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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**“Students Are the Center of the Decision Making Process”**  
**April 7, 2016**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Open School Communications: Positive and Constructive Comments between School Board Members, Administrators and Community:
1. Congratulations to Big Knob Elementary School for Receiving the 2014-15 Keystone Award for Academic Excellence. Big Knob was One of Only Three Schools in the County to Receive This Award
- B. Invitation:
1. Borough of Conway for District Participation in the May 2016 Memorial Day Parade, Commences at 11:30 A.M.
- C. Other:
1. **Board Meeting Dates:**
    - **May 2016 to be Held on May 12**
    - **\*\*June 2016 Rescheduled for June 14 or 15\*\***
  2. High School Musical, “The King and I”, April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 P.M., May 1<sup>st</sup>, Matinee, 2:00 P.M.
  3. High School Prom, Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.
  4. High School Senior Project Presentations, May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00 P.M.
  5. Middle School Concert Dates:
    - Chorus, Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.
    - Band, Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.
  6. High School Spring Concert, Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.
- D. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (**Enclosure**)

**PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:**

Per Board Policy 903: Public Participation in Board Meetings, members of the public must preface their comments with their name, address, and group affiliation (if appropriate). All comments should be addressed to the Presiding Officer, be relevant to business that is before the Board and observe required timelines (Prior Formal Request – 10 Minutes, Informal Request – 5 Minutes). Comments should not be personally directed, abusive, or obscene

**MINUTES:**

- A. Approve Minutes of March 17, 2016

**ENCLOSURES:**

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (**Communications, Item D.**)
- B. Free/Reduced Lunch Report as of March 29, 2016 – District at 49.12%
- C. Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of March 30, 2016– Current Projected Annual Cost for 2015-2016 School Year \$752,282.71; 32 Cyber/Charter Students, 32 Brick and Mortar Students –Total No. of Students - 64
- D. BVIU School Board Notes for March 23, 2016 Meeting
- E. Budget Transfers (**Finance, Item D.**)
- F. Agreement with Police Departments to Provide Police Coverage for School Activities (**Operations, Item D.**)
- G. Average Daily Membership for Freedom Area School District, 120 Day Report – 1,433
- H. List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (**Extra-Curricular – Item C**)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- A. Report on PSBA's "Every Student Succeeds Act" Study Group Meetings (**Lorraine Rocco**)
- B. Approve Attendance for the Following at PDE Every Student Succeeds Act Stake Holders Forum, April 28, June 14, August 30 and October 18, 2016, Harrisburg, Cost Mileage plus Tolls (Possible Reimbursement from PDE, Depending on Selection):
  - i. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
  - ii. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- C. Approve Attendance for the Following at the Feedback Session regarding Graduation Requirements provided by Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3, April 26, Homestead, PA, Cost Mileage:
  - i. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
  - ii. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
  - iii. Bill Deal, High School Principal

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, CONT'D:**

- D. Approve Attendance for the Following at the Pennsylvania Association of Federal Programs Annual Conference, Distinguished Student Award, May 2, Seven Springs Resort, Cost Substitute (Smith, Levenson, Girty), Mileage plus Tolls: **(Misty Slavic)**
  - i. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
  - ii. Misty Slavic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
  - iii. Kim Smith, Title I Reading Specialist
  - iv. Lisa Levenson, Title I Reading Specialist
  - v. Linda Girty, Title I Reading Specialist
- E. Review and Approve Comprehensive Special Education Plan **(Misty Slavic)**
- F. Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, is a Scheduled Snow Day. There Will Be No School on This Day
- G. PSSA Testing Begins Next Tuesday, April 12, 2016

**SUPERINTENDENT'S AGREEMENT:**

- A. Approve New Five Year Agreement, Effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021, with Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent

**LEGISLATION:**

Open

**FINANCE:**

- A. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$1,109,375.48 (Second Check Run for March 2016)
- B. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$444,447.68 (First Check Run for April 2016)
- C. Approve Primary Center Construction Payment in the Amount of \$952.00 + \$72,416.92 = \$73,368.92 (First Check Run for April 2016); as Approved by VEBH Architects and S. P. Smith Construction
- D. Approve Updated Budget Transfers **(Enclosure) (Handout)**

**Note in Minutes:**

- E. **NOTICE: May is Month to Elect Board Treasurer for Next Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016**

**EDUCATION:**

- A. Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

1. **Special Education:**

- a. Joe Testa, School Psychologist, Strategies for Learning Success Among Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders, April 21, Duquesne University, No Cost to District
- b. PA Positive Behavior Support Forum, May 5-6, Hershey, PA, Cost \$300 Registration Fee, Lodging, Meals, Substitute (May 5, Fontaine Only), plus Mileage and Tolls (Will All Ride Together), Paid by ReNEW Grant:
  - i. Misty Slavic, Director of Special Education
  - ii. Joe Testa, School Psychologist
  - iii. Bill Deal, High School Principal
  - iv. Jessika Fontaine, High School Learning Support Teacher

2. **Other:**

- a. Courtney Anderson, Cyber Coordinator, Seneca Valley Academy of Choice – OPT Conference, May 3, Seneca Valley School District, Harmony, PA, Cost Substitute

**STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:**

1. **Gifted:**

- a. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted, Invention Convention, May 10, Central Elementary, Beaver Falls, No Cost to District

2. **Special Education:**

- a. Amy Giles, Fifth Grade Teacher, Special Olympics, May 12, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Cost Substitute

3. **Other:**

- a. Second Grade Teachers, Field Trip to Carnegie Museum of Natural History, May 5, Pittsburgh, No Cost to District – Funded by Elementary PTA
- b. Kindergarten Teachers, Field Trip to Wagon Trails, May 13, Vienna, OH, No Cost to District – Funded by Elementary PTA
- c. Seventh Grade Teachers and Gene Matsook, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Education Teacher, Field Trip to Heinz History Center, May 19, Pittsburgh, No Cost to District – Funded by Middle School PTSA
- d. Third Grade Teachers, Field Trip to Carnegie Science Center, May 24, Pittsburgh, No Cost to District – Funded by Elementary PTA
- e. Fifth Grade Teachers and Dave Badamo, Middle School Technology Teacher, Strip District Field Trip, June 2, Pittsburgh, PA, No Cost to District – Funded by Middle School PTSA

**EDUCATION, CONT'D:**

- f. First Grade Teachers, Field Trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo, June 6, Pittsburgh, No Cost to District – Funded by Elementary PTA
- g. Brad Baldwin, High School English Teacher, 2017 Presidential Inauguration, January 19-22, 2017, Washington, D.C., Cost Substitute Only
- B. Approve Maternity Leave for Blaire Lasko, High School English Teacher, Beginning Approximately May 16, 2016 thru June 1, 2016 Followed by FMLA, According to Policy, Beginning Approximately June 2, 2016 thru October 28, 2016
- C. Accept Resignation for Purposes of Retirement from Henry Podbielski, High School Career Coach, Effective June 30, 2016
- D. Approve Submission of ALCOA STEM Grant, Amount Approximately \$65,000
- E. Approve Purchase of Pearson's Envision 2.0 Math Series for Grades K-5 at a Cost of \$82,112 (Funded through the Curriculum Fund) (**Administrative Report - Misty Slavic**)

**OPERATIONS:**

- A. Director of Buildings and Grounds Monthly Report
- B. Approve Communications Consulting, Inc. for Firewall Services Security, 48 Month Contract, Evaluation Process was done thru PEPPM E-Rate Mini-Bid (**This was the Only Bid Received**)
- C. Approve Consolidated Communications, Inc. as Long Distance Telecommunications Carrier, Two-Year Contract
- D. Approve Five (5) Year Agreement, 2016-2021, with Freedom Borough and New Sewickley Township Police Departments to Provide Police Coverage for School Activities (**Enclosure**)
- E. Approve Jennifer Young as Food Services Substitute, Salary According to Contract (**Pending Acts 151 and 34 Clearances, Physical and TB Test/Statement**)

**FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:**

- A. Progress Update

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR:**

- A. Athletic Director's Monthly Report
- B. Approve Kelly Guerra as Middle School Pep Club Sponsor, Beginning 2016-2017 School Year, Salary According to Contract
- C. Approve List of Student Activity Account Signatures for Students and Activity Sponsors (**Enclosure**)
- D. Approve the Following Coaches:
  - 1. Rick Boyd, Volunteer Middle School Baseball Coach (**Clearances on File**)
  - 2. Rick Jones, Volunteer Middle School Baseball Coach (**Clearances on File**)
  - 3. Scott Levenson, Volunteer Middle School Baseball Coach (**Pending Act 114 Clearance**)
  - 4. Brian Collins, Volunteer Middle School Baseball Coach (**Pending Act 151 Clearance**)
  - 5. Joseph Cochran, Volunteer Middle School Baseball Coach (**Pending Act 151 Clearance**)

**POLICY:**

**MEET AND DISCUSS:**

Open