

FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
7:15 p.m. Monday, January 15, 2018

At 7:15 p.m. on Monday evening, January 15, 2018 the Board of Education met in the Freedom High School Lecture Hall to open the meeting and listen to the Freedom Middle School Music Discovery Class perform and then moved to the District Board Room to finish their regular meeting.

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:  
Present: Mr. Kevin VerVoort, Mr. Kevin Schuh, Mr. Tom Harke, Mr. Gary Schumacher, Mr. Al Tiedt, Mr. Steve Garvey, Mr. George Van Wychen, Student Representative Abby Murphy
- 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 change: Moving up Informational Item Number 1 - Mr. Kevin Mullen, to first on the agenda after Action Items was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.
- III. OPEN FLOOR PERIOD: None
- IV. RECOGNITION/MOMENTS OF MERIT: None
- V. ACTION ITEMS:
- A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:
1. Meeting Minutes: 1. December 18, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
2. December 18, 2017 Building & Grounds Meeting Minutes  
3. December 18, 2017 Freedom Area School District Compensation Meeting Minutes
- Personnel: Retirements: 1. Diane Froehlich – Freedom Elementary School Clerical Assistant  
Resignations: 1. Casey VanGroll – Freedom Middle/High School Cafeteria Worker  
Hirings: 1. Jerry Kohl – Freedom Elementary School Custodian 1
- Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items was made by Mr. Tiedt with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report:  
Motion to approve the January 15, 2018 bill list in the amount of \$206,967.98 including checks 33294 through 37810 was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.
- C. Old Business: None
- D. New Business:
1. Discuss/Motion to Approve – As per s.PI 36.04(2) [Wisconsin Adm. Code P.I.36.06(5)(a) and Wisconsin Statutes 118.51(5)(a)1], the FASD Board of Education does not intend to deny any regular education nor special education open enrollment applicants due to physical space for the 2018-2019 school year:  
Motion to approve as per s.PI 36.04(2) [Wisconsin Adm. Code P.I.36.06(5)(a) and Wisconsin Statutes. 118.51(5)(a)1], that the Freedom Board of Education does not intend to deny any regular education nor special education open enrollment applicants due to physical space for the 2018-2019 school year was made by Mr. VerVoort with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.
2. Discuss/Motion to approve joining of the new Fox Cities Star Girl's Hockey Co-op: A new co-op for Fox Cities Stars girls' hockey is being formed. The reason for the new application instead of a renewal is because the Appleton schools of East, North, and West will be added along with contacting current schools in the co-op that do not have a skater on the team to continue to be listed in the application. Freedom is a current school in the co-op that does not have a skater on the 2017-18 roster, but Ms. Olson stated that we have a middle and elementary school girl who might be interested in the future. She explained that it would be better to remain in the co-op for the cost of \$100.00. Motion to approve joining the new Fox Cities Star Girl's Hockey Co-op was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.
3. Review/Discuss 2016-2017 School Year Financial Audit document: Mrs. Gagnon informed the Board that there are no issues with the 2016-2017 Financial Audit. She ran through the highlights of the year. The audit document can be viewed on the School District website.
- VI. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:
- A. Student Board Representative Report: Abby Murphy: The Boys basketball team has one loss in the conference. Girls Basketball is playing tonight out of town. The Wrestlers have three winners in the past week's tournament. Dance competition was held and the Freedom girls dance team has been placing high at their competitions. The Auto Club is holding a raffle and the National Honor Society is holding a bake sale
- B. CESA 6 Report – Mr. Harke: No Report

- C. WASB Report - Mr. Schumacher: Mr. Schumacher reminded the Board of the WASB State Convention this week
- D. Building & Grounds Report – Mr. Tiedt: No report
- E. Staff Reports – Mr. Voight, Mr. Weis, Mr. Erickson, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Lipsey, Ms. Olson, Mrs. Mussett, Mrs. Schmeltzer, Mrs. Gagnon, Mr. Kilstofte  
Mrs. Lipsey explained to the Board how the Elementary School used their box top money to buy 6 EDU Kits. She went on to explain how these boxes each had locks that the students had to collaborate and communicate to figure how to unlock each box. These kits will also be used in the Middle School and High School. Pictures can be found on our Facebook page.
- F. Communications:
  - 1. The Board will need to hold a Special Board Meeting on February 1, 2018, to review the bids and approve the final proposal for the land lease on the County Road N property: Mrs. Gagnon stated that Bids are due January 31, 2018 by 1:00 p.m.. The Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on February 1, 2018 in the Board Room.
- G. Informational Items:
  - 1. Listen to presentation by Kevin Mullen from Hutchinson, Shockey, and Erley, Co. regarding possible Fund 38 future borrowing to potentially address some district facility needs:  
Mr. Mullen informed the Board that there are two options to borrow for the District. Option one is Fund 39 which requires a referendum. Fund 38 requires the Board to initiate along with a thirty day petition period. This borrowing would have to be inside the revenue limit. Mrs. Gagnon informed the Board that we did a Fund 38 when we did the update in Technology which will be paid in full in 2018. Mrs. Gagnon stated that there are needs for safety updates/improvements in all three schools. Mr. Mullen stated that the rate for borrowing is approximately two and a quarter percent for a five year loan.
  - 2. Transition to Block Scheduling Initiative/Overview – Mr. Erickson:  
Mr. Erickson, High School Principal, reported that the second mock block schedule run was just completed. Teachers are gaining confidence with the ninety minute classes. Mr. Erickson stated that they will be scheduling two more mock runs and be cleaning up all loose ends and be ready to go for 2018-2019 school year.

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT KNOWN OR REASONABLY ANTICIPATED: None

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:05 p.m. for the considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data allowable under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(l) (c) (e) job performance review of District Administrator was made by Mr. Garvey with a second by Mr. VerVoort.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Schuh, Yes; Mr. Harke, Yes; Mr. Schumacher, Yes; Mr. Garvey, Yes; Mr. VerVoort, Yes; Mr. Tiedt, Yes, Mr. VanWychen, Yes. Motion carried.

Discussed held on performance of Superintendent.

IX. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION at 8:52 p.m. to possibly act on recommendations made in Executive Session was made by Mr. Garvey with a second by Mr. VerVoort. Motion carried.

No action taken.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:53 p.m. was made by Mr. VanWychen with a second by Mr. Schumacher. 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, Board Clerk