

Freeburg Elementary School
Monday, November 28, 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, November 28, 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, Ron Humphries, Jayson Baker, John Lawson, and Ben Howes. 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 Megan Daumueller-Cook, Renee Graul, Leah Beth Black, Sarah Gagen, Lea Havel, Jenny Hummert, Rachael Stehl, Lauren Baker, and Natasha Tucker. Also in attendance were Amber Trout, Bill May, Michelle Etter, Tara Lauf, and Danita Duecker. Paul Vollmer from Scheffel-Boyle and Hans Carpenter from the Freeburg Tribune were also present.

Moved: John Lawson

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

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

- MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
- INVESTMENT SUMMARY THROUGH NOVEMBER 23, 2022
- BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2022

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

Approval of the Bills

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Jamie Smith

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

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

Reports of Standing Committees

Dr. Brink gave an update on the Transportation Committee meeting held on November 16. There were 23 staff and community members in attendance. She stated it was noted there are approximately 15 students who use the crosswalk on State Street. It was noted at the last meeting this is a hazard for students. She also stated our Student Resource Officer and police have been

monitoring it. Dr. Brink also mentioned Mrs. Fark has met with Primary Center teachers to address the loss of instructional time as a result of the new pickup procedures. She would like to schedule a Board Building & Grounds Committee meeting for January 19 at 6:15 pm to discuss further options.

Reports of Special Committees

Petitions/Communications

There were no Freedom of Information Act requests.

Public Participation

The Board welcomed the public to the meeting. Technology teacher Renee Graul presented a few projects her students have been doing in her classroom. Eighth grade students have been doing stop motion/animation. Seventh grade students have been doing pixel art using Google Sheets. Sixth grade students created a mask in Mrs. Cook's class and then animated it in her class. Students have also been creating sculptures and placing them in a new setting and doing computer coding. Mrs. Cook's Kindergarten students created turkeys. First grade students created pumpkins and second grade students created abstract art. Demonstrations on each were presented to the board. The Board thanked both teachers for their presentation.

Third grade teachers Lea Havel and Jenny Hummert presented the latest events in third grade. Mrs. Havel thanked the PTO for the field trip to Skate City and the visit to the 9/11 memorial in Belleville. In class, students are working on cursive, the life cycle, multiplication facts, and a visit to each of the continents. Students "fly" out tomorrow morning for Europe.

Superintendent's Report

Paul Vollmer of Scheffel Boyle was on hand to present the 2021-2022 audit report. For the 15th consecutive year, the district attained "Recognition" status, which is the highest rating given. This rating is derived from five financial indicators including fund balance to revenue ratio, expenditure to revenue ratio, days cash on hand, percent of short-term borrowing remaining, and percent of long-term debt margin remaining. Mr. Vollmer praised the district for continuing to monitor expenditures and thanked administrators for their help during the audit. The complete report can be found in the addenda.

Dr. Brink gave an update on enrollment. Currently, our enrollment is students. Last month, we had 784 students. Dr. Brink gave an update on Response to Intervention. Last year, there were 212 students receiving services. This year, there are 208. She noted there will always be students who move in and out. The important aspect is these students are identified to ensure they receive the services they need.

Mrs. Fark presented the Principal's Report for the Primary Center. Halloween parties and costume contests were held on Halloween. The district was asked to participate in a contest honoring and recognizing our veterans. Students drew veterans and wrote thank you letters. Six of our students received prizes for their submissions. On October 21 & 22, students received blizzards from the PTO as a thank you for reaching their fundraising goal. Santa's Kottage will be held this Friday on December 2. The annual Primary Center Program held at Freeburg High School will be next Tuesday, December 6.

Mr. Wittenauer presented the Principal's Report for the Elementary School. On November 10, eighth grade placement testing was held for placement next year at Freeburg High School. On November 22, Mrs. Range's sixth grade class made pies for students and staff. Dress up days were held last week to raise money for less fortunate families. McLimo for seventh and eighth grade will be held tomorrow, November 29. Students who raised more than \$75 for the PTO will be treated to a movie at the Lincoln Theatre this Wednesday, November 30. The eighth-grade dance for Freeburg students will be held this Saturday, December 3.

Old Business

New Business

Moved: John Lawson

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

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

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

Motion: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Jamie Smith

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

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

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:43 PM TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

Moved: John Lawson

Seconded: Ron Humphries

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION AT 7:53 PM.

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

Other Business

Adjournment

Moved: John Lawson

Seconded: Jayson Baker

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:56 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