

## Freeport School District 145

### Board of Education Meeting Highlights

*December 16, 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:** Quinn Krezmiski & Gustavo Commarela reported on the food and clothing drives students are doing. Members of CGTI Action Team presented highlights from a fall speaker that talked to both FMS and FHS students and how it helped them with the things that they want to do in the school; build trust. They talked about their summer conference and the idea of creating posters which they were able to have done for free. Also sending 3 students to the mid-year conference.

Highlights of the **AVID District Showcase at Blackhawk School** were presented by BH Principal Stacey Kleindl and 3 Blackhawk students. The students shared their roles for the day as Blackhawk hosted 19 visitors from primarily 2 different school districts. The students also shared what AVID means to them. Principal Kleindl said AVID recognized Blackhawk as one of the top 45 schools out of more than 800 schools.

Board President Furst recognized and thanked **Dr. Julia Cloat**, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, who will be retiring on December 31st. President Furst acknowledged the work Dr.Cloat has done and the impact that work will have on FSD for years to come.

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## Superintendent's Report

Congratulations to the cast and crew of **Frozen!** With 2,239 tickets sold, it ranks as our third highest-grossing musical production overall. Frozen had 152 students involved in the production from ushering, building sets, running the show, playing in the pit, to on stage.

**Enrollment** as of 11/30/25 is 3729 students.

**Average Daily Attendance Rate** through the end of November is 92%.

In 2026, the **Jones-Farrar Lottery** will be centralized and conducted by the Department of

Enrollment & Transportation will be running the lottery. This was previously done at the school level.

**Structured Literacy Update** - HMH Structured Literacy, HMH is the core curriculum. Presented by Dr. Cloat.

The Board received an update on the **Affinity Group**, which provides community and support for educators of color, addresses retention challenges, and empowers participants to offer recommendations that strengthen district policies and practices. The Board recognized Ms. Danielle Jackson for her leadership in facilitating the district's first Affinity Group in three years and welcomed Ms. Michelle Griggs as the 2025–2026 Affinity Group Facilitator. Ms. Griggs gave a brief report about the group and some of their outcomes.

**Holiday Music Appreciation:** The Board expressed appreciation to the music department and music educators for their dedication in preparing students for outstanding holiday performances. Through countless rehearsals, creativity, and behind-the-scenes work, they brought joy and inspiration to our schools and community, creating meaningful and lasting memories for students and families

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## Information Reports

- Our district is in its last year of the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. Therefore, we have asked HYA to be our partner organization in providing a comprehensive framework for our 2026-2029 Strategic Plan by gathering data through interviews, surveys, and forming focus groups. Our goal is to incorporate various voices from our stakeholder groups in order to make sure that the blueprint for our next strategic plan reflects the aspirations that the larger community has for our students and families.
- The **Monthly Financial Report** was presented by Dr. Jeremy Dotson for the month of November, he also spoke about the Tax Levy which is coming to the board for approval later in this meeting.
- FHS Principal Sarah Hasken presented to the board proposals for [New Courses](#), discussing staffing community needs and community support.
- CEO Program
- The **Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Reference Education Subscription Service** provides **policy updates** to subscribing School Districts on a quarterly basis. These updates are due to changes in legislation, administrative rules, PRESS Advisory Board feedback, quality assurance, or other factors. These policies have been reviewed by Central Office Administrators and were highlighted by Dr. Alvarado.
- A request was presented to purchase class sets of five different plays for the Introduction to Theatre class at Freeport High School. These texts will be a part of the teacher-created curriculum and will provide students with the opportunity to:
  - Read a full-length text, which the current English curriculum doesn't always allow for.
  - Understand the structure of a script.
  - Read iconic texts from the literary and theatrical canon

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## Approved Consent Agenda

- Bills for FSD 145 and CareerTEC
- Personnel Report – November 16, 2025
- Khan Academy
- Approval of the FMCSA Consortium Pool Agreement

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## Approved Board Action Items

- Certificate of Levy for 2025
- Intro to Theatre Materials

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## Committee Reports

Finance & Buildings & Grounds reported by Mr. Greene. Principal Survey about the modulars to develop an exit plan.

C&I by Mrs. Williams, they talked about the transition plan from Dr. Cloat to Mrs. Susan Fumo.


SAFE Committee by Ms. Moore-Howard, trying to align their work with the District Strategic Plan. Talked about helpful partnerships.

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## Next Meeting

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

 **January 21, 2026**

 **6:00 PM**

 Administrative Office - 501 E South St

The public is always invited and encouraged to attend.