

Freeburg Elementary School
Monday, May 20, 2024
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at Freeburg Elementary School.

Call to Order

Mrs. Foppe called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call of the members.

Roll Call

In addition to Mrs. Foppe, board members Jamie Smith, Ed Scheibel, Jayson Baker, Amber Trout, David Stein, and Bill May were in attendance. Also in attendance were Dr. Melanie Brink, Superintendent and Mark Janssen, Financial Officer and Recording Secretary. Principals Lindsay Fark and Tiffany Zurliene were present. Heidi Eckert of Blitz, Bardgett & Deutsch was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board and public stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors

Visitors to the meeting included district staff Danielle Stevens. Roger Skaer, Amanda Heintzelman, and Hans Carpenter of the Freeburg Tribune were also present.

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Bill May

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

- MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2024 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
- INVESTMENT SUMMARY THROUGH MAY 17, 2024
- BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 7-aye, 0-nay.

Approval of the Bills

The approval of the bills was tabled until after executive session.

Reports of Standing Committees

Reports of Special Committees

The parent handbook/discipline committee met on May 1. All suggestions are being made to the student handbook as presented and the additional updates will also be added to reflect changes and/or updates to board policy and laws.

Petitions/Communications

There were seven Freedom of Information Act requests. The requests were:

1. The Concerned Citizens of Freeburg sought salary and benefit information from an employee. It also sought certain open and closed session information.
2. Board Member Stein sought information regarding a license of a district employee.
3. Board Member Stein sought documents pertaining to a home address of a district employee.
4. Board Member Stein sought email communications between a district employee and an employee from another district.
5. Board Member Stein sought email communications sent from a citizen to the district.
6. Employee Emily Vasquez sought email communications between herself and a former employee.
7. SmartProcure sought all purchasing information from February 15 to the present.

All requests were either responded to or will be responded to within the five-day timeframe.

Public Participation

The Board welcomed the public to the meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brink stated enrollment stands at 783. Last month, it stood at 786.

Dr. Brink gave an update on the end-of-year activities. The district is currently reviewing all student paperwork to ensure accuracy. The district office will be open during the summer from 9 am – 1 pm Monday – Thursday. The last day of school is tomorrow. A teachers' institute will be held on Wednesday. The fall sports season begins on August 5.

Mr. Scheibel gave an update from the Illinois Association of School Boards. Scholarships will be available for districts to attend the conference in November. IASB is currently accepting resolutions for consideration this fall. Registration for the annual conference will begin in June.

Mr. Janssen summarized the planned projects this summer. They are:

1. Replace the six exterior doors of the 1996 addition.
2. Dig out the ditch along the road behind the Elementary School to get water flowing better.
3. Oil and Chip the parking lot closest to the main entrance.
4. Replace carpet in approximately four classrooms.
5. Thorough cleaning of all classrooms, gyms, cafeterias, bathrooms, and hallways.

Ms. Foppe gauged the Board's interest in having a self-evaluation, similar to what was done last June. After discussion, the Board instructed Dr. Brink to contact IASB to determine availability.

Mrs. Fark presented the Principal's Report for the Primary Center.

- April 30th - IPA Student Recognition Breakfast - Madilyn Vollenger was chosen overall to represent our district for her outstanding achievements in these areas.
- May 6-10 - was Teacher Appreciation Week - All week, we showed teachers in District 70 our appreciation for their hard work and dedication to our students.
- May 8th—Staff Volleyball Game—was a blast with no major injuries to staff. Staff gave it their best but were no match for the 8th grade girls.
- Friday, May 10th - A big Thank you to Freeburg Dairy Queen and Chad Sanders for helping us purchase and delivering Dilly Bars for our District Quarter 4 Reward.

- PTO Carnival - May 16th - Thank you to our PTO for all of their hard work in organizing this event for our students and their families. The weather had put a damper on the outdoor activities but our PTO came up with an alternate plan. Thank you to Jill Jung and FCHS for letting us use their facilities as well.
- Recently the Primary Center was presented with an American flag and a certificate from Master Sergeant Zachary Heintzelman. MSgt. Heintzelman and wife Amanda are the parents of kindergartener Madison Heintzelman.
- This flag was dedicated to Freeburg Primary Center on behalf of the 62nd Expeditionary Attack Squadron. The certificate certifies that this flag was flown in combat on the 29th of April 2024 in an MQ-9 Reaper in support of Operation Restore Hope.
- PreK Visit Day was well attended, and we're looking forward to meeting our newest hornets next year!
- Field Day - props to Melissa K and Darren P - K-4 students tested their abilities at all types of games and activities. It was chilly, but everyone still had a blast.

Mrs. Zurliene presented the Principal's Report for the Elementary School.

- April 24-26 - Students in 5th & 8th Grade took the Illinois Science Assessment
- On Monday, April 29th - State Representative Kevin Schmidt came to visit District 70.
- April 30th - IPA Student Recognition Breakfast - Lilly Furtak was chosen to represent our district for her outstanding achievement in leadership, good character, kindness and academics.
- May 1st - Freeburg hosted the Algebra Math Competition for the Cahokia Conference. We finished 5th overall.
- Thursday, May 2nd - Spring Concert
- May 7th - McLimo - Students who earned straight As throughout Quarter 3 were treated to a limo ride to McDonalds to receive a free meal for all their hard work.
- Thursday, May 9th was Rotary Relays for grades 5-8. Our students competed and represented our district well.
- May 10th & 11th - Our chorus performed the Spring Musical Frozen - Their performances were well performed and everyone's dedication and hard work paid off with an amazing performance. Thank you to Mrs. Ketchum for making this possible for our students.
- Tuesday, May 14th hosted our National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony - this was our first official induction ceremony for our new chapter.
- May 15th we had our staff basketball game - for the first time ever the 8th grade students defeated the staff.
- Friday, May 17th - 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony - Congratulations to all of our 8th grade students! We wish you all the best!

Old Business

New Business

Moved: Amber Trout

Seconded: Dave Stein

A MOTION WAS MADE TO INCREASE THE LUNCH MEAL PRICES BY \$0.25 WITH ALL OTHER FEES REMAINING STABLE, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

AYES: Smith, Scheibel, Baker, Trout, Stein, May, Foppe

Motion Carried

Moved: Amber Trout

Seconded: Bill May

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM LAUGH & LEARN TO PROVIDE BEFORE AND AFTER-SCHOOL CARE JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027 FOR \$40/DAY FOR SCHOOL DAYS AND \$55/DAY FOR NON-SCHOOL DAYS, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

AYES: Smith, Scheibel, Baker, Trout, Stein, May, Foppe
Motion Carried

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO REINVEST \$1,232,360 IN A 12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT WITH PMA FINANCIAL NETWORK AT AN INTEREST RATE OF 4.95%, AS PRESENTED.

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 7-aye, 0-nay.

Moved: Dave Stein

Seconded: Bill May

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE 2ND READING OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 7-aye, 0-nay.

Moved: Bill May

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:29 PM TO CONSIDER:

THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDING HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE. 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1);

LITIGATION, WHEN AN ACTION AGAINST, AFFECTING OR ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICULAR DISTRICT HAS BEEN FILED AND IS PENDING BEFORE A COURT OR ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, OR WHEN THE DISTRICT FINDS THAT AN ACTION IS PROBABLE OR IMMINENT, IN WHICH CASE THE BASIS FOR THE FINDING SHALL BE RECORDED AND ENTERED INTO THE CLOSED MEETING MINUTES. 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11); AND

STUDENT DISCIPLINARY CASES. 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(9)

AYES: Smith, Scheibel, Baker, Trout, Stein, May, Foppe
Motion Carried

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Bill May

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION AT 8:05 PM.

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 7-aye, 0-nay.

Moved: Jayson Baker

Seconded: Bill May

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES AMANDA HARGAN FROM JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

AYES: Smith, Scheibel, Baker, Trout, Stein, May, Foppe
Motion Carried

Moved: Jayson Baker

Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO EMPLOY JAMIE KUHN AS CHEERLEADING COACH.

AYES: Smith, Scheibel, Baker, Trout, Stein, May, Foppe
Motion Carried

Approval of the Bills

Moved: Jayson Baker

Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE BILLS, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

AYES: Smith, Scheibel, Baker, Trout, May, Foppe
NAYS: Stein
Motion Carried

Other Business

The Board discussed moving the June and July board meetings to 6 pm from 7 pm. After discussion, the Board agreed to make the change.

Adjournment

Moved: Bill May

Seconded: Jayson Baker

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:12 P.M.**

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 7-aye, 0-nay.

Michelle Foppe, President
Board of Education, Dist. #70

Jamie Smith, Secretary
Board of Education, Dist. # 70