

Freeburg Elementary School
Thursday, January 2, 2025
7:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Freeburg Elementary School Cafeteria.

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, Amber Trout, and Bill May were also in attendance. Board member David Stein attended via Google Meet (7:04). Also in attendance was Mark Janssen, Financial Officer and Recording Secretary. Board Attorney Heidi Eckert of Blitz, Bardgett, and Deutsch was also present.

Public Participation

Visitors to the meeting included district staff Rachael Stehl and Emily Vaquez. Other attendees were Eric Vasquez, Angelina Newbold, Danita Duecker, and Amber Lonsdale. Hans Carpenter of the Freeburg Tribune was also present.

Mr. Janssen explained in light of Dr. Brink impending resignation, the Board must decide how to proceed with a search. He stated he will not be applying for the position due to personal/family reasons. He explained he is intrigued by the position because he feels the Board needs stability and he could provide that. However, he also recognizes the time needed to devote to the position and is unable to meet those commitments due to his family priorities.

Mr. Janssen stated an option would be to retain the Illinois Association of School Boards to conduct the search. He has been in touch with Jim Helton, who is the Associate Executive Director of the IASB search division. He shared information with board members regarding this process.

After discussion, the Board feels retaining the Illinois Association of School Boards to facilitate the Superintendent search is the best course of action.

Moved: Amber Trout

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RETAIN THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS TO FACILITATE THE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH.

AYES: Smith, Scheibel, Baker, Trout, May, Foppe

“PROTEST”: Stein

Motion Carried

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Bill May

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:20 PM TO CONSIDER:

THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDING HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE. 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1) AND

