

Freeburg Elementary School
Thursday, March 3, 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, March 3, 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 were also in attendance. Also in attendance were Dr. Melanie Brink (via Google Meet), Superintendent and Mark Janssen, Financial Officer and Recording Secretary. Dr. Brent Clark, Executive Director of the Illinois Association of School Administrators, was also in attendance.

Visitors

Also in attendance were district teachers April Nail, Ashlyn Birch, Theresa Goscinski, Scott Schulz, Jennifer Richter, Jodi Goodnight, and Kathleen Woods.

Dr. Clark led a board training focusing on board planning both in the short and long term and the steps involved in this process. This training is often done when school boards have turnover and/or there is a new Superintendent. He emphasized this is a process that board members, administrators, staff, and stakeholders participate in over a series of meetings.

Meeting attendees then participated in a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis of the district. The purpose was to illustrate the initial stages of this process by identifying the common themes in this analysis. It is important to do this analysis from a big picture standpoint.

Board member Lawson departed the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Ideally, these themes would involve both short and long-term elements. These common threads are then broken down and prioritized. Then, an action plan is devised on addressing each with measurable goals to determine success.

Dr. Clark concluded the meeting by also emphasizing this must be a plan fitting for Freeburg. It must be district and community specific. He pointed out the many great successes the district has had and is impressed with the level of commitment shown by the board and staff during the meeting. All were ready to honestly and objectively analyze the district. The complete presentation can be found in the addenda.

Adjournment

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Ron Humphries

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:00 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