

Freeburg Elementary School
Monday, April 22, 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, April 22, 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 Kaitlin Becker, Kristina Brammeier, Rachael Stehl, Caitlin Kirby, and Abbey Payne. Also in attendance were Roger Skaer and Hans Carpenter of the Freeburg Tribune.

Moved: Dave Stein

Seconded: Bill May

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

- MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2024 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
- INVESTMENT SUMMARY THROUGH APRIL 19, 2024
- BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024

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

Approval of the Bills

Moved: Dave Stein

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

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

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

Reports of Standing Committees

Reports of Special Committees

Petitions/Communications

There was one Freedom of Information Act request. The request was from the Concerned Citizens of Freeburg. The request sought information on all litigation costs associated with Board Member Jayson Baker and another employee since December 1, 2023. Mr. Janssen is still compiling the records and has utilized the five extra days to comply. He will have an answer prior to the ten-day deadline.

Public Participation

The Board welcomed the public to the meeting. Kaitlin Becker and Lulu Steppig gave a rundown of the National Junior Honor Society's purpose and function.

Kristina Brammeier gave a brief summary of what is happening in her 7th-grade Science classroom.

Kaitlin Becker briefly summarized what is happening in her 7th-grade Language Arts classroom.

Abbey Payne and Caitlin Kirby summarized what is happening in their 4th-grade classrooms.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brink stated enrollment stands at 786. Last month, it stood at 780.

Dr. Brink stated we had a fire drill last week. She also stated Mrs. Hill is moving from 6th grade to 2nd grade next year. Mrs. Deterding is moving from 2nd grade to 1st grade. The Handbook Committee is meeting on May 1. The PTO Carnival is scheduled for May 16.

Mr. Scheibel gave an update from the Illinois Association of School Boards. The governing board meetings will be held in May and June. Registration for the annual conference will begin in June.

The Board discussed the district's legal counsel considering Attorney Eckert moving to another firm. Mr. Janssen stated the past practice of the board was for all matters to follow the attorney to the new firm. He mentioned this was the third or fourth time this has happened in his memory. Ms. Trout inquired if the district had a contract or letter of engagement with the attorney. Ms. Eckert believed there was one signed and she would coordinate with Mr. Janssen on getting that to the Board.

The Board discussed making archived documents available to board members. Specifically, all shared folders of past board meetings and Weekly Updates are currently only available to the current Board since last May. This was when the current Board was seated. Mr. Baker felt a board member should have access to all documents during his or her tenure on the board. After discussion, it was decided documents would be available for twelve months. If a board member seeks a document from more than twelve months ago, he or she would ask Mr. Janssen for access provided there was a legitimate business need.

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

- 4/5 – Talent Show
- 4/10 – American Heart Association sponsored a Slime Assembly with \$23,448.26 raised
- 4/11 – We had our fire drill
- 4/17 – ISP Threat Assessment

Upcoming Events/Dates:

- 4/25- Kindergarten Field Trip to the Zoo

- 4/25 Ag Day *rescheduled due to forecasted weather
- 4/29 - PreK & ECE Field Trip to Edwardsville Children's Museum/Airplane Park
- 4/30 IPA Student Recognition - recognizing students for their leadership, good character, kindness, and academic achievements: Ella Lengermann, Bristol Kloess, Tommy Santel, Lincoln Reeves, and Madilyn Vollenger. Madilyn was chosen overall to represent our district for her outstanding achievements in these areas.
- 5/1 PreK visit day - incoming kindergarteners can come check out our school, listen to our current kindergarten students who will sing songs and welcome them to visit their classrooms Then, enjoy a popsicle on our playground with friends.

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

- 4/8 Solar Eclipse Day - Thank you to the PTO for purchasing the solar eclipse glasses for students and staff to enjoy.
- 4/12 Recorder Concert - 3rd Grade
- 4/19 - Special Olympics were held at Columbia high school - students won several medals and were excited to show everyone their medals they earned.
- 4/19 - The 7th grade students went to the Holocaust museum. Thank you to our PTO for making this field trip possible.

Upcoming Events/Dates:

4/23 - 6th Grade (Green/Hill) Field Trip to Challenger Learning Center

4/24 - 6th Grade (Joseph/Goodnight) Field Trip to Challenger Learning Center

24/4-26 - 5th & 8th Grade ISA

4/29 State Rep Kevin Schmidt is visiting - assembly in the the gym for 6th-8th

4/30 - IPA Student Recognition - Lilly Furtak was chosen to represent our district for her outstanding achievement in leadership, good character, kindness and academics.

4/30-Tech Ice Cream Party - 8th grade (8-2) 1:00-1:45 pm (*Specials time*)

Tech Ice Cream Party - 7th grade (7-2) 1:50-2:40 pm (*Specials time*)

Old Business

New Business

Moved: Jayson Baker

Seconded: Bill May

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE MOVING TO A FULL-TIME STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICER FROM PART-TIME, EFFECTIVE WITH THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.

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

Motion Carried

Moved: Amber Trout

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT PLAN, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

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

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Amber Trout

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

Moved: Amber Trout

Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM TEACHER NATASHA TUCKER, EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.

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

Moved: Bill May

Seconded: David Stein

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM NOON SUPERVISOR LYN MUDD, EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.

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

Moved: Jayson Baker

Seconded: Amber Trout

A MOTION WAS MADE TO EMPLOY KACEY HAWKINS AS TEACHER BEGINNING WITH THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED.

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

Other Business

Adjournment

Moved: Bill May

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:50 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