

Freeburg Elementary School  
Monday, September 26, 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, September 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room 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 Ashlyn Birch, Courtney Maisel, Shauna Blair, Natasha Tucker, Michelle Freebairn, Lauren Baker, Anna Smith, Sarah Gagen, Leah Beth Black, Scott Schulz, and Rachael Stehl. Other visitors in attendance included Danita Duecker, Tara Lauf, Josh Lauf, Bill May, Benjamin Belding, Jeanna Outerbridge, Michelle Etter, Chris Etter, Julie Williams, Amber Lonsdale, and Matt Lonsdale. Hans Carpenter of the Freeburg Tribune was also present.

Board member Baker moved to revise the agenda to review and enforce 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6, 105 ILCS 5/27-23.7, and 105 ILCS 5/27-6.3 and board policies 1:190, 2:130, 3:40, 6:60, 7:200, and the review of the transportation plan (Items "E" and "F") to New Business from the Superintendent's Report. Board President Foppe stated the agenda cannot be changed once it is posted and the items would be moved to his preferred place on the October agenda. Mr. Baker cited Parliamentary Procedure stating the items could be moved to New Business. At which point, Board member Smith moved to strike the two items from the agenda and move them to October's agenda.

Moved: Jamie Smith

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

### **A MOTION WAS MADE TO STRIKE ITEMS "E" AND "F" FROM THE AGENDA AND BE MOVED TO THE OCTOBER AGENDA UNDER NEW BUSINESS.**

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

NAYS: Baker

Motion Carried

Moved: Jamie Smith

Seconded: Ron Humphries

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

- MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 22, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
- INVESTMENT SUMMARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23, 2022
- BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2022

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

**Approval of the Bills**

Moved: Jamie Smith

Seconded: Ben Howes

**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 stated she would like to call a Curriculum Committee meeting in the near future. She will be in touch after the Problem-Solving Committee and District Leadership Team meet.

**Reports of Special Committees**

**Petitions/Communications**

There was one Freedom of Information Act request. The request was from SmartProcure, who sought all purchasing information since May 26. The information was shared within the five-day time period.

**Public Participation**

The Board welcomed the public to the meeting. Amber Lonsdale appealed to the Board to reinstitute having the meetings on Zoom to make it easier for parents to stay abreast of district events and to promote transparency.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Brink gave an update on enrollment. Currently, our enrollment sits at 794 students. Last month, we had 800 students.

Dr. Brink gave an update on the Student Resource Officer agreement with the Village. Two officers, Brittney Newport and Scott Schock, both Freeburg Police Officers split the duties. Officer Newport was present to introduce herself. She expressed she's enjoying getting to know the students and staff and she is available to assist in any way she can. She also conveyed Officer Tyler Howes will be present occasionally to assist with the SRO responsibilities.

Dr. Brink reviewed the Response to Intervention process. The first benchmarking was just completed, and the numbers were high. She stated this is not unusual since it is the beginning of the school year. Board member Lawson requested next month more information be shared on how the data will be used and what goals will be set for the improvement of those students. Dr.

Brink responded by saying once the data is reviewed the teams will collaborate to determine the next step.

Dr. Brink also summarized the special education enrollment for the board.

Board member Lawson congratulated the baseball and softball teams on their successful seasons. He also congratulated the Cross Country teams on their success so far this season.

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.

Mr. Janssen stated the next Board of Education election will be April 4, 2023. The board seats of John Lawson and Ben Howes from within Freeburg Township and Jamie Smith from outside the township are expiring. Packets can be obtained the St. Clair County Clerk's office and questions can be directed to Mr. Janssen.

Mrs. Fark presented the Principal's Report for the Primary Center. The Primary Center Boot Camp was held on August 23 & 24. New door coverings and designs were installed at both schools. They look great. The Response to Intervention boot camp was held last month. This is done to give certain students a jumpstart on Math and Reading. Mrs. Freebairn and Mrs. Dean are working hard to service those students and ensuring those students receive the services they need. This Friday, the \$1 dress up days will begin. This is a fundraiser for the various events held at both buildings throughout the year. Fall Fest will be held on October 14. The word of the month will be responsibility.

Mr. Wittenauer presented the Principal's Report for the Elementary School. On September 2, Open House was held for students grades 5-8. While that was occurring, the Socio-emotional team presented strategies to assist and identify students who may be experiencing struggles. He has been visiting with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms for question-and-answer sessions to get to know them better and build relationships. The PTO Movie Nights were held last weekend. Both events were very well attended, and the weather cooperated. Grade-level meetings will be occurring over the next two days so special education staff and teachers can work together to identify students who may be struggling academically and devise strategies to assist them. Avery Wittenauer is the Optimist Student of the Month for September.

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: John Lawson

### **A MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO A BUDGET HEARING.**

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

Motion: John Lawson

Seconded: Ben Howes

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

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

Moved: John Lawson                      Seconded: Ed Scheibel

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FY23 BUDGET, AS PRSENTED (SEE ADDENDA).**

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

Moved: John Lawson                      Seconded: Jayson Baker

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO WITHDRAW FROM THE EGYPTIAN TRUST, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 30, 2022.**

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

Moved: John Lawson                      Seconded: Jamie Smith

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO TABLE APPROVING THE BID FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THREE (3) HVACS AT THE PRIMARY CENTER SERVICING THE CAFETERIA, KITCHEN, AND 1<sup>ST</sup>-2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE WING PENDING A FINAL COST.**

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

Moved: Jamie Smith                      Seconded: Ed Scheibel

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE SALE OF 2001 CHEVROLET 71-PASSENGER BUS, AS PRESENTED.**

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

Moved: Ron Humphries                      Seconded: Ben Howes

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:50 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); AND**

**LITIGATION, WHEN AN ACTION AGAINST, AFFECTING OR ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICULAR DISTRICT HAS BEEN FILED AND IS PENDING BEFORE A COURT OR WHEN THE DISTRICT FINDS THAT AN ACTION IS PROBABLE OR IMMINENT. 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11).**

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

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: John Lawson

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION AT 8:05 PM.**

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

Moved: Jayson Baker

Seconded: John Lawson

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE DENNIS HAAS AS ASSISTANT VOLUNTEER BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH.**

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

### **Other Business**

### **Adjournment**

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Jamie Smith

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:06 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