

Freeburg Elementary School
Thursday, August 4, 2022
6:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room 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 Jamie Smith, Ed Schiebel (6:01), Jayson Baker, John Lawson, and Ben Howes (6:01) were also in attendance. Board member Ron Humphries was absent. Also in attendance were Dr. Melanie Brink, Superintendent, Mark Janssen, Financial Officer and Recording Secretary, and Principals Ryan Wittenauer and Lindsay Fark.

Visitors

Visitors to the meeting included district staff Theresa Goscinski, Scott Schulz, Megan Cook, Renee Graul, Kathleen Woods, Ashlyn Birch, and Jennifer Richter.

Art Teacher Ms. Cook and Technology Teacher Ms. Graul presented to the Board their plan on integrating Art and Technology into their teaching this year. Their plan is to introduce portrait and animation, photo manipulation, sculpture typography, and stop motion animation. Board members feel students will like the updated curriculum and they thanked the two teachers for their presentation.

Dr. Brink updated the Board on district enrollment, as of today. Currently, there are 804 students enrolled.

Dr. Brink led a discussion on setting board goals in light of the results of the strategic planning survey distributed to parents and staff earlier this spring. The board reviewed and discussed the results of the survey at a special board meeting on July 11. Setting the goals based on those results is now the next step. Board members and staff divided into groups to discuss goals regarding Facilities/Safety, Curriculum, Fiscal, and Personnel, and Community Involvement.

The groups returned around 7:20 pm to discuss some preliminary goals the groups formulated. Some highlights of the goals are:

- Facilities/Safety – Enhance and maintain district facilities to support innovative teaching and high achievement while promoting community involvement
- Curriculum – Teachers will develop curriculum maps to identify gaps and to align to the standards. An update to the curriculum is also needed as there are many textbooks needing to be replaced.
- Fiscal – Practice responsible budgeting maximizing financial resources, advocating for the district while balancing student needs with a desire to ease the tax burden.
- Personnel and Community Involvement – Continue working to improve socioemotional support for students. The group discussed possibly reintroducing SPARK and families to promote positive interactions between students. The idea of adding extra-curricular activities for those students who do not play sports. Communication, overall, is good; however, a goal could be to improve communication with individual parents regarding their children. This might be attained by exploring innovative communication methods such as two-way text messages with parents.

Dr. Brink will share complete notes with the Board, and the next step will be to formalize the goals.

Moved: John Lawson

Seconded: Jayson Baker

A MOTION WAS MADE TO TABLE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG REGARDING HAVING A 0.5 FTE STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICER AT A RATE OF \$49.45/HOUR TO A LATER DATE.

AYES: Baker, Lawson

NAYS: Smith, Scheibel, Howes, Foppe

Motion Failed

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Ben Howes

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG REGARDING HAVING A 0.5 FTE STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICER AT A RATE OF \$49.45/HOUR.

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

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Moved: Ed Schiebel

Seconded: Jayson Baker

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:03 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