

Freeport School District 145

Board of Education Meeting Highlights

November 4, 2025 – Regular Meeting


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

Board Actions & Updates

- **Student Board Members Report**
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Superintendent's Report

- **Recognition**
Center Elementary School and Principal Amanda Hayes were recognized for being named an Exemplary School on our recently released IL School Report Card. As a reminder the State of the District will be given at our next board meeting:



SAVE THE DATE

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

November 18th
6:00 PM
Empire Elementary School

*The public is invited and
encouraged to attend!*

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.

- **Enrollment:** As of 10/31/25 is 3749 students. There are 3662 of those students in actual FSD seats. Some are outsourced to alternative learning facilities.
- The **Average Daily Attendance Rate** through the end of October is 93%

- **Food Drives and Family Support:** The S.A.F.E. and Language & Culture Departments are coordinating districtwide food drives to support school and community pantries. They have purchased Aldi gift cards to help provide Thanksgiving meals for McKinney-Vento and unaccompanied youth. Family Resource Coordinators are also assisting families impacted by SNAP benefit lapses. The departments continue to partner with local businesses and organizations to collect donations for FSD families during the holiday season. We greatly appreciate everyone’s help and support during this challenging time in many Freeport households.
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Information Reports

1. HELM Group Service Automation Proposal – FHS Controller Upgrade

Freeport High School’s current Honeywell heating and cooling controllers are no longer supported, requiring replacement to prevent system failure. The district received a \$1,032,814 proposal from the HELM Group (Equalis member) for new controllers, hardware, and web supervisor software. The proposal will be presented for board action on November 18. Upon approval, HELM will apply for a ComEd Energy Efficiency Grant (potentially up to \$108,000) in summer 2026. Project costs will be funded through bond proceeds, and Green Associates will amend the HLS report accordingly. This will come to the board for action at a later date.

2. Cardonex Scheduling Software Implementation

The district plans to implement Cardonex to improve the master scheduling process at the high school and middle schools. After a one-year pilot two years ago, the district is revisiting the platform with a commitment to full use of its features. Cardonex will streamline schedule creation, reduce manual work, and optimize resource allocation. Projected efficiencies are expected to offset implementation costs within two years. This will come to the board for action at a later date.

Approved Consent Agenda

- Bills for FSD 145 and CareerTEC
 - Personnel Report – November 4, 2025
 - Health Insurance (medical, dental, vision) Renewals: *pulled for individual consideration after brief discussion*
 - Ellevation Renewal Agreement
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Approved Board Action Items

- **Policy 7:100** Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students, as amended.
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Committee Reports


Curriculum & Instruction: Planning has begun for Summer Learning, PLC Meetings and the next District Institute.

The Finance Committee looked at insurance costs and options.

Next Meeting

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

 **November 18, 2025**

 **6:00 PM**

 Empire Elementary School 1325 W. Empire St

The public is always invited and encouraged to attend.