

Board of Education Meeting Highlights

April 07, 2026 – Regular Meeting

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

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Alvarado recognized the **Showtime Ensemble** and congratulated them on the 46th year of Showtime, and the completion of their recent tour which took them to Nashville, TN with several stops along the way and back.

Dr. Alvarado also recognized and congratulated the **Freeport High School Short Film Entry, "Making a Violet Latte"** on placing 12th at the Electric 18 IHSA Short Film Festival. We are so very proud that our students have made the Electric 18 for the third straight year.

Attendance Monthly Through Mar. 2026

School	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26
All	95%	93%	92%	92%	90%	89%	90%	88%

District Enrollment: students, students in FSD seats.

33 New students enrolled so for SY 2026-27

Calendar Adjustment: With the unexpected school cancellation yesterday, our last day of school is on Monday, June 1, 2026. Fingers crossed, this is the last interruption.

Information Reports

- **MTSS Support at Jones-Farrar:** Leadership and staffing transitions have created a need for increased SEL support in grades 6–7, with gaps in implementation due to limited training of long-term substitutes. A proposed partnership with ROE #4 would provide regional expertise to strengthen SEL supports and enhance student success

- **Technology Infrastructure Replacement:** The District’s virtualization system is nearing end of life and supports critical operations, including student information, transportation, and business systems. Replacing it aligns with the technology lifecycle plan and is necessary to maintain reliability, security, and continuity of services while reducing the risk of system disruptions.
 - **Engagement of Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. to serve as underwriter/placement in pursuant of General Obligation Bond, Debt Certificates and Tax Application Warrants:**
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Approved Consent Agenda

- Bills for FSD 145 and CareerTEC
 - Personnel Report – April 7, 2026
 - Title I Teacher Job Description
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Approved Board Action Items

- **FSD145 SY27-SY29 Strategic Plan:** As our current strategic plan concludes this year, FSD145 is collaborating with HYA to launch a new three-year initiative. This plan prioritizes student achievement and fiscal stewardship while strengthening our commitment to high-quality staff and safe, community-connected schools.
- **MTSS Support at Jones-Farrar”** As presented above
- **Associate Principal in charge of Athletics & Events:** To optimize school To optimize operations, the District is transitioning the Athletic Director role to a non-affiliated administrative position. **Assistant Principal of Student Engagement.** This shift involves a formal Reduction in Force (RIF) of the current bargaining unit role to create an expanded administrative scope covering student discipline, staff evaluations, and middle school support.
- **FEA RIF & Recall MOU:** To streamline the transition of staff impacted by the Spring 2026 Reduction in Force (RIF), the District and FEA have agreed to an expedited recall


process. This involves a temporary waiver of specific collective bargaining sub-sections to accelerate the placement of affected educators into open positions.


- **FSD ESP Reduction in Staff:** The Board approved a resolution for the Honorable Dismissal of certain Educational Support Personnel (ESP) effective at the end of the 2025-2026 term. In compliance with the Illinois School Code, this Reduction in Force (RIF) aligns staffing levels with the district's restructured organizational goals and fiscal priorities for the coming year.
- **FSD Certified Staff Reduction in Force:** The Board approved the Honorable Dismissal of Certified Staff for the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Per Illinois School Code, this Reduction in Force (RIF) ensures staffing levels remain aligned with the district's restructured organizational goals and fiscal priorities.

Next Meeting

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

 **April 21, 2026**

 **6:00 PM**

 Empire Elementary School - 1325 W. Empire St

The public is always invited and encouraged to attend.