

OCTOBER 6, 2011

The Freedom Area School Board held their Agenda Board Meeting on October 6, 2011, 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
Barbara Heyman
Mary Ann Petcovic
Kathleen Schlegel

Board Members Absent:

Mike Tibolet
Harry Gilarno
Gregory Lehocky

Newspaper:

N/A

School Staff Present:

Ron Sofo, Superintendent
Norienne Plate, Business Manager
Richard Edder, Principal, Middle School
Debra Baycura, Principal, Elementary
Nan Karpinski & Cheryl Blinn Custodial Staff

Solicitor

N/A

Guests: Sharon Ward, Freedom; Bob Cercone, School Negotiator, Freedom

- Minutes Motion by Challis, seconded by Elmer, to approve the following minutes:
Agenda Meeting September 8, 2011
Regular Meeting September 15, 2011
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Heyman, Challis, Rocco, Elmer, Schlegel, and Petcovic. Motion carried
– 6 Yeas.
- Bills Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to approve the second check run for
payment of bills for the month of September 2011, in the amount of \$523,536.47.
**Copy of the bills is in each Board Member's packet and copy attached to the
minutes in the minute book.**
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Elmer, Rocco, Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, and Schlegel. Motion carried
– 6 Yeas.
- Executive Session Motion by Challis, seconded by Heyman, for the Board to go into executive session at
7:05 pm, EST to discuss the following:

♦ Student Matter (Meet & Discuss #A)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Heyman, Challis, Rocco, Elmer, Schlegel, and Petcovic. Motion carried
– 6 Yeas.
- Adjourn Executive Motion by Challis, seconded by Elmer, to adjourn executive session at 7:15 pm,
Session EST.
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Elmer, Petcovic, Heyman, Schlegel, and Rocco. Motion carried
– 6 Yeas.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Release Time Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve release time, According to
Policy, for Superintendent to confirm and attend:
• Development of PA School Report Card Website, Monday, October 3, 10:30
A.M.–12:00 P.M., AIU-Homestead (Administrative Report)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Heyman, Challis, Rocco, Elmer, Schlegel, and Petcovic. Motion carried
– 6 Yeas.

FINANCE:

- Exclusive Collector Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic., to approve Keystone Municipal

Collections as the exclusive collector of Delinquent Earned Income Taxes accrued or due to be filed and paid by Taxpayer thru Tax Year 2011 (Administrative Report) (Signatures Required)

- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Heyman, Challis, Rocco, Elmer, Schlegel, and Petcovic. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- Resolution Motion by Heyman, seconded by Petcovic, to approve resolution establishing reasonable costs of collection for delinquent taxes and imposing the cost of such collection upon the delinquent taxpayer (Administrative Report) (Signatures Required)
- Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Heyman, Challis, Rocco, Elmer, Schlegel, and Petcovic. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.
- Negotiations Early Bird Negotiations (Executive Session)

EDUCATION:

- Released Time Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Challis, to approve released time according to Act 48:
1. Special Education:
 - a. Confirm: Response to Instruction and Intervention (RtII) Meeting, September 29, January 25, April 3, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Debra Baycura, Special Education Director/Elementary Principal
 - ii. Gene Feliciani, School Psychologist
 - b. Crisis Prevention Intervention Team Training, November 2 and November 3, BVIU, Cost \$35 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
 - i. Rich Edder, Middle School Principal
 - ii. Gene Feliciani, School Psychologist
 - iii. Randy Perkins, Middle School Guidance Counselor
 - iv. Susie Suleski, Middle School Guidance Counselor
 - v. Jim Culler, Middle School 7th Grade Teacher
 - vi. Ken McLaughlin, Middle School 7th/8th Grade Learning Support Teacher
 - vii. Lisa Moore, Middle School 6th Grade Teacher
 - viii. Angela Post, Middle School 7th Grade Math Teacher
 - ix. Amanda Swiontek, Middle School 6th Grade Teacher
 - x. Shanda Wyatt, Middle School 5th/6th Grade Learning Support Teacher
 - c. Henry Podbielski, High School Learning Support Teacher, 2011-2012 Beaver County Career Day Planning Committee Meetings, Panera Bread-Monaca, Cost Mileage
 2. Gifted:
 - a. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator, Acceleration: Making Well-Informed Decisions, March 13, Carnegie Mellon University, Cost \$75 Registration Fee Plus Mileage
 3. Math, Science Partnership:
 - a. Community of Practice-Math and Science Positive Practices, October 13 and October 14, Big Knob/Conway Elementary Schools, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage:
 - i. Debbie Baycura, Elementary Principal
 - ii. Linda Haffner, Big Knob Elementary 4th Grade Teacher
 - iii. Sherry Perry, Elementary Science Coach/Lead Teacher
 - iv. Amy Shultz, Substitute Math Coach/Conway Elementary 4th Grade Teacher
 - b. Community of Practice-Math and Science Teaching Practices, October 27, November 3, December 2, January 24, February 9, February 22, BVIU, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage:
 - i. Debbie Baycura, Elementary Principal
 - ii. Linda Haffner, Big Knob Elementary 4th Grade Teacher
 - iii. Sherry Perry, Elementary Science Coach/Lead Teacher
 - iv. Amy Shultz, Substitute Math Coach/Conway Elementary 4th Grade Teacher
 4. Other:
 - a. Confirm: Matt Scala, Technology Director, Training Session for Reporting Special Education Data Through PennData and PIMS, September 29, PaTTAN-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage
 - b. Confirm: Rich Heisler, Middle School 8th Grade Science Teacher, 2011-2012 Future City Competition Orientation, September 30, Carnegie Science Center, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage

- c. Darlene Corris, High School Assistant Principal, AEDY Fall Conference, October 13, PA Federation of Teachers Building-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage
- d. Susie Suleski, Middle School Guidance Counselor, SAP Coordination Meetings for 2011-2012, The Prevention Network-Baden, Cost Mileage
- e. Beaver County Counselors' Meetings for 2011-2012, Location Varies, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Rita Kaplin, High School Guidance Counselor
 - ii. Susie Suleski, Middle School Guidance Counselor
 - iii. Randy Perkins, Middle School Guidance Counselor
- f. Three Rivers Educational Technology Conference, November 16, Regional Learning Center-Cranberry Woods, Cost \$99 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
 - i. Brandi Burger, High School Biology Teacher
 - ii. Frank Hernandez, High School History Teacher
 - iii. Becky Russell, High School English Teacher

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

- 1. Other:
 - a. Beaver County Honors Band, November 2 and November 3, Ambridge Area High School, Cost \$900 Registration Fee, Substitute (November 3 Only), Transportation:
 - i. Keith Kovalic, High School Band Director
 - ii. Rob James, Middle School Band Director

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Heyman, Challis, Rocco, Elmer, Schlegel, and Petcovic. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

Substitutes Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve the following as day-to-day Substitute Teacher:
1. Marianne Malloy (Clearances on File)
2. Janet Zigerell (Clearances on File).

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Heyman, Challis, Rocco, Elmer, Schlegel, and Petcovic. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

Science Coach Motion by Petcovic, seconded by Heyman, to approve Sherry Perry as K-8 Science Coach for 2011-2012 School Year, Salary \$2,000.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Heyman, Challis, Rocco, Elmer, Schlegel, and Petcovic. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

Resignation Motion by Challis, seconded by Heyman, to accept the resignation of Patty Donaldson as Boys' Basketball Ticket Seller.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Heyman, Challis, Rocco, Elmer, Schlegel, and Petcovic. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

Supervisor Motion by Challis, seconded by Heyman, to approve Patty Donaldson as Supervisor for Boys' High School Basketball Games (Clearances on File)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Heyman, Challis, Rocco, Elmer, Schlegel, and Petcovic. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

OPERATIONS:

Release Time Motion by Elmer, seconded by Petcovic, to confirm and approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Carrie Knopp, Middle School Security Monitor, to attend Student Assistance Program Fall Training, October 4-5 and October 11-12, The Prevention Network-Baden, Cost \$300 Registration Fee Plus Mileage.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Heyman, Challis, Rocco, Elmer, Schlegel, and Petcovic. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

Release Time Motion by Elmer, seconded by Petcovic, to approve Release Time, According to

Policy, for Bonnie Adams, School Nurse, to attend Assessment Skills Simulation and Education for the School Setting, October 10, Keystone Simulation Center-Potter Township, Cost \$60 Registration Fee Plus Mileage.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Heyman, Challis, Rocco, Elmer, Schlegel, and Petcovic. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

NOTE: Robert Cercone, Contract Negotiations and former Superintendent attended the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Release Time Motion by Elmer, seconded by Petcovic, to approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Noriene Plate, Business Manager, or Linda Eldridge, Payroll Coordinator, to attend ProSoft and Harris School Solutions Introductory Meeting, October 14, 1:00 P.M., Four Points by Sheraton-Warrendale, Cost Mileage.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Heyman, Challis, Rocco, Elmer, Schlegel, and Petcovic. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

Part-time Position Motion by Elmer, seconded by Heyman, to approve Lori Bohach from Substitute to Permanent Part-Time Position for Food Service Department (Clearances on File)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Heyman, Challis, Rocco, Elmer, Schlegel, and Petcovic. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

Substitute Motion by Elmer, seconded by Heyman, to approve Amy Ray as Food Service Department Substitute (Clearances on File)

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Heyman, Challis, Rocco, Elmer, Schlegel, and Petcovic. Motion carried – 6 Yeas.

MEET & DISCUSS

Student Matter Executive Session

Note: Board Member Bobbie Jo Elmer left the meeting at 7:55 pm due to conflict of interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, for the Board to go into executive session at 7:55 pm, EST to discuss the following:

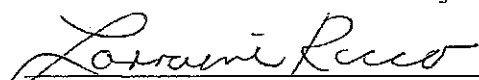
- ◆ Contract Negotiations (Finance #C)
- ◆ Student Matter (Meet & Discuss (A))

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes –Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Schlegel, and Rocco. Motion carried – 5 Yeas.

Adjourn Executive Session Motion by Challis, seconded by Heyman, to adjourn executive session at 8:50 pm, EST.

Roll Call Vote Yea Votes – Challis, Petcovic, Heyman, Schlegel, and Rocco. Motion carried – 5 Yeas.

Adjourn Motion by Heyman, seconded by Challis, to adjourn. All members voting Yea. - 5 Yeas. Adjourned at 8:50 p.m., E.S.T.


Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary