cost to District
- b. Print Media Workshop Senior Trip, May 27-28, Washington, DC, No Cost to District, Will Use School Van:
 - i. Aaron Fitzpatrick, High School English Teacher/Newspaper Club Sponsor
 - ii. Nate Langelli, High School Social Studies Teacher

CA:2 Tentative List of June 2017 Graduates (Handout) (**Copy attached**)

CA:3 Annual request from:

1. High School Principal for Counselor Chris Bennett to work up to twelve (12) additional days, as needed and as approved by Building Principal, to complete High School schedule and special projects for summer work (Budgeted)

2. Middle School Principal for Counselors Susie Suleski and Randy Perkins to work up to six (6) additional days each during 2017-2018 School Year, as needed and as approved by Building Principal – three (3) days prior to start of school year to work on schedules for new incoming students and three (3) days for summer work (Budgeted)
- CA:4 Participation in the 2017 PAYS (Pennsylvania Youth Survey) by Freedom Area School District 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th Grade Students – Survey helps to assess student perspectives on student behaviors, attitudes, and knowledge concerning alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, violence and other problem behaviors (No cost associated with participation in the survey)
- CA:5 The following for extended school year scheduled for June 19 through July 21, 2017:
1. Chelsey Yaromey, 100 hours of Academic Instruction at \$30 per hour, plus 5 hours for preparation/documentation – Cost not to exceed \$3,150
 2. Kathleen Dames, 50 hours of Speech and Language Therapy at \$58 per hour, plus 5 hours for preparation/documentation – Cost not to exceed \$3,190
- CA:6 Service Agreement with Children’s Institute for extended school year services for a Special Education Student in the amount of \$3,600 (All costs paid by BVIU)
- CA:7 Contract with Rehabilitation Specialists, Inc. to provide speech and language services for the extended school year program from June 19, 2017 until July 21, 2017, Cost \$58.00 per hour (\$10.00 per hour increase from previous year)
- CA:8 The following extended school year tuition rates:
- St. Stephen’s:**
 Glade Run Academics – Tuition Fee at \$3,500 per student (1 student) Plus Transportation
 Glade Run Adventure Camp - \$2,720 (2 students, includes aide) Plus transportation
- ACHIEVA/The Arc of Beaver:**
 Tuition \$16,055 (9 students) Plus Transportation
- Sewickley YMCA :**
 Tuition \$514 (1 student) Plus Transportation
- Hope Learning Center :**
 Tuition \$3,575 (6 students) Plus Transportation
- Watson Institute/YMCA – Sewickley :**
 Tuition \$11,342 plus YMCA - \$992 per student (2 students) Plus Transportation
- Western Pennsylvania Psych Care:**
 No Tuition Fee/Transportation to District (1 student)
- McGuire Homes:**
 No Tuition Fee to District (2 students), Transportation Only
- New Horizon:**
 No Tuition Fee to District (7 students), Transportation Only
- Children’s Institute:**
 No Tuition/Transportation, District reimbursed by BVIU (1 student)
- CA:9 Implementation of Honors Level Math Course in Sixth Grade (2017-18 School Year) and Seventh Grade (2018-19 School Year)
- CA:10 Maternity Leave for Dana Gaertner, Elementary Physical Education Teacher, beginning approximately August 30, 2017 through October 18, 2017, followed by FMLA,

According to Policy, beginning October 19, 2017 through January 2, 2018

CA:11 Maternity Leave for Tara Little, Elementary Librarian, beginning approximately August 22, 2017 through October 10, 2017, followed by FMLA, According to Policy, beginning October 11, 2017 through November 17, 2017

CA:12 Student placement Education Agreement with Hope Academy for remainder of the 2016-17 School Year at a rate of \$3,750 (Pending Solicitor Review)

CA:13 The following transfers for the 2017-2018 School Year:

1. Beth Majors from Full-Time High School Technology to Full-Time Middle School Technology
2. Dave Badamo from Part-Time Middle School/Part-Time High School Technology to Full-Time High School Technology
3. Wendy Clibbens from Sixth Grade to Math Specialist
4. Emily Mather from Elementary Instructional Coach to Intervention Specialist/Dean of Students

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

OPERATIONS:

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

CA:1 Bus Stop at 169 Willowmere Park Road

CA:2 24-Month Electric Contract Extension with Constellation, effective December 2020 through December 2022 (Administrative Report)

CA:3 Released Time, According to Policy, for Randy Walker, Food Service Director, to attend the School Nutrition Association of PA Board of Director's Meeting, May 16, State College, No Cost to District

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

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Petcovic, to approve Joseph Pail as Summer Technology Assistant.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Gilarno, Sayre, Inman, Rocco, Greene, Petcovic, Colorito, and
Vote and Leindecker. Abstained – Pail. Motion carried – 8 Yeas. **(Copy of Abstention Attached)**

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, reported that a meeting was held the morning of May 9 with VEBH to continue discussion on the high school project. More details to follow at the June 6 meeting.

ATHLETICS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

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

- CA:1 Split of Assistant Marching Band Director Stipend, \$4,000 for Assistant Marching Band Director and \$650 for Band Camp Assistant
- CA:2 Ron Steffanina as Assistant Marching Band Director, Stipend \$4,000 (Clearances on File)
- CA:3 Timothy Weick as Assistant Middle School Play Director, Prorated Salary According to Contract (Clearances on File)
- CA:4 Jeffery Griffith as Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Salary According to Contract (Clearances on File)
- CA:5 Released Time, According to Policy, for Ed Shephard, Ryan Smith, Dave Badamo and Qualifying Athletes to attend the PIAA Track and Field Championship Meet, May 25-27, Shippensburg University, Cost Substitute (Shephard and Badamo Only), Meals and Lodging (Will Use School Van)

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

POLICY:

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

- CA:1 Revised Board Policy No. 249, Bullying/Cyberbullying
- CA:2 Revised attachment (Request for Homebound Instruction) to Board Policy No. 117 Homebound Instruction (Handout)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Pail, for the Board to go out of regular session and into Executive Session at 7:45 pm for legal and personnel matters.

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

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Petcovic, for the board to go out of Executive Session at 9:35 pm.

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

Note: No action was taken following Executive Session.

Adjourn Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Pail, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.
9 Yeas. Adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary