

FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:15 p.m. Monday, June 20, 2016

At 7:15 p.m. on Monday evening, June 20, 2016, the Board of Education called to order their regular meeting at the Elementary School in the Library.

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

Present: Mr. Tom Harke, Mr. Al Tiedt, Mr. Steve Garvey, Mr. Gary Schumacher, Mr. Kevin Schuh

Excused: Mr. Kevin VerVoort, Mr. George VanWychen

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Order of business may be altered and items may be added by a majority vote of the members.*

Motion to approve the agenda with one addition under new business, personnel, additional new hire was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.

III. OPEN FLOOR PERIOD: None

IV. RECOGNITION – MOMENTS OF MERIT: As per agenda

V. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of minutes:

1. Motion to approve the May 16, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Garvey with a second by Mr. Schumacher. Motion carried.

B. Financial Report:

1. Motion to approve the June 20, 2016 bill list in the amount of \$803,848.26 including checks 34554 through 34815 was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Tiedt. Motion carried.
2. Review/Discuss any other Financial documents as necessary: None

C. Old Business:

1. View new PAC funded student/staff created mural at Freedom Elementary School:
The PAC again this year funded an "Artist in Residence" at the Freedom Elementary School. Mrs. Susan Rudolph, Elementary School Art Teacher, and Mrs. Sandy Melroy, Artist in Residence, gave a presentation to the Board on what all took place in creating the mural displayed at the Elementary School. It was a week-long project that lasted over a month and a half. The project started with every student learning about where, what and how silk was made. Every student created something. The mural was created on the silk and represents the four seasons of Freedom. The students came up with the ideas, drew and painted in teams. The finished product was shown to the Board and is on display at the Elementary School.

D. New Business

1. Approval of 2016-2017 CESA 6 Contract:
Mrs. Gagnon informed the Board that there were no changes from last year. Motion to approve the 2016-2017 CESA 6 Contract as presented was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.
2. Approve Annual Meeting Date/Time/Place:
Motion to approve the Annual Meeting date/time/place as Monday, September 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Freedom High School Lecture Hall was made by Mr. Tiedt with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.
3. Approve Renewal of Freedom High School WIAA Membership:
Ms. Olson informed the Board that we have one more year of WIAA Membership free and then the year after will run \$950.00. Motion to renew the Freedom High School WIAA Membership for 2016-2017 was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.
4. Approve request for statements of Qualification and Experience Document (to solicit architectural/Engineering firms to conduct a comprehensive District-Wide Facilities Feasibility study):
Mr. Kilstofte updated the Board on the June 6, 2016 Facilities Meeting that was held. The Committee took a tour of the facilities and discussion was held on the results of the survey and taking the next step to knowing what our needs are. The Committee decided the next step would be to do a Facilities Feasibility Study. Mr. Kilstofte and Mrs. Gagnon put together a "Request for statements of qualification and experience consultant for facilities feasibility study for the Freedom Area School District" (RFP). With Board approval, she will send out the RFP June 21, 2016 to the list of Architectural firms presented. Response to the RFP would need to be in by July 15, 2016 by noon. A Special Board Meeting will be held July 19, 2016 to discuss the RFP's and decide on which firms will be brought in for interviews. On July 29, 2016, interviews will be held and Firm selection will be completed by August 2, 2016. Motion to approve the request for statements of qualification and experience document agreeing to solicit architectural/engineering firms to conduct a comprehensive District-wide facilities feasibility study was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh.

Roll Call: Mr. Schumacher, yes; Mr. Schuh, yes; Mr. Tiedt, yes; Mr. Garvey, yes; Mr. Harke, yes; Motion carried.
5. Approve 2016-2017 School Lunch Prices:

Mrs. Gagnon explained the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) formula that is completed every year. She ran the calculation for 2016-2017 for the Freedom Area School District and a \$.10 per average meal cost needs to be made. After reviewing other district lunch costs it was felt it would be best to spread the increase with a \$.05 per meal increase in the Elementary School and a \$.15 per meal increase for the Middle School and High School. These required increases would keep the lunch prices more competitive with neighboring school districts rather than just assessing \$.10 to each building. Motion to approve the 2016-2017 School Lunch Prices as presented was made by Mr. Schuh with a second by Mr. Schumacher. Motion carried.

6. Approve new extra/co-curricular positions and pay (Robotics and Freedom Middle School Dance Coach):

Mrs. Gagnon brought to the Board's attention two new additions to the current extra/co-curricular schedule. The pay requests would be commiserate with those in the current structure. The first new position would be for a Middle School Dance Advisor. There is currently a Middle School Cheerleading Advisor but not a Middle School Dance Coach. This position has been filled for years with an unpaid coach. The percentage being requested is the same as the Cheerleading Advisor.

The second position would be added for a new program offered to students in grades 9-12. This program, Robotics, would meet year round. The build and competition seasons are from January-May. The percentage of pay would be the same as a head coach receives along with two assistants. Motion to approve the new extra/co-curricular positions and pay for Robotics and Freedom Middle School Dance Coach as presented was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.

7. Personnel:

Retirements:

Lori Morehouse – Freedom High School Special Education Teacher:

Motion to accept the retirement of Lori Morehouse as Freedom High School Special Education Teacher was made by Mr. Tiedt with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.

Resignations:

Bonnie Riesenweber – Freedom Elementary School Cafeteria Worker:

Motion to approve the resignation of Bonnie Riesenweber as Freedom Elementary School Cafeteria Worker was made by Mr. Schuh with a second by Mr. Schumacher. Motion carried.

Tom Basten – Girls Golf (Co-Coach):

Motion to approve the resignation of Tom Basten as Girls Golf (Co-Coach) was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.

Hirings:

Wendy Cropsey – FES/FMS/FHS Special Education Teacher:

Motion to approve the hiring of Wendy Cropsey as ES/MS/HS Special Education Teacher (contingent upon completion of CESA 7 Alternative Certification Program) was made by Mr. Tiedt with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.

Mike Riska – JV 2 Football Coach (Split Stipend):

Motion to approve the hiring of Mike Riska as JV2 Football Coach (Split Stipend) was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.

Wade Landsverk – JV 2 Football Coach (Split Stipend):

Motion to approve the hiring of Wade Landsverk as JV2 Football Coach (Split Stipend) was made by Mr. Tiedt with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.

Catherine Cottrell – FMS/FHS Special Education Classroom Aide:

Motion to approve the hiring of Catherine Cottrell as FMS/FHS Special Education Classroom Aide was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.

Victor Voight III – Freedom Area School District Director of Buildings and Grounds:

Motion to approve the hire of Victor Voight III as Freedom Area School District Director of Building and Grounds was made by Mr. Tiedt with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.

Samantha Nimmer – Freedom High School Social Studies Teacher:

Motion to approve the hire of Samantha Nimmer as Freedom High School Social Studies Teacher (contingent on her release from her previous position) was made by Mr. Schuh with a second by Mr. Schumacher. Motion carried.

8. Other Business: None

VII. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Student Board Report – None
- B. CESA #6 Report – Mr. Harke: Mr. Harke informed the Board of the Annual Convention coming up June 21, 2016. He will be attending.
- C. WASB Report – Mr. Schumacher: Mr. Schumacher told of the deadline for registering to showcase your school's music and art at the State WASB Convention in January. Mr. Erickson will check into.
- D. Staff Reports: Mr. Weis, Mrs. Lipsey, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Erickson, Ms. Olson, Mrs. Mueller, Mrs. Mussett, Mrs. Gagnon and Mr. Kilstofte submitted written reports. Mr. Tiedt asked how the food service collection was coming

along. Mrs. Gagnon said she will bring those numbers to the Board at the July Board meeting. Collections are still coming in. Mr. Erickson later added that at the FFA National Conference Danielle Angotti, from Freedom was named State FFA Vice President.

E. Communications:

1. Input needed regarding monthly Board Packet delivery preferences: Mr. Kilstofte asked the Board how they preferred their Board Packet delivered. Mr. Schumacher, Mr. Schuh and Mr. Harke preferred by e-mail. Mr. Tiedt and Mr. Garvey prefer hand delivered paper copy. Mr. Kilstofte will check further with Mr. VerVoort and Mr. VanWychen.

F. Informational Items:

1. Freedom High School – Wisconsin Advanced Placement (AP) Advisory Council Pacesetter Award for the 2015-2016 school year: Mr. Erickson told the Board of the increasing number of students taking AP classes and the number of AP classes offered. Freedom High School was recognized as a Level 3 Advanced Placement Pacesetter School for impressive student AP access and excellence in AP exam scores in the State of Wisconsin during the 2015-2016 school year.
2. Freedom Facilities Advisory Committee Update: Mr. Kilstofte showed the Board where the Facilities Advisory Committee information is on the website. This is where they will post the agendas and presentations on the meetings already held along with the upcoming meetings.
3. Storm Damage from June 5, 2016, storm: Mr. Kilstofte updated the Board on the storm damage from June 5. The medium size maple tree in front of the high school was blown down. Mr. Erickson and Mr. Kilstofte cleaned that up. There was a tree on the school property line by the football field that blew down and several trees are leaning over. The one tree that was blown down was taken care of and we are having a surveyor come in to see who the other leaning trees belong to before something is done. Also, the heating & cooling systems in the high school/middle school complex and District Office were also possibly damaged by the storm.

VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT KNOWN OR REASONABLY ANTICIPATED:

Ms. Olson updated the Board on the football field. The grass is thick and full with just a few bare spots that will be fixed after the 4th of July.


Mr. Harke reminded the Building Administrators that they do not need to attend the July Board Meeting.

Mr. Kilstofte said that before the July meeting they will have a short reception to meet our new Building & Grounds Director, Victor Voight III.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN: at 9:15 p.m. was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.

This is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not considered a public community meeting. There is time for public participation at the meeting during "open floor period" as indicated in the agenda. Upon request to the District Administrator submitted 24 hours in advance, the district shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Allan Tiedt, Clerk