

SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on September 6, 2012, in the Middle School Library. President Kathleen Schlegel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, EST.

Board Members Present:

Lorraine Rocco
Scott Challis
Bobbie Jo Elmer
Harry Gilarno
Barbara Heyman
Mary Ann Petcovic
Kathleen Schlegel
Dennis Sharpless
Mike Tibolet (Arrived at 7:35 pm)

Board Members Absent:

School Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
Noriene Plate, Business Manager
Tim Dadich, Principal, Senior High School
Richard Edder, Principal, Big Knob Elementary

Solicitor

N/A

Guests: Renee Romutis, Conway

Executive Session Motion by Rocco, seconded by Challis, for the Board to go into executive session at 7:00 pm, EST to discuss the following:

- ◆ Personnel Matters (Superintendent)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Sharpless, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.

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

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Sharpless, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 8 Yeas.

No Action taken.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Invitation:

- An invitation was extended by Dawn Fronius, Food Service Director, for one Board Member’s attendance at the September Pittsburgh Regional Food Services Directors’ Meeting where the State Director will be addressing new meal regulations, Friday, September 21, 7:45 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., Churchill Valley Country Club, Pittsburgh (Handout)

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

A. Dr. Jeff Fuller, Superintendent, provided a back-to-school report, including Third Day Student Enrollment Data and Busing saying school was off to a good start. Central office is tabulating 3rd day enrollment data that will be provided at the Regular Board meeting. The district is moving forward in its search for an Assistant Principal for the Senior High School.

The following back to school reports were given:

Rich Edder, Elementary Principal – Reported that students are settling back into a routine, several new students have enrolled, bussing went well given the road closure, school year is off to a good start.

Tim Dadich, High School Principal - First week went well, students are responding well, pep assembly at the middle school went well and fall sports are beginning.

Curriculum documents are being turned in; meetings will take place with department teachers to establish smart goals. A Principals advisory committee is being established (student focused), there is a good sense of school spirit, drama club is in the process of selecting the school musical, and teachers are identifying students for academic assistance.

Darlene Corris, Middle School Principal – Principal Corris was absent from the meeting but provided a written report given by Dr. Fuller. The reported stated that the new year began with 24 new students in the building. Student course offerings included computer application, 7th Grade Spanish, 8th grade Chorus, and a Technology Coach available each Wednesday. Also stated was that students have responded well to changes. Auditions have taken place for the school play “Cinderella & The Substitute Fairy God Mother” that will be held on November 14th. **Copy of the report will be included in the minute book.**

Noriene Plate, Business Manager – Bussing went as expected, the Middle School lost two students that were not reported to the District, some issues occurred with adding a second bus to CTC.

B. Dr. Fuller advised the Board that the District is in receipt of a letter from the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education, Ronald Tomalis, commending the District “For the Hard work being done to deliver high quality programs to students with Disabilities”, with a determination that Freedom Area School District “Meets Requirements” of Part B of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

C. Dr. Fuller also reported there will be an Auditor’s exit review on Monday, September 10, at 11 a.m. in Central Office for Part B of IDEA.

FINANCE:

- Budget Issues Business Manager Noriene Plate reported that due to an increase in students attending CTC and Charter Schools, the District will be over budget in those two line items.
- TCC Update Business Manager Noriene Plate reported that since Central Tax (CenTax) has failed to collect taxes, Berkheimer will be taking over for them. Tax collections are down approximately 45% at this time.

EDUCATION:

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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Special Education:
 - a. Confirm: School-Based ACCESS Program Training, August 28, PaTTAN-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Gene Feliciani, School Psychologist/Supervisor of Special Education
 - ii. Marian Leo, Special Education Secretary
2. Math, Science Partnership:
 - a. Wendy Vannoy, Middle School Math Coach, 2012-2013 Math Coach Network, October 1, November 5, January 10, February 25, May 6, AIU, Cost Mileage
3. Other:
 - a. Wendy Vannoy, Title I Coordinator, Federal Program New Coordinator Training, September 12, AIU3-Homestead, Cost Mileage
 - b. Stock Market Game Workshop, September 19, BVIU, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage:
 - i. Angela Post, Middle School Math Teacher
 - ii. Ryan Smith, Middle School Math Teacher
 - c. Ron Kelm, Middle School Literacy Coach, Networking and Planning for Instructional Coaching, September 25, Mohawk High School, Cost Mileage
 - d. Pete Kappas, Middle School 8th Grade Teacher, Religious Liberty: The American Experiment, October 4, Sen. Heinz History Center-Pittsburgh, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
 - e. Response to Instruction and Intervention (RtII) Meetings for 2012-2013, October 3, January 29, April 18, BVIU, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage:

- i. Rich Edder, Conway/Big Knob Elementary Principal
- ii. Gene Feliciani, School Psychologist
- iii. Susan Camp, Big Knob Elementary 4th Grade Teacher
- iv. Joy Crouch, Big Knob Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher
- v. Amy DeChellis, Big Knob Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
- vi. Stephanie Hill, Big Knob Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher
- vii. Kris McCowin, Big Knob Elementary 1st Grade Teacher
- viii. Sherry Perry, Big Knob/Conway Elementary Lead Teacher
- ix. Lori Baker, Conway Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher
- x. Leslie DePace, Conway Elementary 1st Grade Teacher
- xi. Kristine Ricci, Conway Elementary 4th Grade Teacher
- xii. Lori Sacco, Conway Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
- xiii. Gena Tokar, Conway Elementary Title I Reading Specialist
- f. Kristen Milanovich, High School Technology Teacher, Teacher Tech Club-Series 1, 10/10, 11/13, 12/13, 1/24, 2/21, 4/5, BVIU, Cost \$125 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage
- g. Youth Energy Forum for Educators, October 11, BCCTC, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
 - ii. Tim Dadich, High School Principal
 - iii. Chris Bennett, High School Counselor
 - iv. Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor
 - v. Ellen Hill, High School Career Coach
 - vi. Henry Podbielski, High School Career Coach
- g. Beaver County Counselors' Meetings for 2012-2013, Location Varies, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Chris Bennett, High School Guidance Counselor
 - ii. Rita Kaplin, High School Guidance Counselor
 - iii. Susie Suleski, Middle School Counselor
 - iv. Randy Perkins, Middle School Counselor
- h. Monthly Transition Coordinators' Meetings for 2012-2013, Location Varies, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor
 - ii. Ellen Hill, High School Career Coach
 - iii. Henry Podbielski, High School Career Coach
- i. Henry Podbielski, High School Career Coach, Beaver County Career Day Planning Committee Meetings for 2012-2013, Location Varies, Cost Mileage

Note: Board Member Mike Tibolet arrived at 7:35 pm.

Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Sharpless, Tibolet, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
Resignation	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to accept the resignation from Stephen Tinker, High School Social Studies Teacher, effective August 31, 2012.
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Sharpless, Tibolet, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
Long-Term Sub	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Blaire Guthrie as Long-Term Substitute Teacher for Rebecca Russell, High School English Teacher, effective August 22 thru November 14, 2012 (Clearances on File).
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Sharpless, Tibolet, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
Cyber Program Aide	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Tibolet, to approve Sara Willis as an Aide for the Cyber Program based on a 5 hour and 45 minute workday, daily rate of \$59 (Pending Receipt of Act 34 and Act 151 Clearances and New Employee Drug Screening)
Roll Call Vote	Yea Votes – Sharpless, Tibolet, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
Day-To-Day Subs	Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve the following as day-to-day Substitute Teachers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suzanne Dado (Clearances on File)

2. Jennifer Edder (Pending Receipt of Act 151 Clearance)

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Sharpless, Tibolet, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
- Unpaid Leave Of Absence Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve unpaid Leave of Absence for Emily Evans, Big Knob Elementary Aide, effective approximately September 4 thru October 30, 2012.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Sharpless, Tibolet, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

OPERATIONS:

- Food Service Employee Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve Rachel Walden as a part-time Food Service Employee (Clearances on File, Pending Receipt of Employee Drug Screening).
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Sharpless, Tibolet, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
- Teacher Transfer Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve transfer of Dan Guerra from High School to Middle School as a Security Monitor (Currently serving as substitute in High School History Class).
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Sharpless, Tibolet, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
- Lovi Road Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Challis, to approve the following due to closure of Lovi Road effective September 6 thru Late January 2013 (Administrative Report):
 1. Additional Van for Student Transportation
 2. Revised Bus Schedule (Also Includes New Bus Runs for CTC)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Sharpless, Tibolet, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

- Resignations Motion by Challis, seconded by Rocco, to accept the following resignations:
 1. Patty Donaldson, Clock Operator for Junior Varsity Football Games
 2. Steve Tinker, Assistant Track and Cross Country Coach
 3. Detmar Starr, Assistant Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach
 4. Caleb Schoy, Assistant Varsity Football Coach
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Sharpless, Tibolet, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
- Coaches Motion by Challis, seconded by Rocco, to approve the following coaches:
 1. Detmar Starr, Volunteer Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach for Middle School/Junior Varsity Teams (Clearances on File)
 2. Jamie Shroyer, Volunteer Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach (Clearances on File)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Sharpless, Tibolet, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
- Homecoming Sponsor Motion by Challis, seconded by Rocco, to approve Anna Maria Folmar as Homecoming Sponsor, salary according to contract (Clearances on File)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Sharpless, Tibolet, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.
- Football Game Manager Motion by Challis, seconded by Rocco, to approve Dan O'Leary as Football Game Manager, Salary \$155 (Clearances on File)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Sharpless, Tibolet, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session Motion by Challis, seconded by Heyman, for the Board to go into executive session at 7:45 pm, EST to discuss the following:

- ◆ Personnel Matters
- ◆ Legal Matters

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Sharpless, Tibolet, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

Adjourn Executive Session Motion by Challis, seconded by Rocco, to adjourn executive session at 8:45 pm, EST.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Sharpless, Tibolet, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

Athletic Trainer Motion by Challis, seconded by Rocco, to accept the donation of Athletic Trainer Services from Greater Pittsburgh Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine (GPPT) until at least the end of the football season. Contract to be developed by District Solicitor. GPPT employee, Daniel E. Primm, MPT, ATC, will have necessary clearances.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Sharpless, Tibolet, Gilarno, Schlegel, Rocco, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, and Challis. Motion carried – 9 Yeas.

Adjourn Motion by Challis, seconded by Heyman, to adjourn. All members voting Yea. - 9 Yeas. Adjourned at 8:50 p.m., E.S.T.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary