

NOVEMBER 1, 2012

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on November 1, 2012, in the Middle School Library. Vice President Barbara Heyman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, EST following executive session.

Board Members Present:

Lorraine Rocco
Scott Challis
Bobbie Jo Elmer
Harry Gilarno
Barbara Heyman
Mary Ann Petcovic
Dennis Sharpless

Board Members Absent:

Kathleen Schlegel
Mike Tibolet

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Noriene Plate, Business Manager
Richard Edder, Principal, Big Knob/Conway Elementary
Wendy Vannoy, Title 1 Coordinator
Ron Kelm, Middle School Literacy Coach
Shanda Wyatt, 5th & 6th Grade Learning Support
Tina Boyd, Middle School 5th Grade Teacher

Solicitor

N/A

Guests: Levi Ditmore 8th Grade student

Executive Session Motion by Rocco, seconded by Petcovic, for the Board to go into executive session at 6:35 pm, EST to discuss the following:

◆ Personnel Matters

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Sharpless, Gilarno, Rocco, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

Adjourn Executive Session Motion by Sharpless, seconded by Gilarno, to adjourn executive session at 7:05 pm, EST.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Sharpless, Gilarno, Rocco, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

No Action taken.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Presentation by Middle School Staff:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent, announced that the Freedom Intermediate School has been identified as being eligible to be named as a “National Title 1 Distinguished School” because of their hard work with our special education students in Math. On the 2012 assessment, 25.6% more students scored in the proficient or advanced categories than had achieved that level in 2011. Dr. Fuller, asked the Board and audience to acknowledge with a round of applause Mrs. Shanda Wyatt, 5th and 6th Grade Learning Support teacher, Mrs. Wendy Vannoy, Title 1 Coordinator and Middle School Math Coach, and Mr. Ron Kelm, Middle School Literacy Coach for their hard work with our students, as well as the hard work of the rest of the 5th and 6th grade team.

Shanda Wyatt, Learning Support, Wendy Vanoy, Title 1 Coordinator, and Ron Kelm, Literacy Coach, thanked everyone involved in achieving this award. They explained that the school will be judged on five areas of exemplary school effectiveness to include: 1) use of research based strategies; 2) opportunities provided for all students to achieve; 3) Coordination of Title 1 with other programs; 4) implementation of sustained research-based professional development; and 5) established partnerships with parents, families and the community.

Tina Boyd, Middle School Teacher, said the impact of the program has been phenomenal. The teachers have brought back great ideas from workshops to use in the classroom; Aide's take students in small groups helping the students' acquire a higher level of thinking skills and the ability to analyze problems. Levi Ditmore, student, talked about his experiences in class and was recognized for the achievements he has earned in the classroom. **Copy of the handouts is attached to the minute book.**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Release Time Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve release time, According to Policy, for Superintendent to attend New Superintendents' Leadership Briefing, Friday, November 30, 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M., PSBA Conference Center, Mechanicsburg, Cost Lodging, Meals, Mileage and Tolls.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Sharpless, Gilarno, Rocco, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

EDUCATION:

- Released Time Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Challis, to approve released time according to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Special Education:
 - a. Confirm: Danielle Barr, High School Learning Support Teacher, Transition from School to Work Series, October 16 and November 13, Doubletree Hotel-Green Tree, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
2. Math, Science Partnership:
 - a. Confirm: Craig Atkison, High School Biology Teacher, MSP Summer Professional Development, July 23 thru July 27, Saint Vincent College, and July 30 thru August 3, AIU, Cost Mileage
 - b. Confirm: Craig Atkison, High School Biology Teacher, Network Connections, October 25, February 7, May 7, Carnegie Science Center-Pittsburgh (October 25 and February 7) and AIU-Homestead (May 7), Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
 - c. Amy Shultz, Elementary Math Coach, Math Coaches' Network, November 5, AIU Homestead, Cost Mileage
3. Other:
 - a. Winter Keystone Exams Administration Training, November 5, PaTTAN-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
 - ii. Tim Dadich, High School Principal
 - iii. Chris Bennett, High School Guidance Counselor
 - iv. Randy Perkins, Middle School Guidance Counselor
 - b. Gena Tokar, Conway Elementary Reading Specialist, Beaver County Early Care and Education Council, November 8, Red Cross-Beaver, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
 - c. Rita Kaplin, High School Guidance Counselor, RCI Guidance Counselors' Meetings for 2012-2013, BVIU, Cost Mileage
 - d. Media Literacy and Prevention, November 13, Holiday Inn-Monroeville, Cost \$100 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
 - i. Susie Suleski, Middle School Counselor
 - ii. Kristen Milanovich, High School Multi-Media Teacher
 - e. PVAAS Training, November 14, BVIU, Cost \$15 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
 - i. Pete Kappas, Middle School 8th Grade Teacher
 - ii. Ken McLaughlin, Middle School Learning Support Teacher
 - iii. Ron Miller, Middle School 5th Grade Teacher
 - iv. Ryan Smith, Middle School 8th Grade Teacher
 - v. Wendy Vannoy, Middle School Math Coach
 - vi. Danielle Barr, High School Learning Support Teacher
 - vii. Katie Gigl, High School Social Studies Teacher
 - viii. Amy Isanogle, High School Math Teacher
 - ix. George Miklas, High School Learning Support Teacher
 - x. Maria Porter, High School Social Studies Teacher

- xi. Rich Edder, Big Knob/Conway Elementary Principal
- xii. Pam Tesla, Elementary Literacy Coach
- xiii. Amy Shultz, Elementary Math Coach
- xiv. Kristine Ricci, Conway Elementary 4th Grade Teacher
- xv. Sue Camp, Big Knob Elementary 4th Grade Teacher
- f. Lori Landis, Big Knob Elementary Secretary, Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association Fall 2012 Meeting, November 16, Marriott North-Cranberry Township, Cost \$40 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage
- g. Literacy Learning Walk, November 20, Riverside High School, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage:
 - i. Natalie Giebel, Middle School 7th Grade Teacher
 - ii. Sara Heiman, Middle School Library Media Specialist
 - iii. Ron Kelm, Middle School Literacy Coach
 - iv. Cindy Zeigler, Middle School 6th Grade Teacher
- h. Sara Heiman, Middle School Library Media Specialist, Beaver County Association School Librarians' Meetings, December 12, February 20, April 25, BVIU, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
- i. Darlene Corris, Middle School Principal, Plus Middle School Faculty, PA Association for Middle Level Education (PAMLE) 2013 Western Region Professional Development Institute, January 21, Central Valley Middle School, Cost \$10 Registration Fee Per Registrant, Plus Mileage
- j. Principal Effectiveness Training, December 10, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
 - ii. Tim Dadich, High School Principal

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

- 1. Other:
 - a. Rob James, Middle School Band Director, 2012 Beaver County Concert Band Festival, November 7 (Evening) and November 8, Western Beaver High School, Cost \$378 Registration Fee, Substitute, Transportation
 - b. Keith Kovalic, High School Music Teacher, 2012 Beaver County Concert Band Festival, November 8, Western Beaver High School, Cost \$504 Registration Fee, Substitute, Transportation

Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Sharpless, Gilarno, Rocco, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
Mentor	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Challis, to approve Maria Porter as Mentor for Nathaniel Langelli, High School Social Studies Teacher, for 2012-2013 School Year (Salary According to Contract)
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Sharpless, Gilarno, Rocco, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
FMLA	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Challis, to approve FMLA, According to Policy, for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amie Buzza, Big Knob Elementary 1st Grade Teacher, effective approximately October 10 thru November 7, 2012 (Sick leave no longer available) 2. Chris DeLong, Big Knob Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher, effective approximately November 14 thru December 3, 2012.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Sharpless, Gilarno, Rocco, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
L-T Substitute	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Challis, to approve Janie Gilarno as Long-Term Substitute Teacher for Amie Buzza, Big Knob Elementary 1 st Grade Teacher, retroactive to August 23, 2012 (Clearances on File).
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Elmer, Sharpless, Gilarno, Rocco, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
Social Studies Teacher	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Challis, to approve Dan Guerra as Long-Term High School Social Studies Teacher retroactive to October 22, 2012 (Frank Hernandez's Former Position) (Clearances on File).

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Sharpless, Gilarno, Rocco, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
- Learning Support Aide Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Challis, to approve Jaclyn Gulish as Middle School Learning Support Aide based on a five (5) hour and forty-five (45) minute workday, Daily Rate of \$59 (Pending Receipt of Act 151 Clearance and New Employee Drug Screening).
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Sharpless, Gilarno, Rocco, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
- 4th Grade Teacher Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Challis, to approve Jennifer VanDeCar as Conway Elementary 4th Grade Teacher effective upon replacement (Currently Big Knob Elementary Learning Support Teacher).
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Sharpless, Gilarno, Rocco, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
- Safe Schools Grant Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Challis, to approve submission of Safe Schools Targeted Grant in the amount of \$8,500.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Sharpless, Gilarno, Rocco, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

OPERATIONS:

- Retirement Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Elmer, to accept the Retirement of Oliver Dambach, High School Custodian, effective October 15, 2012.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Sharpless, Gilarno, Rocco, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
- Resignation Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Elmer, to accept the Resignation from Dan Guerra as Middle School Security Monitor effective October 19, 2012.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Sharpless, Gilarno, Rocco, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
- Substitutes Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Elmer, to approve the following substitutes:
1. Jennifer Burtyk as Cafeteria and Custodial Substitute (Clearances on File)
2. Kenneth Caplinger as Custodial Substitute (Pending Receipt of Updated Act 114 and 151 Clearances)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Sharpless, Gilarno, Rocco, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

- Released Time Motion by Challis, seconded by Gilarno, to approve release time for Ed Shephard, Cross Country Head Coach, plus four students, to attend PIAA Cross Country Championship Meet, November 2-3, Hershey, Cost Substitute, Approximately \$250 for Lodging and \$300 for Meals, Fuel and Tolls.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Sharpless, Gilarno, Rocco, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis.
Motion carried – 7 Yeas.
- Note: Board member Dennis Sharpless left the meeting at 7:50 pm.
- Adjourn Motion by Challis, seconded by Heyman, to adjourn. All members voting Yea. - 6 Yeas. Adjourned at 7:53 p.m., E.S.T.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary