

Freeburg Elementary School
Monday, December 12, 2022
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 7:00 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, John Lawson, and Ben Howes. Board member Ron Humphries was absent. Also in attendance were Dr. Melanie Brink, Superintendent, Mark Janssen, Financial Officer and Recording Secretary, Ryan Wittenauer, and Lindsay Fark, Principals.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board and public stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors

Visitors to the meeting included district staff Rachael Stehl, Lauren Baker, Natasha Tucker, and Leah Beth Black. Also in attendance were Jeanine Sheppard, Amber Lonsdale, Tara Lauf, Tiffany Smoker, Amber Trout, Bill May, Lou Lengerman, and Hans Carpenter of the Freeburg Tribune.

Moved: John Lawson Seconded: Jamie Smith

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

- MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND NOVEMBER 28, 2022 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

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

Moved: Ed Scheibel Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

- INVESTMENT SUMMARY THROUGH DECEMBER 9, 2022
- BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2022

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

Approval of the Bills

Moved: Ed Scheibel Seconded: Ben Howes

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

AYES: Smith, Scheibel, Baker, Lawson, Howes, Foppe,

Motion Carried

Reports of Standing Committees

Reports of Special Committees

Petitions/Communications

There was one Freedom of Information Act request from SmartProcure. They sought all purchasing information from August 25 to the present. The request was filled within the five-day timeframe.

Public Participation

The Board welcomed the public to the meeting. Amber Lonsdale expressed concern students in grades 3-5 were still not getting their 30 minutes of recess each day. She stated on a teacher's website that the schedule was not changed to reflect 30 minutes of recess. Mr. Janssen stated he has been in the cafeteria to release students in time for them to get the required minutes of recess. Teacher Natasha Tucker retorted she has seen grades three and four be released five to eight minutes late and are lined up three to four minutes prior to them coming in, which also cuts into the required 30 minutes. Mr. Janssen stated he would investigate it.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brink gave an update on enrollment. Currently, our enrollment is 785 students. Last month, we had 784 students.

Mrs. Fark presented the Principal's Report for the Primary Center. Teachers and administration participated in the Lighted Christmas Parade in Freeburg on December 4. Mrs. Fark thanked Mrs. Deterding, Mrs. Goscinski, and Mr. Wittenauer for their extra work. On December 6th, the annual holiday program for grades Kindergarten – 2nd grade was held at Freeburg High School. The program went very well. Mrs. Fark thanked the teachers and Mrs. Ketchum for their work. All grades held a Grinch Day earlier this month.

Mr. Wittenauer presented the Principal's Report for the Elementary School. On November 29, McLimo was held for seventh and eighth grade students with all "A's." Students were treated to lunch at McDonald's. The 4th-8th grade concert will be held tomorrow, December 13. Holiday dress up days will continue for the rest of this week. Mr. Wittenauer congratulated Drew Beisiegel for being named Optimist Student of the Month.

Old Business

Mr. Baker inquired to Dr. Brink on the status of Accelerated Reader. Last spring, it was mentioned that an alternative would be explored. Dr. Brink stated she has information she will share with the board later this week. He also inquired about billing from the Board's attorney on September 22. Specifically, 3.3 hours were billed, and he was curious what services were provided on that day. Mr. Janssen stated he would look into it and let the Board know.

Mr. Lawson shared he volunteered to match any winnings won by any Freeburg student in the Artsonia. He will get with Dr. Brink to coordinate.

New Business

Moved: John Lawson Seconded: Jayson Baker

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER A LEVY HEARING.

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

Moved: John Lawson Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION.

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

Motion: John Lawson Seconded: Ben Howes

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE 2022 TAX LEVY WITH A TOTAL INCREASE OF 9.83%, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

AYES: Smith, Scheibel, Baker, Lawson, Howes, Foppe,
Motion Carried

Motion: Jayson Baker Seconded: Ed Scheibel

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

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

Moved: Ed Scheibel Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:34 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) AND

TO CONDUCT THE SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS LAWFULLY CLOSED TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY MAY BE RELEASED AS MANDATED BY SECTION 2.06 ILCS 120/2(C)(21)

AYES: Smith, Scheibel, Baker, Lawson, Howes, Foppe,
Motion Carried

Moved: John Lawson Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION AT 7:47 PM.

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

Moved: John Lawson Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE NON-RELEASE OF PREVIOUSLY CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AS THE NEED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY STILL EXISTS.

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

Other Business

Adjournment

Moved: Ed Scheibel Seconded: John Lawson

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:49 P.M.**

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

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

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