

Board of School Directors Meeting
“Students Are the Center of the Decision Making Process”
September 18, 2014

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Open School Communications: Positive and Constructive Comments Between School Board Members, Administrators and Community:
1. Freedom Area High School Received Recognition from U.S. News and World Report as a Bronze Award High School in Their Ranking of the Best High Schools in Pennsylvania
 2. Freedom Area Girls' Soccer Team Was Selected to Participate in a Game at Highmark Stadium, Station Square, on Monday, September 15, 6:30 P.M. – **Team Won Game by a Score of 3-0**
 3. Alumni Scholarship Gift
- B. Other:
1. Open House Dates:
 - Elementary – Thursday, September 18, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
 - Middle School (Grades 7 & 8) – Tuesday, September 23, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
 - Middle School (Grades 5 & 6) – Wednesday, September 24, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
 2. Parent-Teacher Conferences (Act 80 Day):
 - District Wide – Friday, October 31
 3. Rachel's Challenge Event:
 - Middle School – Thursday, September 18 (School Day Event)
 - Community – Thursday, September 18, 6:00 P.M., High School Auditorium
 - High School – Friday, September 19 (School Day Event)
 - Elementary – October (Date to be Determined) (School Day Event)

COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D):

4. Approve the Following PSBA 2015 Slate of Candidates:
 - President Elect – Kathy K. Swope
 - Charles H. Ballard
 - Vice President – Mark B. Miller
 - Treasurer – Otto W. Voit III
 - At Large Representative (West) – Daniel J. O'Keefe
5. **October 2014 School Board Meetings to be Held on October 2 and October 9**
- C. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (**Enclosure**)

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

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

Open

MINUTES:

- A. Approve Minutes of August 14 and August 21, 2014

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (**Communications – Item C.**)
- B. Amendment to the Job Description for the Director of Curriculum and Instruction/Special Education Director for the 2014-2015 School Year (**Superintendent's Report – Item A.**)
- C. 2014-2015 Local District Budget/Millage Data Provided by BVIU (**Finance – Item J.**)
- D. Slippery Rock University Impact on Student Learning Through Action Research Application and Protocol Form (**Education – Item G.**)
- E. BVIU Composite Calendar for 2014-2015 School Year (**Education – Item H.**)
- F. List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (**Extra-Curricular – Item A.**)
- G. Third Day Enrollment Data for 2014-2015
- H. Free-Reduced Lunch Report as of September 2, 2014 (New Applicants Only) – **District at 36.83%**
- I. **Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of September 15, 2014 – Current Projected Annual Cost for 2014-2015 School Year \$829,303.47; 39 Cyber/Charter Students, 36 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of Students - 75**

ENCLOSURES (CONT'D):

- J. 2014-2015 Freedom Area School District General Office Telephone Directory
- K. **BVIU School Board Notes for August 27, 2014 Meeting**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. Approve Amendment to the Job Description for the Director of Curriculum and Instruction/Special Education Director for the 2014-2015 School Year **(Enclosure)**
- B. **Third Day Enrollment Data Comparison (Handout)**
- C. **2014-2015 Transportation Facts (Handout)**
- D. **Pennsylvania Basic Education Funding Campaign Statewide Videoconference Event, Tuesday, September 30, 7:00 P.M. – 8:45 P.M., BVIU**

LEGISLATION:

Open

FINANCE:

- A. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$728,062.72 (Second Check Run for August 2014)
- B. Approve Bills in the Amount of **\$429,873.44** (First Check Run for September 2014)
- C. Approve Capital Improvement Second Check Run for August 2014 - \$244.46
- D. Approve Capital Improvement First Check Run for September 2014 - **\$34,640.38**
- E. Approve Primary Center Construction Payments in the Amount of **\$458,798.78** (First Check Run for September 2014); as Approved by VEBH Architects and S. P. Smith Construction **(Handout 9-11-14 – Scott Smith)**
- F. Approve August 2014 Treasurer's Report
- G. Approve August 2014 Cafeteria Report
- H. Approve Petition of the Tax Claim Bureau of Beaver County to Sell Certain Enumerated Properties Under Sections 612 and 612.1 of the Pennsylvania Real Estate Tax Sale Law
- I. **Approve September 2014 Payment in the Amount of \$99,741 to R.J. Rhodes Transit, Inc., Per Contract, Once All Clearances are Received**

FINANCE (CONT'D):

Note in Minutes:

- J. 2014-2015 Local District Budget/Millage Data Provided by BVIU (Enclosure)
- K. Beaver County School Health Insurance Consortium Report for August 2014

EDUCATION:

- A. Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. **Special Education:**

- a. Beaver County Monthly Transition Coordinators' Meetings for 2014-2015, Location Varies, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor
 - ii. Ellen Hill, High School Career Coach
 - iii. Henry Podbielski, High School Career Coach
- b. Jessika Fontaine, High School Learning Support Teacher, Glade Run Autism Workshop, October 10, Zelienople, Cost \$99 Registration Fee Plus Substitute

2. **Math, Science Partnership:**

- a. Brandi Burger, High School Biology Teacher, Network Connections Math & Science Collaborative, October 23 and February 5, Carnegie Science Center-Pittsburgh, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage

3. **Other:**

- a. Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher:
 - i. District DECA Advisor Planning Meeting, September 24, North Allegheny High School, Cost Substitute
 - ii. New and Second Year Teacher Orientation for Robotics, October 1, New Century Careers-Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage
 - iii. Southwest PA BotsIQ Robotics Training, October 14, Community College of Allegheny County-West Mifflin, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
- b. Pennsylvania Institute of Instructional Coaching (PIIC) Conference, September 29 thru October 1, Penn Stater Conference Center, Cost Mileage (Overnight Accommodations Paid by PIIC):
 - i. Ron Kelm, Middle School Literacy Coach
 - ii. Amy Shultz, Elementary Math Coach

EDUCATION (CONT'D):

- c. Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS), October 6, November 14 and December 12, BVIU, Cost \$165 Registration Fee, Substitute, Mileage:
 - i. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
 - ii. Emily Mather, Elementary Literacy Coach
 - iii. Ron Kelm, Middle School Literacy Coach
 - iv. Lisa Levenson, Conway Elementary Title I Reading Specialist
- d. Beaver County Counselors' Meetings for 2014-2015, Location Varies, Cost Mileage:
 - i. Chris Bennett, High School Counselor
 - ii. Rita Kaplin, High School Counselor
 - iii. Susie Suleski, Middle School Counselor
 - iv. Randy Perkins, Middle School Counselor
- e. Penn Literacy Network for 2014-2015, BVIU, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage:
 - i. Blaire Lasko, High School English Teacher
 - ii. Lisa Finch, Middle School 7th & 8th Grade Reading Teacher
 - iii. Pete Kappas, Middle School 8th Grade History Teacher
 - iv. Amie Buzza, Big Knob Elementary 1st Grade Teacher
 - v. Lisa Levenson, Conway Elementary Title I Reading Specialist
 - vi. Emily Mather, Elementary Literacy Coach
- f. Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse On-Line Training thru BVIU, October 13, Cost \$15 Registration Fee:
 - i. Michelle Koutsourais, Middle School 8th Grade Math Teacher
 - ii. Chantelle McKim, Middle School 8th Grade English Teacher
- g. Valerie Marburger, High School Technology Teacher, October 10, DSLR Cameras and Video Workshop, Pittsburgh Technical Institute-Oakdale, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
- h. Ron Kelm, Middle School Literacy Coach, PIIC - Instructional Coaches Development Network for 2014-2015, BVIU, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage

EDUCATION (CONT'D):

- i.** **Confirm:** Randy Perkins, Middle School Counselor, Special Education PIMS Changes for 2014-2015, September 17, BVIU, Cost Mileage

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

- 1. **Special Education:**
 - a. Living Treasures Animal Park Job Shadowing, October 3, Moraine, Cost Substitute Plus Transportation:
 - i. Ellen Hill, High School Career Coach
 - ii. Jessika Fontaine, High School Learning Support Teacher
 - iii. Danielle Barr, High School Learning Support Teacher**
- 2. **Other:**
 - a. Heather Giammaria, High School English Teacher:
 - i. Young Playwrights Festival-Pittsburgh, October 1, Cost Substitute
 - ii. Pittsburgh Public Theatre, October 15, Cost Substitute
 - b. Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher, Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures, October 20, Carnegie Music Hall-Pittsburgh, No Cost to District (After School)
- B. Approve Request from Tricia Schink, Conway Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher, for Four Unpaid Days, December 2 thru December 5, 2014, According to Policy No. 439
- C. Approve Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Act 48 Program Agreement for Services with PHASE 4 Learning Center, Inc. for 2014-2015 School Year, \$6,500 Per Student (No Increase from Previous Year)
- D. Approve Acceptance of \$500 Gift from Alumnus C.J. Arbes, Esquire, FAHS Class of 1961
- E.** Approve Addendum to Day Student Education Agreement With Glade Run Lutheran Services for the Adventures Program Beginning September 2014 thru End of School Year for One Student – Cost \$75 Per Half Day, Up to Three (3) Half Days Per Week (Unbudgeted Costs)
- F.** Approve Maternity Leave for Jennifer VanDeCar, Conway Elementary 4th Grade Teacher, Beginning Approximately November 10 thru December 19, 2014; Followed by FMLA, According to Policy, Beginning January 5 thru January 16, 2015
- G.** Approve Action Research Project “How can the use of I-Pads in a 5th grade learning support math class increase overall scores on multiplication facts’ assessments?” for Student Teacher Marisa Braddock of Slippery Rock University (**Enclosure**)

EDUCATION (CONT'D):

- H. Approve Maternity Leave for Renae Bogdan, Elementary Speech Therapist, Effective Approximately November 18 thru December 12, 2014; Followed by FMLA Beginning December 15 thru February 27, 2015
- I. Approve Client Services Agreement and Client Assignment Confirmation With Soliant Health, Inc. for Speech and Language Services to District Students Effective Approximately November 13, 2014, thru February 27, 2015, Cost \$51.28 Per Hour (Five Days Per Week With a Minimum of 37.5 Hours) (Cost Not to Exceed \$24,000) **(Signature Required)**

Note in Minutes:

- J. BVIU Composite Calendar for 2014-2015 School Year **(Enclosure)**

OPERATIONS:

- A. Approve District's Annual Participation in Beaver County Cancer & Heart Association Blood Lipid Screening Program for 7th Grade Students and Employees, Wednesday, December 3 – Cost to Students \$5, Cost to Adults \$15
- B. Approve Memorandum of Understanding With Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette, Inc. to Operate its Head Start Program Within a Classroom Space at the Freedom Area Middle School, Effective August 1, 2014, thru May 31, 2015, Unless Sooner Terminated or Extended
- C. Approve the Award of Bids and Authorize the Execution of Contracts with the Following Firms that Submitted the Lowest Responsible Bids (Bids Opened on Monday, September 15, at 1:00 P.M.):
 - High School HVAC Control System:
 - Building Control - \$120,700
 - High School Roof Repairs:
 - Triangle Roofing Inc. - \$56,947
- D. Approve the Following:
 - 1. Ivania McIlvain as Permanent Part-Time Cafeteria Employee, Salary According to Contract **(Clearances on File, Pending Receipt of New Employee Drug Screening)**
 - 2. Jeana Powell as Substitute Cafeteria Employee, Salary According to Contract (Clearances on File)
- E. Approve a Two Year Extension of the Current Agreement With Direct Energy Business on the Columbia Gas System Which Will Cover the Time Period September 1, 2015, thru August 31, 2017, With a Basis Price of $-\$0.15$ per Dth, Which is a Significant Reduction from our Current Price of \$0.453

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:

- A. Progress Update
- B. Approve the Following Change Orders as Recommended by the Construction Representative:
 - 1. General Prime:
 - a. Gem Building Contractors and Developers, Inc.
 - i. Additional footer for gymnasium block wall not indicated on the contract documents.
 - ii. \$2,525.00
 - 2. Plumbing Prime:
 - a. Shipley Plumbing
 - i. Additional sanitary plumbing required for (2) drains leaving existing basement area toward new basement area.
 - ii. \$1,785.00
 - 3. Electrical Prime:
 - a. McCurley Houston
 - i. Relocation of existing power cables feeding stadium lighting due to elevation concerns at the new loading dock entrance.
 - ii. \$2,502.00
 - 4. Plumbing Prime:
 - a. Shipley Plumbing
 - i. Replacement of the existing catch basin along 8th Avenue with a deeper basin that would accommodate the new storm water system. Included is all known construction costs associated with tapping this new catch basin into the township storm water system approximately 298 ft further down 8th Avenue.
 - ii. \$16,476.00
 - 5. Plumbing Prime:
 - a. Shipley Plumbing
 - i. Add (2) 6" valves to the water supply lines feeding the Middle School and the Primary Center so that the buildings can be individually isolated in the future.
 - ii. \$2,580.00

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

- A. Approve List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (**Enclosure**)
- B. Approve Ryan Smith as Game Manager for Varsity Home Football Games, Salary According to Contract (**Clearances on File**)
- C. Approve Bob Greene as Substitute Event Worker (**Clearances on File**)
- D. Approve Field Trip for Dan O'Leary, Head Baseball Coach, Plus **Seven (7)** Members of the Varsity Baseball Team, to Visit a Penn State Fall Baseball Practice, Saturday, October 18, State College (Will Use School Van), Cost Fuel
- E. Accept Resignation of Dayne Bailey as Boys' Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach
- F. Approve **Amy Isanogle** as High School National Honor Society Co-Sponsor, Salary According to Contract (**Clearances on File**)
- G. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for John Rosa, Athletic Director, to Attend Athletic Directors' Meetings for the 2014-2015 School Year, Cost Substitute Plus Mileage
- H. Approve the Parent Code of Conduct to be Used for all Athletic Teams (**Handout**)
- I. Approve the Revised Uniform Replacement Schedule (**Handout**)
- J. Approve the Creation of a Junior Varsity Baseball Program, Estimated Cost \$3,500 (The need for this program will be determined annually based on the number of student athletes participating in the Varsity baseball program, with at least 25 student athletes required to participate on an annual basis for the implementation of the Junior Varsity program.)
- K. Approve Release Time, According to Policy, for Aaron Fitzpatrick, Golf Coach, Plus One Student, to Attend the WPIAL Boys' Golf Championships, September 23-24, Youghioghney Country Club, McKeesport, Cost Substitute, Practice Round (\$54), Lodging (\$112.86), Mileage

Note in Minutes:

- L. Free Admission for District Employees Only to All Paid Sporting Events; Family Members and Guests of District Employees are Required to Pay

POLICY:

Open

MEET AND DISCUSS:

- A. Thursday, September 25, 6:30 P.M. – Middle School Library