

FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
7:15 p.m. Monday, October 16, 2017

At 7:15 p.m. on Monday evening, October 16, 2017 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. Al Tiedt, Mr. Gary Schumacher, Mr. Kevin VerVoort, Mr. George VanWychen along with Student Representative
- 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 was made by Mr. VerVoort with a second by Mr. Schumacher. Motion carried.
- III. OPEN FLOOR PERIOD:  
Mr. Kilstofte introduced Shannon Diedrick, a first grade teacher at the Elementary School, who is doing practicum work for her Administrative license.
- IV. RECOGNITION/MOMENTS OF MERIT: None
- V. ACTION ITEMS:
- A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:
- September 18, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
  - September 19, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- Personnel:
- Retirements: 1. James Seegers – Freedom Elementary School Maintenance I  
Resignations: 1. Jim Schwiner – JV2 Boys Basketball Coach  
Hirings: 1. Mike Riska – Destination Imagination (DI) Advisor  
2. Kimberly Johnson – Freedom Elementary School Health Room Attendant  
3. Casey VanGroll – Freedom Middle/High School Cafeteria Worker
- Motion for Approval of Consent Agenda Items was made by Mr. Tiedt with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.
- B. Financial Report:  
Approval of monthly bills:  
Motion to approve the October 16, 2017 bill list in the amount of \$592,245.30 including checks 37227 through 37391 was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.
- C. Old Business: None
- D. New Business:
1. Discussion of snow removal options for the current school year. Requesting Board direction/input: Discussion was held on snow removal services for the Freedom Area School District and a decision was made to leave the snow removal contract with Vanco, the company we currently have.
  2. Trail Blazers request for Outagamie County Trail agreement with Freedom Area School District: Motion to approve the Freedom Trail Blazers request for Outagamie County Trail agreement with Freedom Area School District was made by Mr. Schuh with a second by Mr. Schumacher. Motion carried.
  3. Approve the Spring 2018 Youth Options requests:  
Motion to approve the Spring 2018 Youth Options requests as presented was made by Mr. Tiedt with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.
  4. Presentation of 2017-2018 Freedom Area School District Budget and Motion to Approve:  
Mrs. Gagnon presented the major general fund budget revisions along with the new totals for 2017-2018 school year. Motion to approve the revised General Fund budget as presented. The total will increase the revenues by \$493,858 and expenditures by \$166,493 from the budget approved at the annual meeting to bring the total to \$17,746,404. Motion was made by Mr. VanWychen with a second by Mr. Schumacher. Motion carried.
  5. Approve the 2017-2018 Freedom Area School District tax levy and mill rate:  
Motion to levy upon the taxable property of the Freedom Area School District the sum of \$5,586,154 for defraying the cost of operation and maintenance of the public schools, \$241,000 for non-referendum debt retirement, and \$338,000 for referendum debt retirement and \$15,000 for the community service fund for a

total levy of \$6,180,154 and a mill rate of \$7.15 per thousand dollars of equalized value was made by Mr. Garvey with a second by Mr. VerVoort. Motion carried.

6. Approve Freedom Area School District At-Risk Plan:

Mrs. Schmeltzer presented a summary of the new Freedom Area School District At-Risk Plan. Motion to approve the Freedom Area School District At-Risk Plan as presented was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.

7. Other Business: None

VI INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

A. Student Board Representative Report:

Fall sports are winding down. Volley Ball playoff will be at Wrightstown. Freedom football will play at home Friday. Cross Country swept the Conference. Peer Educator presentations will start Tuesday, October 17, 2017. The Bio Club is sponsoring a bike to school event next week. Girls Golf finished with them making it to sectionals. Boys soccer is finishing their regular season this week. The Mock Block is being held. Students feel they have less homework per day but feel the day seems much longer with the Mock Block.

B. CESA 6 Report - Mr. Harke: None

C. WASB Report - Mr. Schumacher:

Mr. Schumacher stated that WASB passed 10 resolutions.

D. Building & Grounds Director Report - Mr. Tiedt: None

E. Staff Reports: Mr. Voight, Mr. Weis, Mr. Erickson, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Lipsey, Ms. Olson, Mrs. Mussett, Mrs. Schmeltzer, Mrs. Gagnon, Mr. Kilstofte:

F. Communications:

1. WASB Annual Board Development Tool Survey: Mr. Kilstofte distributed the survey tool to Board Members to they can complete the survey.

G. Informational Items:

1. Freedom Area School District Referendum – Frequently Asked Questions Handout:

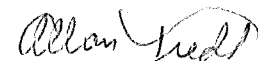
Mr. Kilstofte updated the Board on the School Referendum and handed out a “Frequently Asked Questions” sheet to illustrate many community members’ questions that were answered. The question and answer sheet is also posted on the district website.

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

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN at 7:52 p.m. was made by Mr. VanWychen 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