

Freeburg Elementary School
Monday, September 22, 2025
6:30 p.m.

A special meeting of the Building & Grounds Committee of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 6:30 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, committee members Ed Scheibel and Ben Howes were in attendance. Board members Jamie Smith, Bill May, Ben Mueth, and Erin Shook were also in attendance. Also in attendance were Dr. Mark Bearley, Superintendent and Mark Janssen, Financial Officer and Recording Secretary.

Visitors

There were no visitors.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Dr. Bearley presented a slideshow of the playgrounds at each school, including photos of the existing equipment. The Board reviewed and discussed the current layouts and equipment at both sites.

Dr. Bearley recommended making no changes to the Elementary School playground equipment at this time but suggested researching additional activities, such as flag football and pickleball, to expand recreational opportunities. For the Primary Center, he recommended exploring the addition of ADA-accessible equipment with a focus on Kindergarten and 1st grade students, with a longer-term goal of adding equipment for Pre-Kindergarten students.

Following discussion, the Board expressed support for Dr. Bearley's recommendations.

Dr. Bearley discussed the possibility of installing temporary fencing at both the baseball and softball fields to enhance safety and better define the playing areas. He explained that his first step would be to consult with the Coaches to gather input on field usage and requirements. Following that, he plans to research potential fence layouts, materials, and installation options to determine feasible solutions.

Dr. Bearley sought the Board's guidance on whether to proceed with exploring these options. After discussion, the Board authorized him to move forward with the research. He

will report back with findings, including recommendations and potential costs, in the coming weeks.

Adjournment

Moved: Erin Shook

Seconded: Ben Mueth

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:55 P.M.**

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

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

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