

**FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:15 p.m.**

At 7:15 p.m. the Board of Education held their regular meeting in the District Board Room.

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Present: Mr. Garvey, Mr. Schumacher, Mr. Schuh, Mr. VerVoort, Mr. Tiedt, Mr. VanWychen and Student Representatives Abigail Driessen and Bailee Vandenberg.

Excused: Mr. Harke

**II. VERIFICATION:** 2017 Spring Election results and Oath of Office for Gary Schumacher and Allan Tiedt from the Town of Center given by Steve Garvey, Board Treasurer.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Order of business may be altered and items may be added by a majority vote of the members. **ADDENDUM:** Under Action Items - Approval of Consent Agenda Items – Hirings – add John Miron as Freedom Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. Motion to approve agenda with changes was made by Mr. VanWychen with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.

**IV. OPEN FLOOR PERIOD:** None

**V. RECOGNITION – MOMENTS OF MERIT:** As per Agenda

**VI. ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:**

1. Meeting Minutes: 1. March 20, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. March 23, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes
3. March 27, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes

2. Personnel: Retirements: 1. Paula Driessen – Special Education Aid
- Resignations: 1. Holly Seefeldt – Assistant Varsity Pom and Dance Coach
- Hirings : 1. Courtney Dettman - Special Education Teacher
2. Sheila Buchberger – Varsity Pom and Dance Coach
3. Megan Fahey – Middle School cheer/Stunt Coach
4. Amber Schuh & Ashlet Jansen – Varsity Co-Cheer/Stunt Coaches
5. Eric LeBrun – Middle School Track Coach
6. Kathryn Schmeltzer – Freedom Elementary School Associate Principal and FASD At Risk coordinator (pending release from current school district)
7. John Miron – Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

Motion to approve the consent agenda items was made by Mr. VerVoort with a second by Mr. Tiedt. Motion carried.

**B. Financial Report:**

1. Motion to approve the April 24, 2017 bill list in the amount of \$590,876.04 including check numbers 36167 through 36329 was made by Mr. Garvey with a second by Mr. Tiedt. Motion carried.
2. Review/Discuss any other financial documents as necessary: No discussion

**C. Old Business:** None

**D. New Business:**

1. Approve multiple FFA In-State and Out-of-State FFA Fieldtrips and Events:  
A listing of all FFA In-State and Out-of-State FFA Fieldtrips and events were included in the Board Packet. Motion to approve multiple FFA In-State and Out-of-State FFA Fieldtrips and Events for 2017-2018 was made by Mr. VanWychen with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.
2. Approve the Freedom High School Marching Band to attend the Minnesota State Fair August 26-27, 2017: Mr. Delany informed the Board of the upcoming Minnesota State Fair that the Freedom High School Marching Band would like to attend. He also indicated that the FHS Varsity Dance Team, once the new coach is in place, may join the band on the same trip to participate. Motion to approve the Freedom High School Marching Band (and Freedom Varsity Dance Team if able) to attend the Minnesota State Fair on August 26 and August 27, 2017 was made by Mr. VanWychen with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.

3. Discuss/approve Freedom Area School District School Fees for 2017-2018 School Year:  
Discussion was held on the Freedom Area School District School Fees. A motion to keep the Freedom Area School District School fees for the 2017-2018 School Year the same as 2016-2017 was made by Mr. VerVoort with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried. School lunch prices will be discussed and decided at a later date.
4. Appoint Freedom Area School District School Board Member to represent District at CESA Annual Convention:  
Mr. Schuh nominated Mr. Harke to represent the District at the CESA Annual Convention. Mr. Garvey seconded the motion. All members approved.
5. Other Business: None

**VII. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

- A. Student Board Representative Report – Abigail Driessen, Bailee Vandenberg final report:  
We introduced and welcomed the new 2017-2018 Student School Board representatives. They are Abby Murphy and Jada Helms. AP testing is coming up. Track is doing very well. Bio Club is planning on biking to school/Earth Day Walk. ACT Aspire testing is here. Prom is this weekend. Forensics did well. Senior trip is coming up soon.
- B. CESA 6 Report – Mr. Harke: None
- C. WASB Report – Mr. Schumacher:  
Mr. Schumacher stated that the Joint Finance Committee public listening sessions are over, and he mentioned a new software program that allows you to send automatically generated letters to state representatives.
- D. Building and Grounds Committee Report: Mr. Tiedt briefly discussed the proposed Facilities Project Timeline that was presented and reviewed by representatives from Somerville Architects and Engineers and Miron Construction in the evening's Building and Grounds Committee meeting. The proposed timeline was shared with all Board members.
- E. Staff Reports: Mr. Voight, Mr. Weis, Mr. Erickson, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Lipsey, Ms. Olson, Mrs. Mueller, Mrs. Mussett, Mrs. Gagnon, Mr. Kilstofte all submitted written reports.
- F. Communications:
  1. Employee Service Recognition Breakfast – June 2, 2017 from 7:15-8:00 a.m.:  
The Board was reminded of the upcoming Employee Service Recognition Breakfast on June 2, 2017.
- G. Informational Items:
  1. Review upcoming FES/FMS/FHS Visioning Sessions and Freedom Facilities Advisory Committee (FFAC) meetings: Mr. Kilstofte gave a brief update on the recent progress that has been made associated with the ongoing facilities project.
  2. Congratulations to Judith Zeitler-Muniz, contracted FASD Occupational Therapist, on her retirement. Mr. Kilstofte shared the district's positive sentiments wishing Mrs. Zeitler-Muniz a long and happy retirement.

**IX. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT KNOWN OR REASONABLY ANTICIPATED: None**

**X. MOTION TO ADJOURN** at 8:00 p.m. was made by Mr. Schuh with a second by Mr. VerVoort. Motion carried.

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Respectfully Submitted,



Allan Tiedt, Clerk  
Freedom Board of Education