

Freeburg Elementary School
Monday, September 25, 2023
7:08 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 7:08 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 Ed Scheibel, Jamie Smith, 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 Ford Harrison was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board and public stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors

Visitors to the meeting included district staff Reagan Birkner, Ammie Hunt, Carrie Green, Emily Vasquez, Ashley Krakosky, Michelle Freebairn, Jen Scheuchner, and Lauren Baker. Also in attendance were Danita Duecker, Tara Lauf, Derrick Green, and Roger Skaer.

Moved: Amber Trout

Seconded: David Stein

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

- MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 28, 2023 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
- INVESTMENT SUMMARY THROUGH AUGUST SEPTEMBER 22, 2023
- BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023

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

Approval of the Bills

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: David Stein

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

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

Reports of Standing Committees

The Personnel Committee has scheduled a meeting for October 10 at 4 pm.

Reports of Special Committees

Petitions/Communications

There were two Freedom of Information Act requests. The first was from Janine Asmus who sought the names of any certified school librarians. The second was from Amber Lonsdale who sought any communications from the state regarding testing administered by the district. Both requests were filled within the five-day timeframe.

Public Participation

The Board welcomed the public to the meeting.

Teacher Ashley Krakosky addressed the Board. She is the Math Response to Intervention teacher for students in grades third – eighth. She stated the fall benchmarking is complete, and teachers are in the process of reviewing the data. She will collaborate with the teachers to establish the groups. She stated she really likes the established time to see her students without them missing instruction.

Teacher Jennifer Scheuchner addressed the Board. She is the Reading Response to Intervention teacher for students in grades third – eighth. She reviewed what she is working on with her students.

Reading Specialist Michelle Freebairn addressed the Board. She is the Reading Specialist at the Primary Center. She and the Paraprofessional Valerie Dean work with many students one-on-one. They just completed their testing to identify those students with the most need to emphasize the basic reading skills.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brink stated the word of the month in October will be “Responsibility.”

She distributed a copy of the resolutions up for a vote this November at the Triple I Conference in Chicago. Board Member Scheibel is the Board's delegate to vote. She reminded the board members to let him know if there are resolutions they feel strongly about.

Dr. Brink stated the district's current enrollment stands at 778 students.

Mr. Janssen presented the salary compensation report. This report must be presented to the Board of Education each year and then posted on the district website by October 1.

Mrs. Fark presented the Principal's Report for the Primary Center. On September 1, the district hosted two presenters from BASSC to give a conference on “Restorative Practices.” The district held its intruder drill on September 12. On September 15, grades kindergarten – fifth hosted “Games with Grownups” where parents and grandparents were invited to the schools to play games with their children. The Primary Center held its Barn Dance on that same day, as well. On September 22, the district had an apple nacho bar for the staff. Mrs. Fark thanked Braeutigam's Orchard for donating the apples. The week of October 10 is fire prevention week for the Primary Center. Many activities are planned in cooperation with the Freeburg Fire Department.

Mrs. Zurliene presented the Principal's Report for the Elementary School. On September 1, the Middle School Science teachers had a professional development session on the new curriculum.

Moved: Jamie Smith

Seconded: Bill May

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION AT 8:48 PM.

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

Moved: Amber Trout

Seconded: Jayson Baker

A MOTION WAS MADE TO EMPLOY JACK BAYERS AS PARAPROFESSIONAL.

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

Moved: Amber Trout

Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST FROM TEACHER RENEE GRAUL FROM APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER 10, 2023 TO APPROXIMATELY JANUARY 16, 2024.

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

Moved: Amber Trout

Seconded: Bill May

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACHES:
BOYS' BASKETBALL – Larry Mueller and Dennis Haas
GIRLS' BASKETBALL – Jenna Breitweiser, Abbey Payne, and Jordan Liszewski.
Cheerleading – Shannon Brueggemann and Cynthia Higgins**

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

Other Business

Adjournment

Moved: Bill May

Seconded: Amber Trout

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:52 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