At 7:15 p.m. on Monday evening, February 16, 2009 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. Gene Krull, Mr. Bob Grode, Mr. Steve Garvey, Mr. Gary Schumacher, Mr. George Van Wychen, Mr. Al Tiedt and Katie Vosters, student representative.
Absent and excused: Mr. Tom Harke,

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Order of business may be altered and items may be added by a majority vote of the members
Remove: V. ACTION ITEMS, D-New Business, #6 Policy Updates by NEOLA
Motion to approve agenda with changes was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Grode. Motion carried.

III. OPEN FLOOR PERIOD: Denise Gaumer Hutchinson from WEA Trust, our Health Insurance provider, presented an award to Lois Cuff for her outstanding leadership and commitment to wellness.

IV. RECOGNITION: Moments of Merit
Eastern Valley Conference MS Honors Band: Paul Beardsley, Jenna Gartzke, Danielle Gleason, Kaitlin Piette, Courtney Bougie, Aubrey Green, Joseph Hin, Katelyn Schiltz, Shelby VanRossum, Rachel Vircks, Lisa Zoromski
Eastern Valley Conference HS Honors Band: Stephanie Smudde, Carol Young, Nick Schlavensky, Tyler Ebben, Phil Sanks, Matt Uitenbrock, Derrick Diedrick, Tara Grode
Eastern Valley Conference HS Honors Choir: Tori Timm, Amber Lawson, Nikki Schommer, Kelly Frederickson, Jake Royer, Craig Schommer, Kevin VanCamp, Neal Schlavensky
National Band Association Wisconsin Chapter Honors Band (NBA-WC-HG): Rachel Vircks, Shelby VanRossum
Varsity Pom/Dance State Competition (WACPC): 2nd place in Division 3 Pom, 2nd Place in Division 2 Kick: Katie Bowers, Kassie Dorman, Emily Greiner, Melissa Kaminski, Kelcie Kleusken, Marissa Kortz, Karissa Meinert, Michelle Meinert, Jessica Peterson, Natalee Peterson, Noelle Peterson, Kayley Sauer, Karley Schadrie, Ashley Springstroh, Sam Svoboda, Kristen VanAsten, Arica VanBoxtel, Tammy VanderLoop, Kylee Verhasselt, Stephanie Verhasselt, Ashley VerVoort, Alicia Vonckx, Amanda Vonckx, Alyse Zuleger.
WCAA District 4 Coach of the Year: Thain Jones

V. ACTION ITMES:
A. Approval of minutes:
Motion to approve the January 19, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes was made by Mr. Grode with a second by Mr. Tiedt. Motion carried.

B. Financial Report:
Motion to pay the bills for February 16, 2009 in the amount of $520,205.51 including check #s 20998 thru #21124 was made by Mr. Grode with a second by Mr. VanWychen. Motion carried.

C. Old Business: None

D. New Business:
1. Freedom High School Senior Class request to travel to Great America on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 for their Senior Class Trip was presented by Katie Vosters and Stephanie Verhasselt on behalf of their class. Motion to approve Freedom High School Senior Class request to travel to Great America on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 for their Senior Class Trip was made by Mr. Van Wychen with a second by Mr. Schumacher. Motion carried.

2. Request for consideration of joining the WIAA approved hockey co-op Fox Cities Stars Hockey Team was presented. Fully self sustaining program with no cost to the School District. Motion to approve the request to join the WIAA approved hockey co-op Fox Cities Stars Hockey team was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Grode. Motion carried.

3. Request to approve nomination of Valedictorians and Salutatorian for the Class of 2009. Motion to approve nomination of Valedictorians and Salutatorian for the Class of 2009 as presented was made by Mr. VanWychen with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.

4. Request for approval of the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Freedom Area School District Calendars. Motion to approve the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Freedom Area School District Academic Calendars as presented was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Grode. Motion carried.

5. Motion for resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of $3,835,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Kevin Mullen from Piper Jaffray presented a summary of debt refinancing for the Freedom Area School District’s $3,835,000. We would maintain the current debt structure, refinancing only if minimum of
2.00% present value savings after factoring in all costs. With the current interest rate comparison the present value savings would be 5.19%. Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of $3,835,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds was made by Mr. Grode with a second by Mr. Schumacher. Motion carried.

6. Approval to change the May 18, 2009 Board Meeting. A request by Mrs. Cuff to change the May 18, 2009 Board meeting due to a schedule conflict was discussed. A motion to change the May 18, 2009 Board meeting to May 19, 2009 was made by Mr. Grode and seconded by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.

E. Personnel:
   Retirements:
   • A motion to accept the retirement of Nancy Dudei, 4th Grade Elementary Teacher at the end of the 2008-2009 school year was made by Mr. Grode with a second by Mr. Schumacher. Motion carried
   Resignations:
   • Motion to accept the resignation of Erin Lucas, Freedom High School Math and Computer Programming Teacher at the end of the 2008-2009 school year was made by Mr. VanWychen with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried
   Hires:
   • Motion to approve hire of Andy Bos as Boys Track Assistant Coach .5 was made by Mr. Grode with a second by Mr. Schumacher. Motion carried.
   • Motion to approve hire of Matt Beno as Boys Track Assistant Coach .5 was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Grode. Motion carried.

VI. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:
A. Student Board Report – Katie Vosters: The on-line apparel store is up and running. Family Art Day was held last Sunday with an excellent turnout. The Art Club created a Wizard of Oz mural in the hallway of the high school. A Blood Drive is coming up with 80 students signed up already. Katie presented an Honor’s Society Invite for March 9 to the entire Board.
B. CESA #6 Report – Mr. Harke: None.
C. WASB Report – Mr. Grode: The primary election is approaching with five running for State School Superintendent. The Federal Stimulus Package has been approved. Tomorrow Governor Doyle will announce how much state aid we should see.
D. Staff Reports:
   Mr. Weis, Mrs. Czech, Mr. Fisher, Ms. Arndt, Mr. Erickson, Mrs. Gagnon and Mrs. Cuff submitted written reports. Mr. Fisher invited the Board to view National History Day which will be held Tuesday, February 24 in the Field House. They can preview the event Monday night, February 23. Kurt Erickson announced that the Freedom Wrestlers are Regional champs! He also informed us of an exciting event that will be held at Freedom High on Wednesday, March 18, 2009. The Gunma University of Japan Olympic wrestlers will wrestle the USA Olympic Training Center Team. All proceeds will go back to the Freedom Athletic Department.
E. Communication:
   1. Spring Election 2 Seats: 1 seat from the Town of Oneida: Tom Harke and 1 seat from the Town of Freedom/Osborn/City of Appleton: Gene Krull, Kevin Schuh.
   2. WASB State Education Convention – Gene Krull, George Van Wychen attended along with Gary Schumacher who was our Board Delegate. All resolutions were passed except for the first.
F. Informational Items:
   1. Weather make-up dates: As per the FEA Master Agreement, Article X,…..Emergency closing of school in excess of two days shall be made up as determined by the Board and designated Association Representatives. We have had 3 weather related day closings: December 9, January 15 and January 16. Per agreement with the FEA, March 6 will be the make up day. Any other weather related days necessary will use April 14, April 13 and June 5 in that order.
   2. Hot Lunch Accounts Review: Mrs. Gagnon distributed an analysis of the Food Service program. We have a total of 923 families that use this program. As of February 10, 2009 we have negative balances in food service totaling $20,908.80. Five percent of these families are in the high negative balance bracket. Greg Weis is working on getting this collected.
   3. Federal Stimulus Package and State School Finance Network Funding Proposal: Mrs. Cuff gave an update on the meeting she attended with Steve Kagen on this subject.

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT KNOWN OR REASONABLY ANTICIPATED: None
VIII. OPEN FLOOR PERIOD: A citizen brought up his concern over the reduced/free lunch that is available and who is eligible. He was also concerned over the confusion in billing and retrieval of negative food service balances. Discussion was further held on the negative food service balances with Mr. Garvey requesting a special meeting to discuss such accounts and set guidelines for collection. Mr. Garvey thought guidelines were previously set and are not being followed. Mr. Krull will check into further and get back to Mr. Garvey.

A citizen brought up his concern over many little items he saw within the school while attending functions that need to be addressed. Mrs. Cuff explained what was being done for each of these items.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:34 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of claim against the district allowable under Wis. State Stat. 19.85 (l)(f) was made by Mr. Grode with second by Mr. VanWychen. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Schumacher, Yes; Mr. Grode, Yes; Mr. Krull, Yes; Mr. Van Wychen, Yes; Mr. Garvey, Yes; Mr. Tiedt, Yes.

Absent and excused: Mr. Tom Harke,

Motion carried.

MOTION TO RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION at 10:12 p.m. to act on recommendations made in Executive Session concerning claim against the district allowable under Wis. State Stat. 19.85 (l)(f) was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.

NO ACTION TAKEN

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 10:13 p.m. was made by Mr. VanWychen with a second by Mr. Grode. 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