

**Board of School Directors Meeting**  
**“Students Are the Center of the Decision Making Process”**  
**November 13, 2014**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Open School Communications: Positive and Constructive Comments Between School Board Members, Administrators and Community:
1. Freedom Area High School H.O.P.E. and Student of the Month Awards for October 2014 (**Administrative Report**):
    - H.O.P.E. Award (Theme – “Thinks Outside the Box”):
      - Maria Porter, Social Studies Teacher
    - Students of the Month Award (Theme – “Positive Attitude”)
      - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:
        - Boy - Nicholas Charlovich
        - Girl - Amanda Herzog
      - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade:
        - Boy - Levi Bonzo
        - Girl - Lara Pavlick and Kalyn Roberts
      - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade:
        - Boy - Noah Trombetta
        - Girl - Meghan Kiefer
      - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:
        - Boy - Michael Keith
        - Girl - Rachel DeCesaris
  2. Freedom Area Middle School H.O.P.E. Award for October 2014 (Theme – “Consistently Supportive to Students”) (**Administrative Report**):
    - Tina Boyd, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

**COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D):**

3. Receipt of Letter from Beaver Residents Complimenting the Big Red Marching Band for its Performance of the Half-Time Show at the Freedom-Beaver Football Game; Special Consideration for the Three Members of the Football Team Who Performed With the Band
- B. Invitation:
1. 2014 Freedom Soccer Banquet, Friday, November 21, 6:30 P.M., Franzee's Banquet Hall, Ambridge, \$20 Per Adult, \$12 Per Child, Children Under 10 Free
  2. **BVIU 2014 Reorganization Meeting, Tuesday, December 9, 5:45 P.M., Beaver County Career & Technology Center, RSVP to Sandy DiSante at [sdisante@freedom.k12.pa.us](mailto:sdisante@freedom.k12.pa.us) by Wednesday, November 26 (Guests of Board Members are Welcome to Attend, \$23 Per Guest) (Enclosure)**
  3. NSBA 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference to be Held in Nashville on the Dates of March 20-23, 2015 - **Approve Board Attendance**
- C. Other:
1. Request from BVIU to Appoint/Approve a Representative for the Following:
    - a. Beaver Valley Joint School Committee for New Horizon School, Annual Term (Current Representative – Mary Ann Petcovic; Current Alternate – Lorraine Rocco)
    - b. PSBA/BVIU Legislative Action Council, Annual Term (Current Representative – Barbara Heyman; Current Alternate – Mary Ann Petcovic)
    - c. CTC Authority Board, Five Year Term (Current Representative – Wanda Murray)
  2. **December 2014 Reorganization and Board Meetings to be Held on Thursday, December 4**
- D. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) **(Enclosure)**

**PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:**

(Formal Request – 10 Minutes / Informal Request – 5 Minutes)

Open

**ENCLOSURES:**

- A. Information Memo on BVIU 2014 Reorganization Meeting **(Communications – Item B.2.)**
- B. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) **(Communications – Item C.)**
- C. November 2014 Budget Transfers **(Finance – Item G.)**
- D. Health Insurance Coverage Letter **(Finance – Item H.)**
- E. List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors **(Extra-Curricular – Item A.)**
- F. Update to Athletic Coaches' Contract **(Extra-Curricular – Item B.)**
- G. Free-Reduced Lunch Report as of November 5, 2014 – **District at 44.23%**
- H. **Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of November 4, 2014 – Current Projected Annual Cost for 2014-2015 School Year \$840,559.84; 42 Cyber/Charter Students, 36 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students - 78**
- I. Winter Storm Forecasts for 2014-2015 (Snowfall and Temperature)
- J. BVIU School Board Notes for October 29, 2014 Meeting

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- A. Approve Entering into an Agreement to Lease the Gas/Oil Rights to 45.951 Acres of District Property in New Sewickley Township Pursuant to the Negotiated Lease Agreement and Addendum at a Rate of \$2,000 Per Acre for the Five-Year Primary Term with an Option for Penn Energy to Extend the Lease Agreement for an Additional Five-Year Term at \$2,500 Per Acre, and a Royalty Payment of 17% **(Signature Required) (Handout 11-6-14)**

**LEGISLATION:**

Open

**FINANCE:**

- A. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$599,763.41 (Second Check Run for October 2014)
- B. Approve Bills in the Amount of **\$467,450.65** (First Check Run for November 2014)
- C. Approve Capital Improvement First Check Run for October 2014 - \$310.84
- D. Approve Capital Improvement First Check Run for November 2014 - \$55,355.20

**FINANCE (CONT'D):**

- E. Approve Primary Center Construction Payment in the Amount of \$724,105.31 (First Check Run for November 2014); as Approved by VEBH Architects and S. P. Smith Construction (**Handout 11-6-14 – Scott Smith**)
- F. Approve October 2014 Cafeteria Report
- G. Approve November 2014 Budget Transfers (**Enclosure**)
- H. Approve Health Insurance Coverage Letter (**Enclosure**)
- I. Approve Use of Technology Fund Balance (\$225,081) to Purchase a UPS-Uninterrupted Power Source for the Server Room, Not to Exceed \$20,000
- J. Approve 4% as Remuneration for Work Related to the Collection of Interim Taxes (**Retroactive to July 1, 2014**)
- K. Approve Fee Adjustment Proposal from Tucker Arensberg Commencing January 1, 2015; Hourly Rate Increase from \$105 to \$110, \$400 Retainer for Attendance at Board's Monthly Legislative Meeting Remains Unchanged (Last Increase 2013)

**Note in Minutes:**

- L. Beaver County School Health Insurance Consortium Report for September 2014
- M. October 2014 Treasurer's Report to be Provided in December Due to Technology Issues
- N. Finance Committee Meeting Held on Thursday, November 6, at 6:00 P.M., in Middle School Room E109

**EDUCATION:**

- A. Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

1. **Special Education:**

- a. Jennifer Glover, Middle School Learning Support Teacher, Assistive Technology Roundtable: Raising Awareness, January 30, BVIU, Cost \$20 Registration Fee and Substitute

2. **Other:**

- a. CPI Non-Violent Crisis Prevention Training, November 18-19, BVIU, Cost \$30 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
  - i. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
  - ii. Rich Edder, Conway/Big Knob Elementary Principal
  - iii. Gene Feliciani, School Psychologist

**EDUCATION (CONT'D):**

- iv. Leslie DePace, Conway Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
- v. Karen Suhayda, Conway Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher
- vi. John Capehart, Conway Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher
- vii. Erin Carnevale, Conway Elementary Learning Support Teacher
- viii. Erica Davids, Big Knob Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
- ix. Kristine McCowin, Big Knob Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
- x. Chris DeLong, Big Knob Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher
- xi. Amanda Whitworth, Big Knob Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
- xii. Lauren Harley, Big Knob Elementary Learning Support Teacher
- b. 2014 SAS Institute: The Power of Performance, December 7-9, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Cost \$200 Registration Fee, Lodging \$300 (Estimate–Slavic Only, Free Lodging for Deal), Meals \$100 (Estimate), Tolls, Mileage:
  - i. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
  - ii. William Deal, High School Principal
- c. Math 24/First in Math Training, December 10, BVIU, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage:
  - i. Kelly Guerra, Middle School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
  - ii. Wendy Clibbens, Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
- d. Beaver County Technology Council Meetings, December 18, February 19, April 16, BVIU (Will Use School Van):
  - i. William Deal, High School Principal
  - ii. Frank Hernandez, High School Assistant Principal
  - iii. Tom Hickey, K-12 Technology Coach
  - iv. Courtney Anderson, Cyber Coordinator
- e. William Deal, High School Principal, ISTE 2015 Conference, June 28 thru July 1, Pennsylvania Convention Center-Philadelphia, Cost \$392 Registration Fee, Lodging (\$1,104), Parking (\$100), Tolls (\$50)
- f. Darlene Corris, Middle School Principal, PAMLE Principals' Breakfast, November 20, LaRoche College, Cost Mileage

**EDUCATION (CONT'D):**

- g. Tiffany Beckwith, Middle School Computer Applications Teacher, PETE & C Conference, February 8-11, Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Cost \$257 Registration Fee, Substitute, Lodging (\$519.48), Meals (\$140), Mileage (\$258.72), Tolls
- h. PSAHPERD State Convention, November 20-22, Champion, PA:
  - i. Chris Coennen, High School Health/Physical Education Teacher, Cost Substitute, \$180 Registration Fee, \$497 Lodging (Includes Meals), Mileage Plus Tolls
  - ii. Lisa Woods, High School Health/Physical Education Teacher, Cost Substitute, \$180 Registration Fee, Meals (\$75), Mileage Plus Tolls

**STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:**

- 1. **Gifted:**
  - a. Jennifer Glover, Middle School Learning Support Teacher, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Propaganda Competition, November 25, Dutch Ridge Elementary School-Beaver, Cost \$3.50 Per Student/Game Registration Fee, Substitute, Transportation
- 2. **Other:**
  - a. Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher:
    - i. Manufacturing of Robot, November 4, 12, 19, 25 and December 3, 10, Veka Inc.-Fombell (Will Use School Van)
    - ii. Prepare for DECA Competition, November 15, Robert Morris University (Will Use School Van)
  - b. Susie Suleski, Middle School Counselor, Plus 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Instructional Staff, Kids on Campus Education Day for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, December 3, A.J. Palumbo Center-Duquesne University, No Cost to District (Transportation Paid by PTSA)
  - c. Holocaust Memorial Museum, January 30, Washington, D.C., Cost Substitute:
    - i. Carole Hartman, High School English Teacher
    - ii. Katie Gigl, High School Social Studies Teacher
    - iii. KC Hastings, High School Math Teacher
    - iv. Amy Isanogle, High School Math Teacher
    - v. George Miklas, High School Learning Support Teacher

**EDUCATION (CONT'D):**

- d. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Instructional Staff, Heinz History Museum, December 18, Pittsburgh, No Cost to District (Transportation and Entrance Fees Paid by PTSA)
- e. Holiday Community Service Performance, December 18-19, District Elementary/Middle Schools and Community Centers, Cost Substitute:
  - i. Keith Kovalic, High School Music Teacher
  - ii. George Miklas, High School Learning Support Teacher
- 3. **Special Education:**
  - a. **Confirm:** Carpentry Job Shadowing, November 13, Carpentry Training Center-Robinson Township, No Cost to District:
    - i. Jeff Griffith, High School Half-Time Learning Support Teacher
    - ii. Henry Podbielski, High School Career Coach

**OPERATIONS:**

- A. Approve Participation in the Western Pennsylvania Gasoline/Diesel Fuel Consortium for 2015-2016
- B. Approve Participation in the BVIU 2015-2016 Joint Purchasing Program, Cost \$600
- C. Approve Brianna Lang as Substitute School Nurse Aide, Salary \$13 Per Hour (**Pending Receipt of Updated Act 151 and Act 114 Clearances**)

**Note in Minutes:**

- D. Food Facility Inspection Report by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for:
  - 1. Big Knob Elementary School, Status – In Compliance (October 9, 2014)
  - 2. Middle School, Status – In Compliance (October 22, 2014)
  - 3. High School, Status – In Compliance (October 22, 2014)

**FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:**

- A. Progress Update
- B. Approve the Following Change Orders:
  - 1. Modify Nine (9) New Beams to Allow for Unforeseen Existing Joist Extensions, Cost \$6,856

**FACILITIES MASTER PLAN (CONT'D):**

2. Modify Existing Beam and Add Structural Support to Allow for the Steel Column Located at the End of Corridor L126, Cost \$2,429
3. Rework the Layout of New Storm Piping, Cost \$2,095
4. Adjustment to Change Order Approved in June 2014 for the Installation of Three (3) Water Valves and Tie into Existing Water Service Line, Credit of \$772

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

- A. Approve List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors **(Enclosure)**
- B. Approve Update to Athletic Coaches' Contract **(Enclosure)**
- C. Accept Resignation of Bill VanDeCar as Varsity Track and Field Assistant Coach
- D. Approve the Following Coaches, Salary According to Contract:
  1. John Mohrbacher, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach **(Clearances on File)**
  2. Jeffery Griffith, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach **(Clearances on File)**
- E. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Dan O'Leary, Head Baseball Coach, Plus Two (2) Assistant Coaches, to Attend 2015 Pennsylvania Baseball Coaches' Clinic, January 9-10, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Green Tree, Cost \$240 Registration Fee
- F. Approve Dan Stehle as Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach, Salary According to Contract **(Clearances on File)**
- G. Approve Varsity Boys' Basketball Participation in an Exhibition Game in Cleveland, OH, Friday, December 19, 2014

**POLICY:**

Open

**MEET AND DISCUSS:**

Open