

**FREEHOLD BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD ACTION MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, May 8, 2012**

A. OPENING STATEMENTS

1. Call to Order

The Public Board Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jordan, in the Gymnasium of the Park Avenue Complex, 280 Park Avenue, Freehold, New Jersey, 07728 at 7:00 PM. She said the meeting was in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, C 231, P.L. 1975. Present were: Mrs. Greitz, Mrs. Jordan, Dr. Lichardi, Mrs. MacCutcheon, Mr. Parke , Mr. Patrick, Mr. Reich and Mr. Xavier. Superintendent O’Connell and Board Secretary, Patrick DeGeorge were also present. Mr. Keelan was absent.

Staff	Audience
Mike Sauser	SM Edwards
Eric Gross	Pamela Deans
Tammy Ciok	

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Jordan led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Mrs. Jordan asked Mr. DeGeorge to call the roll. A quorum of the board was present.

B. BOARD PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT COMMENTS

None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

E. SUPERINTENDENT’S/BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

1. Common Core Standards – Mr. Rich Pepe --

Mrs. O’Connell introduced Mr. Pepe to present the overview of the new Common Core State Standards. Mr. Pepe guided the members of the Board through a PowerPoint presentation entitled “*Transition to the CCSS.*” Mr. Pepe explained the comparison of the new “CCSS” to our current standards. The district’s goal is to embrace the “CCSS” and deliver them to our students.

(A discussion occurred between the BOE members and Mr. Pepe regarding the “CCSS”, how the new standards will transition into classroom instruction, curriculum documents, professional development, timeframes the new standards will be introduced into classrooms and effects on ESL and special needs students. Details are available on the related video recording of the meeting which is posted on the district website, and which will be available for viewing beginning next Tuesday at 10 pm on Comcast Cable Channel 97.)

2. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report – Mrs. Elizabeth O’Connell

Mrs. O’Connell explained there was one incident of HIB reported to the Board of Education:

- FIS – 1 (one) HIB investigation was conducted by Heather Newman, Guidance Counselor and Anti-Bullying Specialist for FIS in accordance to the HIB law. This incident included teasing and name-calling. The student received detention, was required to write an essay on handling problems with other students, and met with the guidance Counselor to discuss coping skills. This **was** determined to be an act of HIB.
- PAE – There were no HIB investigations at Park Avenue Elementary School.
- FLC – There were no HIB investigations at Freehold Learning Center.

3. Calendar/Announcements – Mrs. Elizabeth O’Connell

- Last evening I attended the Arts Education Awards Showcase & Reception in Asbury Park at the Shore Institute of the Contemporary Arts. The event was to honor "those individuals, schools, programs, administrators and organizations that support our mission to "*Enrich the community by inspiring and fostering the Arts*." A "Community Champion of the Arts" Award was presented to the Freehold Borough Educational Foundation in collaboration with the Freehold Borough School District, along with the Peter Jay Sharp Foundation, and Barry & Star Tobias in support of the musical program in Freehold Borough Schools. Several of our students performed under the direction of Mr. Eric Gross. On cellos: Jillian Laberde and Molly Loprete; on violins: Jamie Keelan, Caroline Laberde, Candace Patrick, Emily Contract and Renatta Ceppi. These were instruments purchased through the “Challenge Grant” It was a wonderful evening!
- Ronnie Dougherty, Grace Huang (FLC Music Teacher), and I met with Star & Barry Tobias yesterday afternoon to discuss opportunities to expand the strings program to the Early Childhood Grades. Hopefully, we will be able to pilot a program starting in September, 2012.
- The NJ ASK Assessment for Grades 3 & 4 is being administered this week.
- The first Annual Review of our Strategic Plan will take place on Monday evening, May 14th at 6:00pm in the Park Avenue Complex Cafeteria. A light dinner will be served.
- Progress reports will be issued on Friday, May 11, 2012.
- Freehold Intermediate School is hosting a Town Hall Meeting & Resource Fair, in partnership with Freehold Township, sponsored by the Freehold Alliance. This event will take place on Tuesday, May 15th from 6:30 - 8:30pm. The Fair will cover topics related to underage drinking and drug abuse along with community resource information. Dinner will be provided. Denise Lucarelli and I personally visited each local realtor in Freehold Borough & Freehold Township and invited them to attend this event.
- Pre-School Registration will take place on Wednesday, May 16th at the Freehold Learning Center from 8:30am – 3:00pm.
- Our Spring Concert is scheduled for Thursday, May 17th at 7:00pm in the PAC Gymnasium.
- There is a FIS Student Council Dance on Friday, May 18th from 5:30pm – 8:00pm.
- Eighth grader, Cameron Costanzo was accepted into the Medical Sciences Learning Center at Freehold Borough High School.
- Next BOE meeting is on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7:00pm in the PAC Gymnasium.

F. INSTRUCTION

None

G. PUPILS

None

H. ADMINISTRATION

None

Mrs. MacCutcheon offered the following motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick:

I. BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills – May 8, 2012

Recommend the Board approve the claims for goods received and services rendered and certified to be correct by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as of May 8, 2012 as follows:

Fund 11 – General Current Expense	\$150,668.09
Fund 12 – Capital Outlay	0.00
Fund 18 – Ed Jobs Fund	0.00
Fund 20 – Grants and Entitlements	4,442.11
Fund 60 – Food Service	<u>16,847.61</u>
Total	\$171,957.81

2. PayForIt.net

Recommend the Board approve CC Productions, Inc. with offices at 300 Observer Highway, Hoboken, New Jersey to provide annual software licensing, maintenance and support for the QSP PayForIt.net application for the 2012-2013 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$2,674.64 to be appropriated from Food Services GAAP Account 60-910-310-340-00-09.

3. Use of District Vehicle – 2012 Memorial Day Parade

Recommend the Board approve the Borough of Freehold to the use of one of the District’s 24 passenger buses to transport local students and veterans between Elks Point and Brinkerhoff Avenue during the 2012 Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday May 28, 2012 from 8:30 am – 10:00 am. The vehicle will be operated by a Freehold Borough Board of Education employee or approved substitute)

J. PERSONNEL

1. Reemployment of Acting Principal – Freehold Intermediate School

Recommend the Board approve Joseph Jerabek as Acting Principal of the Freehold Intermediate School (PCR# INTPRIN1) for the 2012-2013 school year at a non-pensionable stipend of \$25,500 to be appropriated from GAAP Account 11-000-240-103-00-00-09.

2. Reemployment of Interim Assistant Principal – Freehold Intermediate School
Recommend the Board approve Michael D’Anna as Interim Assistant Principal of the Freehold Intermediate School (PCR# ASTPRN01) for the 2012-2013 school year at an annual salary of \$86,700 to be appropriated from GAAP Account 11-000-240-103-00-00-09. Inclusive of attendance at 10 school events outside of the regular school day.
3. Reemployment of Residency Officer
Recommend the Board approve Tim Jablonski as Residency Officer (PCR# RESOFF01) for the 2012-2013 school year at a salary of \$35,700 (no benefits) to be appropriated from GAAP Account 11-000-211-100-00-00-09.
4. Reemployment of Board Meeting Secretary
Recommend the Board approve Tammy Ciok, as Board Meeting Secretary, for the 2012-2013 school year at a rate of \$100 per meeting to be appropriated from GAAP Account 11-000-230-100-00-00-01.
5. Reemployment of Board Meeting Video Technician
Recommend the Board approve Michael Sauser as board meeting video technician for the 2012-2013 school year, at a rate of \$30/hour, to be appropriated from GAAP account 11-000-230-100-00-00-01.
6. Reemployment of Board Meeting Audio Technician
Recommend the Board approve Eric Gross as board meeting audio technician for the 2012-2013 school year at a rate of \$30 per hour to be appropriated from GAAP Account 11-000-230-00-00-01.
7. Reemployment of Substitute Board Meeting Audio Technician
Recommend the Board approve Michael Sauser as substitute board meeting audio technician for the 2012-2013 school year at a rate of \$30 per hour to be appropriated from GAAP Account 11-000-230-00-00-01.
8. NCLB Title I Summer Program – Coordinator
Recommend the Board to approve Colleen LaRocca as the Title I/NCLB Coordinator (outside contractual hours) for the Title I/Title III Summer Literacy & Mathematics Intervention Program from May 2012 through August 2012 to be paid a stipend of \$7,500 to be appropriated from NCLB Title IA GAAP Account 20-232-200-100-00-02-03.
9. NCLB Title I Summer Program – Office Assistant
Recommend the Board to approve Mary L. Pugliese as the Office Assistant (outside contractual hours) for the Title I/Title III Summer Literacy & Mathematics Intervention Program from May 2012 through August 2012 at a rate of \$15/hour not to exceed 20 hours to be appropriated from NCLB Title I Account 20-232-200-105-00-04-03.
10. Re-employment of Media Specialist for the 2012-2013 School Year
Recommend the Board approve the reemployment of Karen Krieger as Media Specialist (PCR# LIBR0001) at Step MA-7 at a salary of \$48,760 for the 2012-2013 school year. Salary adjustments are effective as of and pro-rated from September 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013.

11. NJASK Saturday Test Prep

Recommend the Board approve Paula Desch and Tracy Corsano for up to 4 hours each at \$30.00 an hour (Not to exceed a total of \$240) to do 21st CCLC Test Prep data analysis from May 8-14, 2012 to be appropriated from 21st CCLC GAAP Account Number 20-307-100-100-00-03.

12. 21st CCLC & Title III Adult Spanish Program Teacher

Recommend the Board to approve Carolina Garrett as 21st CCLC & Title III Adult Spanish Program teacher to be paid at a rate of \$30 per hour (not to exceed a total of \$600) to be appropriated from Title III GAAP Account 20-241-200-100-00-01-81.

13. Approval of Extra-Curricular Stipend

Recommend the Board approve Emily Mangino as FIS National Junior Honor Society Advisor for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year at a stipend of \$750 (prorated from \$1,500) to be appropriated from GAAP Account 11-401-100-100-00-00-09)

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES	Mrs. Greitz , Mrs. Jordan, Dr. Lichardi, Mrs. MacCutcheon, Mr. Parke, Mr. Patrick, Mr. Reich, Mr. Xavier
NAYES	None
ABSTAIN	None

K. NEW BUSINESS/ADDENDA

None

L. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Dan Xavier - discussed the possibility of requesting a Crossing Guard on the corner of Jackson Terrace and East Main Street earlier than the scheduled 7:30am to help cross the high school students as he was approached by a resident with that question.

(A discussion occurred between the BOE members and administration regarding crossing guards who are actually employed through the Freehold Borough Police Department. Details are available on the related video recording of the meeting which is posted on the district website, and which will be available for viewing beginning next Tuesday at 10 pm on Comcast Cable Channel 97.)

Mr. Xavier (along with Mrs. MacCutcheon), then discussed the garbage and student behavior at school dismissal on Kiawia Avenue through Brinkerhoff. Excessive garbage on resident's lawns and disrespectful student behavior were discussed.

(A discussion occurred between the BOE members and administration regarding police or school administrator presence at key "trouble" spots during dismissal. Details are available on the related video recording of the meeting which is posted on the district website, and which will be available for viewing beginning next Tuesday at 10 pm on Comcast Cable Channel 97.)

M. COMMUNICATIONS FROM SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

None

N. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ms. Edwards, 40 Jackson Street, Apt. 226 (parent) -- Ms. Edwards explained a situation regarding her daughter's experience at the last FIS Student Council Dance in March. Ms. Edwards and her daughter are very upset and did first go to school principal, then Mrs. O'Connell. Ms. Edwards explained how her meeting w/ Mrs. O'Connell was very respectful and professional, but there are still issues happening. Mrs. O'Connell then explained to Ms. Edwards that she needs to come to her, as per their discussion, as she (Mrs. O'Connell) is not aware of further issues. Mrs. O'Connell invited Ms. Edwards to set up a time to meet at Ms. Edward's convenience, and to bring papers she has to their meeting. Ms. Edwards then thanked Mrs. O'Connell and the BOE for listening to her.

O. REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Ron Reich – This past Sunday was the NJ Marathon. There were over 30 volunteers, all working on behalf of the FBEF. It was a nice turn out and a spectacular race.
 - Mr. Reich also wanted to thank PAE Guidance Counselor, Kelly Hobbs and everybody else involved with taking a group of students to Veteran's Park in Freehold for a cleanup day. This is exemplary of how dedicated our staff is to beautifying our town.
 - Mr. Reich then expressed appreciation to the FBEF, Barry and Star Tobias and Liz for the fantastic job they did working on the Challenge Grant and the result of seeing the strings play for their first public appearance at the Monmouth County Arts Council event.
- Annette Jordan – Mrs. Jordan attended a Monmouth County School boards Function in Neptune at a Living School. This school functions as a green school and their curriculum is very creative. I have information in which we can reach out to Rutgers and they will help us develop a program as well.
 - June 7th the NJSBA will host a discussion in Trenton on legislation regarding education. The NJSBA hired a Business Development Officer. This will enable the Foundations and the School Boards to work more efficiently and closely. If anybody has ideas to help this process, please email me and I will give you the contact information.
 - I also worked at the NJ Marathon on Friday. Grace was there as well. It was very interesting.
 - Saturday, May 12th is the Walk-a-Thon at Freehold Borough High School
 - May 19th is the town wide clean up day. There will be 2 recycling pickups that week. If you know of somebody in need of assistance, contact Mrs. Reugger at Town Hall to arrange for help.
 - Shredding event is also on May 19th from 12-4pm at Boro Hall. 100 lbs per person allowed.
- Elizabeth O'Connell – We are going to have a garden at FLC through a grant with Centra-State Health Awareness Center. I wrote the letter of support today at the request of Chris Naspo.
- Maureen MacCutcheon – The FLC PTO is having a flower sale this Thursday and Friday (May 10 & 11th).

Mr. Reich offered the following motion, seconded by Mr. Parke:

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., (the "Act") provides that the Freehold Borough Board of Education may hold an "Executive Session"

from which the public is excluded to discuss matters that are confidential or are one of the nine (9) subject matters listed Section 12(b) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Business Administrator that the Freehold Borough Board of Education go into Executive Session on May 8, at 8:30 pm to discuss matters that are permissible for discussion in Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be 10 minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business; and

WHEREAS, that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the following subject(s) will be made public at a time when the public's interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Freehold Borough Board of Education that the Board shall go into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

1. Personnel

ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL NOT RESULT IN BOARD ACTION WHEN THE BOARD RECONVENES TO PUBLIC SESSION

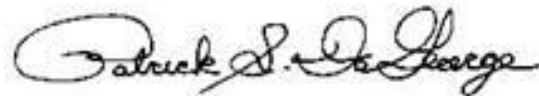
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

(The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 8:40 pm)

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Greitz and seconded by Mr. Xavier that the Board of Education adjourn the Board meeting at 8:41 pm.

Unanimously approved



Patrick S. DeGeorge
Board Secretary