

Freeburg Elementary School
Monday, June 23, 2025
6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at Freeburg Elementary School.

Call to Order

Mrs. Trout called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call of the members.

Roll Call

In addition to Mrs. Trout, board members Jamie Smith, Bill May, Ben Mueth, and Ben Howes were in attendance. Board members Ed Scheibel and Erin Shook were absent. Also in attendance was Mark Janssen, Interim Superintendent, Financial Officer, and Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board and public stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office

New Board Member Ben Howes was administered the oath of office.

Visitors

Visitors to the meeting included Dr. Mark Bearley, Kari Zipfel and Hans Carpenter of the Freeburg Tribune.

Moved: Bill May

Seconded: Ben Mueth

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

- MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND JUNE 10, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING
- INVESTMENT SUMMARY THROUGH JUNE 20, 2025
- BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH MAY 31, 2025

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 5-aye, 0-nay.

Approval of the Bills

Moved: Bill May

Seconded: Jamie Smith

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

AYES: Smith, May, Mueth, Howes, Trout
Motion Carried

Reports of Standing Committees

Reports of Special Committees

Petitions/Communications

There was one Freedom of Information Act request. The request was from Public Info Access, which sought employee information including name, department, and work location. The request was filled within the five-day timeframe.

Public Participation

The Board welcomed the public to the meeting. Kari Zipfel addressed the Board, noting the noticeable improvement in the Board's overall tone and atmosphere. She also commended the Board for its dedication to students and expressed her appreciation for their continued efforts.

Teachers' Report

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Janssen reminded board members that the Triple I Conference in Chicago will be held November 20–23. If you are interested in attending, please let him know. At this time, Mrs. Trout, Mr. Scheibel, Mr. May, Mr. Mueth, and Mr. Howes have expressed interest, and Dr. Bearley has confirmed his availability. Mr. Janssen will handle the reservations, and travel arrangements will be finalized at a later date.

Mr. Janssen provided an update on the summer projects. The fire device replacement project is currently underway. All pull stations, heat detectors, and smoke detectors are being upgraded to addressable devices, enabling administrators and first responders to quickly identify the specific device that triggered an alarm. The project is expected to be completed within the week. The oil and chip resurfacing of several areas is scheduled for completion this month, including the roadways behind the Primary Center and the Elementary School. Cleaning efforts in both buildings remain on schedule and include all classrooms, hallways, offices, and cafeterias.

Old Business

New Business

Moved: Amber Trout

Seconded: Bill May

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER A BUDGET HEARING TO DISCUSS THE FY25 BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 5-aye, 0-nay.

Moved: Amber Trout

Seconded: Ben Mueth

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION.

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 5-aye, 0-nay.

Moved: Bill May

Seconded: Ben Mueth

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FY25 BUDGET AMENDMENTS, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

AYES: Smith, May, Mueth, Howes, Trout

Motion Carried

Motion: Ben Howes

Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADD BOYS' VOLLEYBALL AS A DISTRICT SANTIONED EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORT, AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Smith, May, Mueth, Howes, Trout

Motion Carried

Moved: Bill May

Seconded: Ben Mueth

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RENEW THE ONE-YEAR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG FOR STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICER SERVICES, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

AYES: Smith, May, Mueth, Howes, Trout

Motion Carried

Moved: Bill May

Seconded: Ben Howes

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE TECHNOLOGY LEASE PARAMETERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$93,000 WITH CITIZENS COMMUNITY BANK AT A SIMPLE INTEREST RATE OF 5.00%.

AYES: Smith, May, Mueth, Howes, Trout

Motion Carried

Moved: Jamie Smith

Seconded: Ben Mueth

A MOTION WAS MADE TO PURCHASE A 71-PASSENGER BUS FROM FREEBURG HIGH SCHOOL FOR \$1200, AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Smith, May, Mueth, Howes, Trout

Motion Carried

Motion: Bill May

Seconded: Ben Mueth

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:27 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

COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS EMPLOYEES OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, OR DELIBERATIONS CONCERNING SALARY SCHEDULES FOR ONE OR MORE CLASSES OF EMPLOYEES. 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(2).

AYES: Smith, May, Mueth, Howes, Trout

Motion Carried

Bill May excused himself at 6:43 pm.

Moved: Ben Mueth Seconded: Ben Howes

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION AT 7:11 PM.

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 4-aye, 0-nay.

Moved: Ben Mueth Seconded: Ben Howes

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT LETTERS OF RESIGNATION FROM TEACHERS NICOLE MUELLER AND ALIYAH WILLIAMS, AS PRESENTED.

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 4-aye, 0-nay.

Moved: Ben Mueth Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO EMPLOY KAYLA POLACEK AS TEACHER, AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Smith, Mueth, Howes, Trout
Motion Carried

Moved: Amber Trout Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO EMPLOY MICHELLE GRAY AS TEACHER, AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Smith, Mueth, Howes, Trout
Motion Carried

Moved: Ben Mueth Seconded: Ben Howes

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM TEACHER LEA HAVEL, EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR.

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 4-aye, 0-nay.

Moved: Ben Howes Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO EMPLOY TEACHER CARRIE GREEN AS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, AS PRESENTED.

AYES: Smith, Mueth, Howes, Trout
Motion Carried

Moved: Amber Trout Seconded: Ben Howes

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM TRACK COACH MIKE JOSEPH, AS PRESENTED.

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 4-aye, 0-nay.

Moved: Amber Trout

Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE A NEW FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL OFFICER MARK JANSSEN PENDING LANGUAGE UPDATES, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

AYES: Smith, Mueth, Howes, Trout
Motion Carried

Moved: Ben Mueth

Seconded: Ben Howes

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE NON-CERTIFIED PAY INCREASES FOR FY26, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

AYES: Smith, Mueth, Howes, Trout
Motion Carried

Other Business

Adjournment

Moved: Amber Trout

Seconded: Ben Mueth

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:19 P.M.**

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 4-aye, 0-nay.

Amber Trout, President
Board of Education, Dist. #70

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