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**Board of School Directors Meeting**  
**“Students Are the Center of the Decision Making Process”**  
**February 11, 2016**

**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 December 2015 and January 2016 (Combined) **(Administrative Report):**
    - H.O.P.E. Award (Tie) (Theme – “Brightens My Day”):
      - Jeff Griffith, Social Studies Teacher
      - Kaylee Haggerty, Arts/Industrial Arts Teacher
    - Student of the Month Award (Theme – “Most Improved”)
      - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:
        - Boy - Jacob Moldovan
        - Girl - Nicole Manges
      - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade:
        - Boy - Sean Freed and Jordan Herzog (tie)
        - Girl - Mackenzie Moldovan
      - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade:
        - Boy - Jimmy Hinzman
        - Girl - Kaitlyn Daniel
      - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:
        - Boy - Doug Sanchez
        - Girl - Sara Schoedel
  2. Freedom Middle School H.O.P.E. Award for February 2016 (Theme – “Making a Difference”) **(Administrative Report):**
    - Ron Miller, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

**COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D):**

3. Elementary School H.O.P.E. Award for February 2016 (Theme – “Someone Who is Encouraging”) (**Administrative Report**):
    - Colleen Tyler, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher
  4. Congratulations to the Following Freedom High School Athletes and Coaches: (**John Rosa**)
    - Greg Cercone, Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
    - Hunter Giles
    - Jim Covert, Wrestling Coach
    - Kody Komara
  5. NFL Golden Football; Presented to the District on Behalf of Jimbo Covert (**John Rosa**)
  6. Receipt of Letter from The Salvation Army Thanking Keith Kovalic and the High School Band for Their Donation of Coats
- B. Invitation:
1. Elementary Story Walk Event, “Mystery Madness”, Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am – 12:00pm
- C. Other:
1. **March 2016 Board Meeting to be Held on March 17**
- D. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (**Enclosure**)
- E. Presentation on Freshman Forum (**Bill Deal**)

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

- A. Review of January PASA Board of Governor’s Meeting
- B. Report on February 4<sup>th</sup> Operations Committee Meeting Regarding Building Project and High School Renovations

**PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:**

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

Open

**MINUTES:**

- A. Approve Minutes of January 14, 2016

**ENCLOSURES:**

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (**Communications- Item D.**)
- B. Free-Reduced Lunch Report as of February 4, 2016 – **District at 48.81%**
- C. **Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of February 1, 2016 – Current Projected Annual Cost for 2015-2016 School Year \$758,624.00; Cyber/Charter Students - 33, Brick and Mortar Students - 33 – Total No. of Students - 66**
- D. January 2016 Budget Transfers (**Finance – Item F.**)
- E. Updated List of Bus and Van Drivers and Vehicle Aides (**Operations - Item B.**)
- F. 2016-2017 School Calendar – Draft Two (**Operations – Item E.**)
- G. BVIU School Board Notes for January 27, 2016 Meeting

**LEGISLATION:**

- Open

**FINANCE:**

- A. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$1,471,691.37 (Second Check Run for January 2016)
- B. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$575,122.56 (First Check Run for February 2016)
- C. Approve Primary Center Construction Payment in the Amount of \$83,292.40 + \$808.75= \$84,101.15 (First Check Run for February 2016); as Approved by VEBH Architects and S. P. Smith Construction (**Handout - Scott Smith**)
- D. Approve January 2016 Treasurer's Report
- E. Approve January 2016 Cafeteria Report
- F. Approve January 2016 Budget Transfers (**Enclosure**)

**EDUCATION:**

- A. Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

1. **Other:**

- a. Transition to Kindergarten Meetings, February 9 (New Horizon), February 17 (Lifesteps), and February 19 (Tiny Tots), Cost Substitute (Davids and Harley Only):
  - i. Erica Davids, Kindergarten Teacher
  - ii. Lauren Harley, K-2 Learning Support
  - iii. Renae Bogdan, Elementary Speech/Language
- b. Renae Bogdan, Elementary Speech/Language, Helping K-3 Students Comprehend and Compose Informational Text, April 21, BVIU, No Cost to District
- c. Lorraine Landis, Elementary Secretary, PIMS Data Quality Meetings, February 17 and March 16, BVIU, No Cost to District

**STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:**

1. **Gifted:**

- a. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted:
  - i. Engineer Your Future, February 19, Carnegie Science Center, No Cost to District
  - ii. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Equations Workshop, March 17, Economy Elementary, Cost Transportation
  - iii. CLO Performance – Gallery of Heroes, February 25, Rochester High School, No Cost to District

2. **Other:**

- a. Aaron Fitzpatrick, High School English Teacher:
  - i. Senior Class Trip, Cedar Point, May 14, No Cost to District
  - ii. Pennsylvania Scholastic Press Association's State Journalism Competition, March 3-4, Penn State - University Park, Cost Substitute, Lodging and Transportation
  - iii. Escape the Room, Print Media Workshop Students, March 11, Pittsburgh, No Cost to District
- b. Keith Kovalic, High School Music Teacher/Band Director:
  - i. Regional Band, March 9-11, Valley High School, Cost Substitute, Registration Fee (\$240) plus Two Nights Lodging (Total Amount to be Determined)
  - ii. Regional Chorus, March 16-18, Western Beaver High School, Cost Substitute plus Registration Fee (\$87)

**EDUCATION (CONT'D):**

- c. Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher:
    - i. DECA Career Preparation Conference, February 12-13, Drexel University, No Cost to District
    - ii. Southwest Bots IQ Preliminary Competition, March 10, Butler County Community College, Cost Substitute (Will Use School Van)
  - d. Kaylee Haggerty, High School Arts/Industrial Arts Teacher, Mattress Factory Museum Tour, February 24, North Side, No Cost to District
  - e. Robert James, Middle School Band Director, Junior High District Band, March 22, Mars Area High School, Cost Substitute, Registration Fees (\$190 Total) plus Transportation
- B. Accept Resignation from Kalynn Hill, High School Instructional Aide, effective January 29, 2016
  - C. Approve Uncompensated Leave for Personal Reasons, Per Policy No. 439, for Amy Nicely Giles, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Effective February 4 and February 5, 2016
  - D. Approve Uncompensated Leave for Personal Reasons, Per Policy No. 439, for Lisa Moore, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Effective March 16, 2016
  - E. Approve Request from Freedom Area Educational Association to Offer Voluntary Sick Bank for One Elementary Teacher

**OPERATIONS:**

- A. Director of Buildings and Grounds Monthly Report
- B. Approve Updated List of Bus and Van Drivers and Vehicle Aides **(Enclosure)**
- C. Approve Agreement with Kennywood to Hold District's School Picnic on Monday, June 12, 2017
- D. Approve Contract with Hostetter Auctioneers for Sale of Materials at Elementary Schools
- E. Approve Draft Two of the 2016-2017 School Calendar **(Enclosure)** **(Handout)**
- F. Approve Scott Smith as Pre-Construction Management for High School Renovations, Paid through Capital Projects
- G. Approve Released Time, According to Policy, for Randy Walker, Food Services Director, to Attend:
  - i. Concept Foods - Think Tank Meeting, February 18, Wexford, Cost Mileage
  - ii. Pittsburgh Region Food Service Directors Meeting, February 26, Monroeville, Cost Mileage

**OPERATIONS (CONT'D)**

- H. Approve Request from Freedom Educational Support Professional Association to Offer Voluntary Sick Bank for One Food Service Employee

**FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:**

- A. Progress Update

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

- A. Athletic Director's Monthly Report
- B. Accept Resignation from Ellen Hill, Public Relations Director, effective January 20, 2016
- C. Accept Resignation from Rob Henderson, Junior High Baseball Coach, effective February 2, 2016
- D. Approve the Following Coaches:
  - i. Corey Cochran, Junior High Baseball Coach, Salary According to Contract (**Clearances on File**)
  - ii. Bradley Baldwin, Middle School Softball Coach, Salary According to Contract (**Clearances on File**)
  - iii. Charles Speicher, Middle School Softball Coach, Salary According to Contract (**Pending Act 168 and TB Test**)
  - iv. Traci Swab, Middle School Track Coach, Salary According to Contract (**Clearances on File**)
  - v. Jason Melvin, Boys Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach, Salary According to Contract (**Clearances on File**)
- E. Approve Released Time, According to Policy, for Jim Covert, Head Wrestling Coach, Wrestling Staff and Team (Pending Team/Individuals Qualifying and Advancing) to Attend:
  - i. PIAA Team Tournament, February 10-13, Hershey
  - ii. PIAA Southwest Individual Regional Tournament, March 4-5, Canonsburg
  - iii. PIAA State Individual Tournament, March 9-12, Hershey
- F. Approve the Following Cooperative Agreements:
  - i. New Brighton (Girls Varsity Soccer)
  - ii. Quigley (Varsity Football)

**POLICY:**

Open

**MEET AND DISCUSS:**

Open