

Freeburg Elementary School

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

7:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:00 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. 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 included Emily Vasquez, Roger Skaer, and Hans Carpenter of the Freeburg Tribune.

Mr. Janssen gave an update on the Superintendent search process with the Illinois Association of School Boards. He gave them literature on the process and the specific steps IASB follows in gathering credentials of prospective candidates. The Board will need to declare a compensation range for the job posting in accordance with a new law that was passed. Then, IASB will distribute a survey to board members, staff, and stakeholders inquiring what would make the ideal candidate. The goal will be to have the position posted by the end of this month.

Moved: Amber Trout

Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:07 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

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, Trout, May, Foppe

“PROTEST”: Stein

Motion Carried

Moved: Amber Trout

Seconded: Jayson Baker

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION AT 6:28 PM.

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 6-aye, 0-nay, 1-“Protest”.

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Amber Trout

A MOTION WAS MADE TO TABLE THE COUNTERPROSAL FROM FORMER SUPERINTENDENT DR. MELANIE BRINK.

AYES: Smith, Scheibel, Baker, Trout, May, Foppe
"PROTEST": Stein
Motion Carried

Moved: Jayson Baker Seconded: Bill May

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPOINT MARK JANSSEN AS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

AYES: Smith, Scheibel, Baker, Trout, May, Foppe
"PROTEST": Stein
Motion Carried

Adjournment

Moved: Amber Trout Seconded: Bill May

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:35 P.M.**

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 6-aye, 0-nay, 1-"Protest".

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

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