

Freeburg Elementary School  
Monday, July 25, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Monday, July 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room at Freeburg Elementary School.

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Scheibel called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call of the members.

### **Roll Call**

In addition to Mr. Scheibel, board members Jamie Smith, Ron Humphries, Jayson Baker (6:04), and Ben Howes. Board members Michelle Foppe and John Lawson were absent. 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 Natasha Tucker, Rachael Stehl, and Gina Heiligenstein. Also in attendance were Danita Duecker, Bill May, and Kim Scheibel. Board attorney Heidi Eckert and Hans Carpenter of the Freeburg Tribune were also present.

Moved: Ben Howes

Seconded: Ron Humphries

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

- MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND THE JULY 11, 2022 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
- INVESTMENT SUMMARY THROUGH JULY 22, 2022
- BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 5-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, Humphries, Baker, Howes, Scheibel,  
Motion Carried

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

### **Reports of Special Committees**

## **Petitions/Communications**

There were no Freedom of Information Act requests.

## **Public Participation**

The Board welcomed the public to the meeting. Gina Heiligenstein addressed the Board stating she had a great final year last year. She appreciated the approach the district had with COVID and incorporating student activities throughout the year.

Danita Duecker addressed the board inquiring when the COVID policy changed last year and why parents were not informed.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Brink gave an update on summer registration. Currently, our enrollment sits at 803 students. We ended last year with 797. Dr. Brink stated we are expecting more to register before school starts. The increase in enrollment will be monitored as it relates to space and will be an issue the strategic planning committee will examine.

Dr. Brink gave an update on the progress of the summer committees. A group of teachers and administrators are attending a weeklong conference on putting together a socioemotional plan for the district. The idea is to identify and support those students who are needing that extra support. The Transportation Committee will meet next week to finalize the new pickup and drop off procedures and begin communicating that to parents. The PERA meeting with teachers will occur in the coming weeks to examine the new tenure law.

Mr. Janssen stated the Maintenance and Custodial crew are in the final stages of getting the buildings ready for school. It has been an extremely busy summer for them as close to 20% of our teachers will be in new rooms this year due to either movements or retirements. In addition, many classrooms were repainted and a computer lab was relocated. Mr. Foster has been busy installing new Promethean boards due to the old ones being at the end of their useful life. Mr. Janssen thanked them for their hard work this summer.

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

The intergovernmental agreement was tabled as the agreement needs to be finalized with the Village. It is expected the agreement will be ready for the Board's consideration at the special meeting on August 4.

Moved: Jayson Baker

Seconded: Ben Howes

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO EMPLOY COURTNEY MAISEL AS TEACHER FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED.**

AYES: Smith, Humphries, Baker, Howes, Scheibel,

Motion Carried

Moved: Jayson Baker

Seconded: Jamie Smith

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO EMPLOY GINA HEILIGENSTEIN AS NON-CERTIFIED STAFF FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.**

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

Moved: Jamie Smith

Seconded: Ben Howes

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO RELEASE THE FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AS THE NEED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY NO LONGER EXISTS: May 21, 2018 & June 25, 2018.**

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 5-aye, 0-nay.

### **Other Business**

### **Adjournment**

Moved: Jamie Smith

Seconded: Ben Howes

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:15 P.M.**

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 5-aye, 0-nay.

Ed Scheibel, Vice-President  
Board of Education, Dist. #70

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