

Freeburg Elementary School  
Monday, June 26, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at Freeburg Elementary School.

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Roll Call**

In addition to Ms. Foppe, board members Jamie Smith, Ed Scheibel, Jayson Baker, Amber Trout, David Stein (6:12 pm), and Bill May. Also in attendance were Dr. Melanie Brink, Superintendent and Mark Janssen, Financial Officer and Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Board and public stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Visitors**

Visitors to the meeting included district staff Leah Beth Black and Natasha Tucker. Also in attendance were Danita Duecker and Amber Lonsdale.

Moved: Amber Trout

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

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

- MINUTES OF THE MAY 22, 2023 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND THE JUNE 12, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING.
- INVESTMENT SUMMARY THROUGH JUNE 23, 2023
- BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH MAY 31, 2023

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 6-aye, 0-nay.

### **Approval of the Bills**

Moved: Jayson Baker

Seconded: Bill May

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

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

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

Dr. Brink stated the Handbook Committee met on June 15 to go over the new student handbook. A committee of teachers reviewed and then a group of parents. The new handbook will be presented to the Board next month as Governor Pritzker is expected to sign new legislation that will likely necessitate further additions.

### **Reports of Special Committees**

Board Member Trout gave a brief summary of the BASSC Governing Board meeting last week. Mrs. Trout stated a new five-year contract was ratified for the teachers and the 2023-2024 budget was approved. The Governing Board also received an update of the construction at Pathways School.

### **Petitions/Communications**

There were two Freedom of Information Act requests. The first was from LocalLabs seeking any vendors the district has retained for diversity, equity, and inclusion services. The other was from Danita Duecker, who sought attendance data, contracts, board meeting attendance sheets, and closed session recordings. Both requests were or will be filled within the five-day timeframe.

### **Public Participation**

The Board welcomed the public to the meeting.

### **Superintendent's Report**

On June 15, Dr. Brink met with a group of teachers to review the new schedule. A few changes to the schedule will be implemented which Dr. Brink believes will be beneficial. She thanked the teachers who constructed and reviewed the schedule.

On June 13, Dr. Brink, along with Secretaries and Administrators attended a conference at the Regional Office regarding security. There were good ideas shared the district will implement.

On June 16, Dr. Brink met with Matt Trout of the Village to discuss the possibility of adding permanent stop signs at the intersection of Lincoln Court and S'Mores Way. The signs are currently temporary. She sent a letter to the Village Board for their consideration.

Dr. Brink reminded the Board the Triple I Conference will be held on November 17 – 19. Board members who have been registered are Mr. Scheibel and Mr. Stein. Dr. Brink and Mr. Janssen will also attend. If any other board members are interested, please let Dr. Brink know as soon as possible so she can get them registered.

Mr. Janssen gave a summary of the progress of the summer projects:

1. Replacement of three HVAC units at the Primary Center. Those include the units that serve the 1st-2nd grade wing, the cafeteria, and the kitchen. These units are now expected to be delivered in September. Once we have a delivery date, we will formulate a plan on how and when we will get them installed.
2. The installation of the new lights in the 1972 addition has begun. They are expected to be done by August 1.
3. The construction of the vestibules has begun. Work has begun at both buildings. The project is expected to be done by August 3.
4. The replacement of the asphalt at the Primary Center is completed. The final step is the restriping, which is expected to be completed later this week.
5. The oiling and chipping of the east parking lot will be done in July.
6. Thorough cleaning of all hallways, classrooms, cafeterias, kitchens, and gyms.

### **Old Business**

## **New Business**

Moved: Jayson Baker

Seconded: Amber Trout

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE QUOTE FROM STEMSCOPES BY ACCELERATE LEARNING INC. FOR A NEW SCIENCE CURRICULUM AT A COST OF \$41,908.41, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).**

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

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Bill May

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER A BUDGET HEARING TO DISCUSS THE FY23 BUDGET AMENDMENTS.**

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

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Jamie Smith

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION.**

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

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Jamie Smith

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FY23 BUDGET AMENDMENTS, 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 APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ABATEMENT OF WORKING CASH TO THE BUILDING FUND.**

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF THE WORKING CASH FUND**

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 20-1 of the *Illinois School Code*, 105 ILCS 5/20-1, the board of Education of Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 (hereinafter "the Board") created a Working Cash fund; and

WHEREAS, Section 20-8 of the *Illinois School Code*, 105 ILCS 5/20-8 allows the board to abate such Working Cash fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to exercise its authority to abate such Working Cash fund; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70, St. Clair County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated in this section as if set forth in *haec verba*.

Section 2. The Working Cash Fund is hereby abated. Funds currently in the Working Cash fund in the amount of \$198,947 shall be transferred to the Building Fund on July 1, 2023.

Section 3. The school's Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make such abatement of funds forthwith.

Section 5. This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023

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President of the Board of Education

ATTEST:

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Secretary of the Board of Education

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

Moved: David Stein                      Seconded: Ed Scheibel

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE TECHNOLOGY LEASE PARAMETERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$81,000 WITH CITIZENS COMMUNITY BANK AT A SIMPLE INTEREST RATE OF 5.44%.**

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

Moved: Jayson Baker                      Seconded: Amber Trout

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO RENEW THE FOOD SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BELLEVILLE DISTRICT #118, AS PRESENTED.**

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

Moved: Ed Scheibel                      Seconded: Bill May



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