

Freeburg Elementary School
Monday, June 27, 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, June 27, 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 Scheibel, Jayson Baker, John Lawson, and Ben Howes. Board member Ron Humphries was 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 Scott Schulz, Paula Mullins, Leah Beth Black, Natasha Tucker, Brooke Krauss, and Sarah Gagen. Also in attendance were Tyler Krauss, Danita Duecker, and Hans Carpenter of the Freeburg Tribune.

Moved: Ben Howes

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

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

- MINUTES OF THE MAY 23, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
- BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH MAY 31, 2022

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

Approval of the Bills

Moved: Jayson Baker

Seconded: John Lawson

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. The request was from SmartProcure, which sought all purchasing information from February 28 to May 25. The request was filled within the five-day period.

Public Participation

The Board welcomed the public to the meeting. Teacher Brooke Krauss addressed the Board stressing the importance of a Student Resource Officer. She inquired what the Board's plans were in light of Freeburg High School employing an officer full-time. She believes the investment is worth it considering the benefits having one brings and not having an officer leaves the district vulnerable. Dr. Brink responded stating it is true the district was in negotiations to split an officer with Freeburg High School but they decided to employ one full-time. She has been in contact with Chief Schutzenhofer and the Village and both have stated they will do all they can to ensure the district has one. Board member Foppe expressed her disappointment in Freeburg High School in not considering our district when making this decision. She also expressed disappointment in the Village on entering into this agreement. Board member Lawson expressed disappointment, as well. Board member Baker expressed there seems to be a pattern of poor communication from the High School.

Danita Duecker inquired to the board at what point did the board change their policy on masks as it relates to COVID. She further explained the policy does not follow the guidance issued by the IDPH. Dr. Brink stated she will answer her question at the conclusion of the meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brink asked if any board members were interested in attending the Triple I Conference in Chicago on November 17 – 20. The district will register those who are interested and will make travel arrangements, depending on the number interested in attending. Board member Lawson expressed a desire to attend.

Dr. Brink gave an update on the progress of the summer committees. The committees were the Handbook Committee, Crisis Committee, Transportation Committee, and the District Leadership Team. The handbook and the leadership team reviewed the proposed handbook. In addition, Dr. Brink and Mr. Janssen met with a group of parents to solicit their feedback. Some of the noteworthy changes to the student handbook are:

- A disclaimer was added to the handbook stating not every scenario can be detailed in the handbook. Rather, this handbook is intended to be an overall framework of the district's policies, rules, and regulations.
- The discipline section no longer contains levels of offenses. Dr. Brink stated the revised section now contains the various type of infractions and the possible consequences associated with those infractions.
- Parents will be asked to declare one bus for pickup and drop off. Often, parents would change their students' bus in the middle of the day, sometimes multiple times per day. This created a burden on staff and bus drivers and potentially jeopardized the student's safety. A few board members expressed reservations at this since some students could have split families and circumstances may change for that student through no fault of the student. Dr. Brink agreed this will be consideration and the district will work with those families to find a solution.

The crisis team reviewed the revised Crisis Plan. Dr. Brink stated there were many changes made. There are parts that are eliminated, and other parts added. Once the final draft is complete, it will be shared with the Board and the Board attorney. The transportation team reviewed the pickup and drop off procedures to find a way to alleviate traffic on State Street in the morning and eliminating the need to use the Carpenter's Hall parking lot and Freeburg Tribune parking lot. Dr. Brink believes a workable solution has been found. She will meet with community members to get their feedback before submitting the final plan to the board. She and the board thanked those who served on these committees.

Dr. Brink gave an update on the Student Resource Officer agreement with the Village in light of Freeburg High School requesting and receiving a full-time SRO. Our district will work with the Village on options to ensure the opportunity for our district to have an SRO, beginning this school year.

Mr. Janssen stated the summer projects are ahead of schedule. The asphalt project is completed and looks great. The carpet replacements are also completed. The Primary Center fire panel upgrade is set to get started on Monday. The custodians and maintenance staff have been hard at work doing the deep clean and we are ahead of schedule on that, as well.

Old Business

New Business

Moved: John Lawson

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER A BUDGET HEARING TO DISCUSS THE FY22 BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

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

Moved: Jayson Baker

Seconded: Ben Howes

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION.

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

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FY22 BUDGET AMENDMENTS, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

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

Moved: John Lawson

Seconded: Ben Howes

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE 2022-2023 STUDENT HANDBOOK PENDING LEGAL REVIEW, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

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

Moved: John Lawson Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE TECHNOLOGY LEASE PARAMETERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$71,000 WITH CITIZENS COMMUNITY BANK AT A SIMPLE INTEREST RATE OF 3.0%.

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

Moved: John Lawson Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RENEW THE FOOD SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BELLEVILLE DISTRICT #118, AS PRESENTED.

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

Moved: Jamie Smith Seconded: John Lawson

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE QUOTE FROM CENTRAL STATES FOR A NEW 2023 BLUE BIRD 77-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS FOR \$98,710, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

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

Moved: Ed Scheibel Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE 2nd READING OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS, AS PRESENTED.

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

Moved: John Lawson Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:17 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);

COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS EMPLOYEES OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, OR DELIBERATIONS CONCERNING SALARY SCHEDULES FOR ONE OR MORE CLASSES OF EMPLOYEES. 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(2); 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, Baker, Lawson, Howes, Foppe
Motion Carried

Moved: John Lawson Seconded: Ben Howes

A MOTION WAS MADE TO REENTER REGULAR SESSION AT 7:53 PM.

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

Moved: Ed Scheibel Seconded: Jayson Baker

A MOTION WAS MADE TO EMPLOY ALLISON SCHANZ AS TEACHER FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED.

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

Moved: Jayson Baker Seconded: Ben Howes

A MOTION WAS MADE TO EMPLOY SHANNON PETTY AS TEACHER FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED.

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

Moved: Ben Howes Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM SPEECH PATHOLOGIST KAYLA YOUNG, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY (SEE ADDENDA).

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

Moved: John Lawson Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT LETTERS OF RETIREMENT FROM TEACHERS PAULA MULLINS, JENNIFER HUMMERT, AND KATHLEEN WOODS, EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

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

Moved: Jayson Baker

Seconded: Ben Howes

A MOTION WAS MADE TO EMPLOY LYN MUDD AND KARA TAYLOR WITH ASSIGNMENTS TO BE DETERMINED, AS PRESENTED.

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

Moved: John Lawson

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PAY INCREASES FOR FY23, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

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

Other Business

Adjournment

Moved: John Lawson

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

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, 6-aye, 0-nay.

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

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