

FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
7:15 p.m. Monday, July 17, 2017

At 7:15 p.m. on Monday evening, July 18, 2016 the Board of Education called to order their regular meeting in the District Board Room.

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:  
Present: Mr. Tom Harke, Mr. Steve Garvey, Mr. Kevin Schuh, Mr. Gary Schumacher, Mr. Al Tiedt, 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 moving New Business – Town of Freedom (TID) #2 Presentation to first on the agenda was made by Mr. Tiedt with a second by Mr. Garvey. 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. June 19, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
2. June 19, 2017 Building & Grounds Meeting Minutes  
3. June 20, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes
  2. Personnel: Retirements: 1. Donna Langner – Freedom Middle School Band Teacher  
Resignations: None  
Hirings : 1. Julie Palloch – Freedom Middle/High School Special Education Aide  
2. BJ Hill – Freedom High School Varsity Assistant Football Coach
- Motion to approve the consent agenda items was made by Mr. VerVoort with a second by Mr. Tiedt. Motion carried.
- B. Financial:
- Approval of monthly bills:  
Motion to approve the 2016-2017 final bill list in the amount of \$183,157.62 was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.  
Motion to approve the July 17, 2017 bill list in the amount of \$201,880.57 including check 36778 through 36805 was made by Mr. Schuh with a second by Mr. Schumacher. Motion carried.
- C. Old Business:
1. Facilities Presentation – Somerville Architects and Engineers, Miron Construction:  
The Board reviewed the updated building designs based on community feedback. Discussion was held on the cost of the different options offered.
- D. New Business:
1. Town of Freedom – Tax Incremental District (TID) #2 – Project Plan Presentation (Steve Lowney, Town Chairperson and TID #2 Joint Review Board Member):  
Mr. Lowney presented the second version of the Town of Freedom Tax Incremental District (TID) #2 proposal. Mr. Lowney stated that the Belgioioso Cheese Factory will not be able to expand their facility due to their ability to treat waste water. They are possibly going to build a waste water treatment facility. School Board members suggested that they would prefer the original TID #2 proposal (that did not include an already developed piece of property-cheese factory). Discussion followed and other aspects of the proposal were questioned by members of the Freedom Sanitary District and financial questions by the Director of Business Services. The School Board decided to have an open special meeting to discuss further.
  2. Select Legal Services for 2017-2018 School Year: Maintain Strang, Patteson, Renning, Lewis, & Lacy, SC. as the Freedom Area School District legal advisors:  
Motion to maintain Strang, Patteson, Renning, Lewis, & Lacy, SC. as the Freedom Area School District legal advisors for 2017-2018 was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.
  3. Select Depository: Maintain Chase Bank as Freedom Area School District's depository:  
Motion to maintain Chase Bank as Freedom Area School District's depository for 2017-2018 was made by Mr. VerVoort with a second by Mr. Schumacher. Motion carried.
  4. Approve Short Term Borrowing: Mrs. Gagnon explained that this short term borrowing is something we do every year and explained briefly to the Board the reasoning. Motion to approve the "Resolution authorizing temporary borrowing in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000: Issuance of tax and revenue anticipation promissory notes; and participation in the Wisconsin School Districts cash flow administration program" was made by Mr. Tiedt with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.

5. Approve Freedom Area School District Academic Standards for 2017-2018 School Year: Motion to approve the Freedom Area School District Academic Standards for 2017-2018 as presented was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.
6. Approve Freedom Area School District Educational Options for 2017-2018 School Year: Mr. Kilstofte informed the Board that we annually have to approve the Educational Options and also have to publish them in the area newspaper. Motion to approve the Freedom Area School District Educational Options for 2017-2018 School Year as presented was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.
7. Approve preliminary 2017-2018 Freedom Area School District budget:  
Mrs. Gagnon gave a brief overview of how the District sits financially. Motion to approve the preliminary 2017-2018 Freedom Area School District budget as presented was made by Mr. Garvey with a second by Mr. VerVoort. Motion carried.
8. First Reading of District Policy #8500 – Food Services (NEOLA Special Update):  
Mr. Kilstofte explained the special release that includes revisions to Policy #8500 with the removal of reference to “disability”, “disabled” and “non-disabled” along with revision of options pertaining to delinquent student accounts. He asked the Board to review the changes and bring along to the August Board Meeting.
9. Other Business: None

VI. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Student Board Report – None for July
- B. CESA #6 Report – Mr. Harke: CESA held their annual meeting. Mr. Harke was elected as Treasurer of CESA #6.
- C. WASB Report – Mr. Schumacher: None
- D. Staff Reports:  
Mrs. Gagnon and Mr. Kilstofte submitted written reports.
- E. Communication:
  1. 2017-2018 Freedom Area School District Online Registration Update:  
The on-line registration process will open August 1, 2017. This is the second year for on-line registration, and parents can go in and review, making changes if necessary since the information is already in the system. On August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> the Middle School and High School students will need to come in and get their picture taken for their school ID card. They will get them immediately. Freedom Elementary School students will have their picture taken on picture day once school begins.
  2. WASB-2017 Resolutions Adopted by Delegate Assembly:  
Mr. Kilstofte asked the Board to look through the Resolutions booklet that was included in the board packet and follow up with any questions they might have.
- F. Informational Items:
  1. Review of 2016-2017 End-Of-Year and Food Service Funds – unaudited:  
No information was presented of the 2016-2017 end of year at this time. Mrs. Gagnon explained that the auditors will be here in early August. She doesn't expect any problems.
  2. Newly proposed FHS Valedictorian Criteria/Selection Guidelines:  
Included in the board packet was the current practice for valedictorian criteria along with the proposed criteria. In the proposed criteria we would keep the weighted courses that we have (all AP and College Core Classes). This encourages students to take these courses that they might otherwise not. Proposed would be that we would only have one Valedictorian based on cumulative grade point average after the seventh semester calculated to the thousands of a decimal. If there was a tie we would have a co-valedictorian. We will look at this proposal again in August.
  3. Wisconsin Technology Initiative (WTI) – Freedom Area School District awarded WTI Grant for over \$20,000.00:  
Mr. Kilstofte explained the WTI Grant that the Freedom Area School District was awarded, and how the grant dollars would be used to upgrade technology at Freedom Elementary School.

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

VIII MOTION TO ADJOURN at 10:00 p.m. was made by Mr. VanWychen with a second by Mr. VerVoort. 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