

Freeburg Elementary School
Monday, February 28, 2022
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 7:00 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 (via Google Meet), 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. Also in attendance was attorney Heidi Eckert from Ford Harrison LLC.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board and public stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors

Visitors to the meeting included district teachers Mike Joseph, Natasha Tucker, Theresa Goscinski, Jodi Goodnight, Carrie Green, Jane Range, Marc Derwort, Scott Schulz, and Leah Beth Black. Also in attendance were Bill May and Hans Carpenter of the Freeburg Tribune.

Moved: Jayson Baker

Seconded: Jamie Smith

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

- MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND JANUARY 24, 2022 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
- BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2022

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 7-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, Humphries, 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 records from November 15, 2021 to the present. The request was filled within the five-day time period.

Public Participation

The Board welcomed the public to the meeting. Mr. May addressed the Board to thank them for going to a mask optional policy. He stated his daughter was very happy to remove her mask and inquired how the district will handle it if the masks are mandated again. Dr. Brink responded it would depend on the circumstances. Teacher Ms. Goodnight thanked the Board for approving the use of eLearning Days. She stated most if not all students logged in at some point during the day.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brink gave an enrollment update to the board. Currently, there are 788 students compared to 783 last month.

Dr. Brink gave a summary of the year-end schedule as it stands now. Below is a rundown of some important dates:

- May 5 - Field Day
- May 19 - PTO Carnival- 2 pm Dismissal
- May 20 – 2 pm Dismissal
- May 20 - Graduation 7 pm
- May 23 - Last Day of School - 11:30 Dismissal
- May 24 – Teachers' Institute

Dr. Brink gave a summary of the Transportation Committee meeting held on February 16. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss solutions to concerns raised by the Freeburg Tribune with excessive congestion in their parking lot. The Village also expressed concerns about traffic backing up on State Street in the mornings. It was decided administration would explore ways to utilize the frontage road behind the Carpenter's Hall and Subway with the idea of experimenting with new procedures to find what works best and is safe. There is a follow-up meeting scheduled for this Thursday at 10:15 am to review a few ideas administration has devised.

Dr. Brink presented a proposal for the 2022-2023 district calendar. The calendar is for the Board's review and will be adopted next month. Some highlights of the calendar include:

- August 12 - Teachers' Institute
- August 15 - First day of school for students
- December 19 - January 2 - Winter Break
- January 3 - Students Return
- March 13 - 17 Spring Break
- May 25 - Last Day of School (if no snow days or eLearning is renewed)

Mr. Lawson inquired if there was any thought in soliciting feedback from parents. Freeburg High School has chosen to start school two days later in August and have school an extra two days in December. Dr. Brink stated it's not something that is usually done, and our staff was surveyed with

a vast majority favoring the proposed calendar. This calendar is also in line with previous years' calendars. Other board members agreed the proposed calendar is closer to what our district has usually approved. Therefore, a survey would not be needed. The calendar will be presented next month for consideration.

Mr. Janssen presented five-year financial projections on the three main operating funds for the district. In short, the district continues to do its part in controlling expenses. The Education Fund continues to be financially strained, but the Building and Transportation Funds are performing well. The Board continues to monitor expenditures very well. To illustrate, Mr. Janssen noted discretionary spending in the Education Fund has increased on average 1.38% over the past 16 years. The complete report can be found in the addenda.

Mrs. Fark presented the Principal's Report for the Primary Center. The Primary Center has had Fun Fridays to make school more fun for staff and students. They celebrated 2/22/22 with dress up days and a hunt for "2s" throughout the buildings. The Father-Daughter Dance, originally scheduled for last Friday, will be held this Friday from 7 pm – 8:30 pm. The Mother-Daughter Dance was rescheduled for this Saturday at the same times.

Mr. Wittenauer presented the Principal's Report for the Elementary School. The eighth-grade students toured the High School on January 27. Valentine parties were held in grades Kindergarten – 4th-grade on Valentine's Day. An 11:30 dismissal was held on February 18 and the district hosted attorney Brian Schwartz from the Illinois Principal's Association. Reid Huelsmann was the Optimist Student of the Month for January.

Old Business

New Business

Moved: John Lawson

Seconded: Ben Howes

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION declaring the intention to issue \$1,200,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of Community Consolidated School District Number 70, St. Clair County, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.

* * *

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto (the "Code"), a fund to be known as a Working Cash Fund (the "Fund") may be created and maintained in and for Community Consolidated School District Number 70, St. Clair County, Illinois (the "District"), in the manner prescribed in the Code, for

the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes; and

WHEREAS, the District has heretofore created and maintained such Fund in the manner prescribed by the Code; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Code, the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) is authorized to incur an indebtedness and issue bonds as evidence thereof (the “Bonds”) for the purpose of increasing the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined and does hereby determine that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that the Fund be increased and that the District incur an indebtedness and issue Bonds as evidence thereof in the amount of \$1,200,000 for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, before such Bonds may be issued for said purpose, the Board must adopt a resolution declaring its intention to issue such Bonds for said purpose and direct that notice of such intention be published as provided by law:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 70, St. Clair County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Declaration of Intent. The Board hereby declares its intention to avail of the provisions of the Code, and to issue Bonds in the amount of \$1,200,000 for the purpose of increasing the Fund and enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

Section 3. Notice of Intent. In accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, notice of said intention to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the Code and to issue Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Fund shall be given by publication of such notice at least once in the *Freeburg Tribune*, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District.

Section 4. Form of Notice. The notice of intention to issue the Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF INTENTION OF
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 70, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS
TO ISSUE \$1,200,000
WORKING CASH FUND BONDS**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 28th day of February, 2022, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of Community Consolidated School District Number 70, St. Clair County, Illinois (the “District”), adopted a resolution declaring its intention and determination to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$1,200,000 for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and it is the intention of the Board to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and to issue said bonds for the purpose of increasing said Working Cash Fund. Said Working Cash Fund is to be maintained in accordance with the provisions of said Article and shall be used for the purpose of enabling the District

to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the “*Secretary*”) within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, signed by not less than 579 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice and on or before the 21st day of March, 2022, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 28th day of June, 2022. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice and after the 21st day of March, 2022, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on 8th day of November, 2022. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to either of said election dates pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A 1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.

By order of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 70, St. Clair County, Illinois.

DATED this 28th day of February, 2022.

Jamie Smith

Secretary, Board of Education,

Community Consolidated School District Number
70, St. Clair County, Illinois

Michelle Foppe

President, Board of Education,

Community Consolidated School District
Number 70, St. Clair County, Illinois

Section 5. Further Proceedings. If no petition signed by the requisite number of voters is filed with the Secretary of the Board within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of such notice of intention to issue the Bonds, the Board shall, by appropriate proceedings to be hereafter taken, fix the details concerning the issue of the Bonds and provide for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the same.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 7. Repealer and Effective Date. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and that this Resolution be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted February 28, 2022.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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

Moved: Jayson Baker Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FROM ST. CLAIR SERVICE FOR GASOLINE AT \$2.847/GALLON AND \$2.956/GALLON FOR DIESEL FUEL FROM MARCH 1, 2022 – FEBRUARY 28, 2023, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

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

Moved: Jamie Smith Seconded: John Lawson

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RENEW THE TRANSPORTATION LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ST. LIBORY DISTRICT #30 FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

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

Moved: Jamie Smith Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2017 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE PLUS FOR \$19,999, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

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

Moved: Ed Scheibel Seconded: John Lawson

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM SUPPLEMENTAL SAVINGS PLAN, AS PRESENTED.

WHEREAS, the Freeburg Community Consolidated School District #70 (the "Employer") is a political subdivision of the State of Illinois, or an agency or instrumentality of the State of Illinois or of a political subdivision of the State of Illinois and thus, an eligible employer pursuant to Section 457(e)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

WHEREAS, on behalf of certain of its employees, the Employer wishes to adopt the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois Supplement Savings Plan (the "Supplemental Savings

Plan”) by entering into an Employer Participation Agreement between the Teachers’ Retirement System of the State of Illinois (the “System”) and the Employer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, effective February 28, 2022, the Employer shall enter into the Employer Participation Agreement, in substantially the same form as presented to the Board of Education of the Employer, subject to the terms and conditions of the Supplemental Savings Plan.

RESOLVED, that the appropriate officers of the Employer (the “Authorized Officers”) be and hereby are authorized and directed to take any and all further action, including the execution and delivery of documents and instruments, as such Authorized Officers deem necessary or desirable in their sole discretion to effectuate fully and carry out the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to ensure that the Employer performs all of its duties and responsibilities, as set forth in the Employer Participation Agreement and the Supplemental Savings Plan. Further, the Employer had nothing to do with the setup of this Supplemental Savings Program, the development of the master plan document, the participation agreement, the selection of Voya as the single source investment provider, Voya's setting of fees, vesting requirements or investment options, nor will it be reviewing their performance or making any management decisions related to the plan. The Employer will pass along the required pre-tax or post-tax salary contributions to the SSP, as directed by the employee and TRS, and will track and accumulate any contributions made to this plan with any that they might already be contributing to another 457(b) plan, to ensure that they do not exceed the annual Maximum Allowable Contribution in any particular calendar year (currently \$20,500) for their 457(b) as set by the IRS.

PASSED this 28th day of February, 2022.

President, Board of Education
Freeburg CCSD No. 70
St. Clair County, IL

Secretary, Board of Education
Freeburg CCSD No. 70
St. Clair County, IL

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

Moved: Jayson Baker

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:36 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);

