



## **Public Participation**

The Board welcomed the public to the meeting.

## **Teachers' Report**

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Bearley provided a registration update, noting that only 57 Kindergarten students have registered so far—significantly fewer than is typical for this time of year. He urged parents to register their children as soon as possible. In total, 721 students are currently registered.

Dr. Bearley provided an update on the district's summer projects. The fire device replacement project has been completed, and the oil and chip work is expected to be finished by the end of the week. Teacher Mr. Lawrence, along with Mr. Havel, is putting the final touches on the new enclosed softball dugouts. These were made possible through generous donations of funds, materials, and labor from the Freeburg Elementary Education Foundation and community members. Cleaning efforts in both buildings remain on schedule. Additionally, Mr. Foster is upgrading all teacher computers this summer. The buildings are in great shape and ready for the start of school. He expressed his appreciation to the custodial staff and Mr. Foster for their hard work and dedication.

## **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Moved: Bill May

Seconded: Ben Howes

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE 2025-2026 STUDENT HANDBOOK, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).**

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 7-aye, 0-nay.

Moved: Ben Howes

Seconded: Jamie Smith

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG FOR STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICER SERVICES FOR AFTER-SCHOOL EVENTS, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).**

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

Moved: Erin Shook

Seconded: Jamie Smith

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO INCREASE THE MEAL PRICES BY \$0.10 FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED.**

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

Moved: Bill May

Seconded: Ben Howes

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).**

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

Motion: Jamie Smith

Seconded: Erin Shook

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:21 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**

**TO CONDUCT THE SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS LAWFULLY CLOSED TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY MAY BE RELEASED AS MANDATED BY SECTION 2.06 ILCS 120/2(C)(21)**

AYES: Smith, May, Shook, Howes, Trout

Motion Carried

Moved: Bill May

Seconded: Erin Shook

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION AT 6:44 PM.**

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

Moved: Erin Shook

Seconded: Bill May

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM TEACHER HILARY WAGER, AS PRESENTED.**

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

Moved: Bill May

Seconded: Ben Howes

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM TEACHER DUSTIN THOMPSON FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED.**

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

Moved: Ben Howes

Seconded: Erin Shook

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE REQUEST FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM SOCIAL WORKER SARAH MUETH FROM APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER 6 TO APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER 20, AS PRESENTED.**

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

Moved: Jamie Smith

Seconded: Erin Shook

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO EMPLOY TEACHER BEN JUNGE AS CROSS COUNTRY COACH, AS PRESENTED.**

AYES: Smith, May, Shook, Howes, Trout

Motion Carried

Moved: Bill May

Seconded: Ben Howes

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO EMPLOY DEAN TRAVOUS AS ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH, AS PRESENTED.**

AYES: Smith, May, Shook, Howes, Trout

Motion Carried

Moved: Erin Shook

Seconded: Jamie Smith

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACHES, AS PRESENTED:**

**Baseball – Scott Schulz, Steve Smith, and Ben Howes**

**Softball – Brad Daubach, Bryan Blomenkamp, Courtney Heizer, and Jeff Kettler**

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

Moved: Bill May

Seconded: Jamie Smith

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO RELEASE THE FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AS THE NEED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY NO LONGER EXISTS:**

**January 7, 2021**

**February 22, 2021**

**January 12, 2021**

**March 10, 2021**

**January 14, 2021**

**March 22, 2021**

**January 19, 2021**

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

## **Other Business**

### **Adjournment**

Moved: Jamie Smith

Seconded: Ben Howes

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:50 P.M.**

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

Amber Trout, President

Jamie Smith, Secretary

