

## Freeport School District 145

### Board of Education Meeting Highlights *October 07, 2025 – Regular Meeting*

*This report provides highlights of the Board of Education meeting. It is not intended to serve as the official meeting minutes.*

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## Board Actions & Updates

- **Student Board Members Report**

Student Board Members Gustavo Commarela, and Quinn Kryzminski reported on their student advisory meetings. They discussed next year’s upcoming cell phone policy; positive student feedback on seeing staff in the hallways and safer restrooms. They also highlighted the participation of the Language & Culture Department (staff, students and families) and their participation in the homecoming parade and increasing their visibility throughout the district and community.

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## Superintendent’s Report

- **Recognition**

Dr. Alvarado acknowledged that October is Principal Appreciation week and thanked our FSD Principals for all that they do.

- **Enrollment Update**

As of October 2, total district enrollment is 3771

- **Attendance**

Currently at 93.4% for the District.

- **Illinois Statewide Parent Mentor Initiative**

Our district has been awarded funding for Blackhawk Elementary under the FY26 Illinois Statewide Parent Mentor Program—an effort led by our Language and Culture Department over the past year. We expect to learn this week if we’ll receive funding for a second school. In partnership with the Illinois Migrant Council, funding of \$200,000–\$250,000 per year per school will support:

- 8 parent mentors per school
- 1 school-based parent mentor coordinator
- 2 part-time coordinators to develop parent leaders and strengthen family engagement

- **Illinois Learning Standards – Spanish Language Arts**  
Our district was selected for the Spring 2026 cohort of the Illinois Learning Standards Spanish Language Arts Implementation Project with ISBE and UIC. This partnership provides professional development, coaching, and resources to strengthen instruction and ensure full implementation by 2025–2026.
- **FY26 Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant**  
The USDA's competitive Farm to School Grant (up to \$500,000) supports local food sourcing, school gardens, and nutrition education. Applications are due December 15, 2025. Dr. Alvarado and FHS teacher Ben Skipor are exploring an application—stay tuned.
- **Strategic Plan Survey Update**  
So far, we have 421 respondents to the strategic plan survey. So far, interviews have been conducted with several focus groups: teachers, parents, students, and administrators. More interviews are scheduled. The survey remains open until October 10th and can be taken by [clicking here](#).

**SAVE THE DATE**

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**FSD 145**

JOIN US FOR  
**FSD 145  
STATE OF  
THE  
DISTRICT**

November 18th  
6:00 PM  
Empire Elementary School

Join Superintendent Alvarado as she shares our State Report Card results, highlighting key accomplishments, challenges, and how they connect to our current goals and future plans.

**The public is invited and encouraged to attend!**

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## Information Reports

### 1. School SIP Presentations

This report was opened by Dr. Maurice Davis. SY26 begins a new two-year SIP cycle for schools within FSD145. In order for board members to prepare for the review and approval of school improvement plans, each school will be presenting its school improvement plan “on a page”. Each principal provided the board with a high-level overview of the priorities each school is focusing on, as well as, the strategies being implemented to accomplish their goals. The board will be asked to approve plans at the October 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting.

## 2. **AP Physics Resource Request**

Through his U of I IPaSS Fellowship (Illinois Physics and Secondary School Partnership Program), FHS AP Physics teacher Mr. Flynn received access to university-level instructional tools, including the IO Lab device, SmartIllinois online platform, and the shared IPaSS Curriculum. Curriculum & Instruction and Mr. Flynn are seeking approval to use these resources in his AP Physics 1 class.

## 3. **Instructional Coaching Platform**

The district plans to contract with **Connecthub.io**, a comprehensive coaching management platform to support our new **Instructional Coach Program**. The system will streamline workflows, track progress, support data-driven decisions, and enhance educator development.

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## **Approved Consent Agenda**

- Bills for FSD 145 and CareerTEC
- Personnel Report – October 7, 2025
- Resolution Authorizing Education Fund Transfer To The Transportation Fund
- Purchase of a district-wide license from Freckle - ***this item was removed from the consent agenda at the opening of the meeting.***

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## **Approved Board Action Items**

- MANNRS Summer Trip 2026
- Student Summer Trips; 2027 to Peru, 2028 to Iceland
- Student Trip to National Journalism Conference
- Showtime Tour 2026
- PRESS Issue 119
- Smart IL Board Proposal

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## Committee Reports


- **Finance Committee** – Jack Sosnowski shared updates on current and future budgets.
- **Buildings & Grounds** – Alan Greene shared updates on things that are in the work and forthcoming.
- **Safety & Security Committee:** Kacey Seal shared upcoming plans for staff training at next week’s District Institute.

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## Next Meeting

The next **regular meeting** of the Freeport School District Board of Education will be held:

 **October 21, 2025**

 **6:00 PM**

 FSD Administrative Office, 501 E. South Street

The public is always invited and encouraged to attend.