

Freeburg Elementary School  
Monday, May 23, 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, May 23, 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, Ron Humphries, Jayson Baker, John Lawson, and Ben Howes. Also in attendance were Dr. Melanie Brink, Superintendent, Mark Janssen, Financial Officer and Recording Secretary, and 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 Rachael Stehl, Theresa Goscinski, Jennifer Richter, Leah Beth Black, Brooke Krauss, Natasha Tucker, and Lauren Baker. Also in attendance was Danita Duecker.

Moved: Ron Humphries                      Seconded: Ben Howes

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

- MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND APRIL 25, 2022 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
- BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022

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

### **Approval of the Bills**

Moved: Ed Scheibel                      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**

### **Reports of Special Committees**

Dr. Brink stated she would like to schedule a special board meeting on June 23 at 6 pm to review the results of the strategic planning survey. In addition, administration will be meeting with the Transportation, Handbook, PBIS, and Crisis committees in June to review the various initiatives.

### **Petitions/Communications**

There were no Freedom of Information Act requests.

### **Public Participation**

The Board welcomed the public to the meeting. Nurse Lauren Baker addressed the Board and thanked administration and the Board for their support. She is pursuing the Certified School Nurse endorsement. She believes having this endorsement will enable her to better serve the students of the district. Danita Duecker inquired to the Board when the policies regarding COVID changed. She stated her child tested positive and, according to IDPH guidelines, should have been out of school then returned masked. She stated the district treated it like an ordinary fever and inquired why.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Brink gave an enrollment update to the board. Currently, there are 797 students compared to 794 last month. She also gave an update on the special education and 504 population. She stated 4% of students have a 504 and 11.4% of students have an IEP. She also stated there were 132 students in the RtI program. The district will continue looking at the RtI program and having discussions centering on the data of those students.

Dr. Brink gave an update on the Student Resource Officer partnership with Freeburg High School and the Village. There are a few minor issues with the proposed intergovernmental agreement that need to be sorted out. The plan is for these issues to be ironed before the Board considers the agreement. It is worth noting the laws have changed involving to what extent police officers can be in schools and the roles they can have. She also stated, according to the results of the strategic planning survey, school security was important. Dr. Brink will keep the Board apprised of any progress the district makes with the Village and Freeburg High School regarding the intergovernmental agreement.

Dr. Brink informed the Board the district will be having summer school, beginning on June 6 and running through June 24. This will be for any student who desires additional help and will be in lieu of a later session of summer school in July.

Mr. Janssen stated the summer projects will get underway this week. The asphalt project is slated to begin in early June. The fire panel upgrade at the Primary Center will begin during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June. The carpet replacements will also be completed in June. In addition, the thorough cleaning of both buildings will be taking place.

Dr. Brink presented the Principal's Report for the Primary Center. On April 28, Kindergarten went on their field to the St. Louis Zoo. Superhero Day was held on April 29. Teacher Appreciation Week was held May 2 – 6. On May 20, Field Day was held at the Primary Center. The last day for students was today with teachers returning for their final day tomorrow. Breakfast will be served with employees earning years-of-service milestones will be recognized.





**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT A LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM TEACHER ELIZABETH HUND, EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).**

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

Moved: John Lawson                      Seconded: Jamie Smith

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM TEACHER KAYLA WEBSTER, EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR (SEE ADDENDA).**

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

Moved: Jayson Baker                      Seconded: Ben Howes

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TEACHER MEGAN COOK FROM PART-TIME TEACHER TO FULL-TIME TEACHER FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED.**

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

Moved: Jayson Baker                      Seconded: Ed Scheibel

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO EMPLOY TEACHER NICOLE MUELLER AS CROSS COUNTRY COACH, AS PRESENTED.**

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

### **Other Business**

Board Vice-President Scheibel passed out the evaluation instruments for Dr. Brink and Mr. Janssen. Mr. Scheibel stated Ms. Foppe will call a special board meeting to compile the results.

### **Adjournment**

Moved: Ron Humphries                      Seconded: Jamie Smith

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:21 P.M.**

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

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

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