

Freeburg Elementary Board Meeting Room  
Wednesday, December 18, 2019  
6:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Freeburg Elementary Board Meeting Room.

### **Call to Order**

Mrs. Bauman called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call of the members.

### **Roll Call**

In addition to Mrs. Bauman, board members Andy Bittle, Jamie Smith, and Ed Scheibel were present. Board members Michelle Morgan, Ron Humphries, and Michelle Foppe were absent. Also in attendance were Tomi Diefenbach, Superintendent and Mark Janssen, Assistant Superintendent and Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The board stood for the pledge of allegiance.

### **Visitors**

There were no visitors.

Moved: Andy Bittle

Seconded: Jamie Smith

### **A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).**

- MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 25, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND NOVEMBER 25, 2019 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
- TRIAL BALANCE AND STATEMENT THROUGH DECEMBER 13, 2019 AND THE BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2019

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 4-aye, 0-nay.

### **Approval of the Bills**

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Jamie Smith

### **A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE BILLS, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).**

AYES: Bittle, Smith, Scheibel, Bauman

Motion Carried

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

## **Reports of Special Committees**

### **Petitions/Communications**

There were two Freedom of Information Act requests. The first request was from Smart Procure for all purchasing information from August 26, 2019 to November 28, 2019. The request sought vendor names and addresses, purchases, and purchase date. The request was filled within the five-day mandatory timeline.

The second request was from LocalLabs requesting information on all board member names, term start date, ending date, salary, and email address. The request was filled within the five-day timeline.

### **Public Participation**

The Board welcomed the public to the meeting.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Diefenbach gave an enrollment update to the Board. Currently, there are 786 students compared to 786 last month and 778 last year.

There were no Principal's Reports.

## **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Moved: Andy Bittle

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

#### **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER A LEVY HEARING.**

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 4-aye, 0-nay.

Moved: Andy Bittle

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

#### **A MOTION WAS MADE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION.**

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 4-aye, 0-nay.

Motion: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Jamie Smith

#### **A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE 2019 TAX LEVY WITH A TOTAL INCREASE OF 6.33%, AS PRESENTED.**

AYES: Bittle, Smith, Scheibel, Bauman

Motion Carried

Moved: Andy Bittle

Seconded: Jamie Smith

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE MIGRATING TO PRESS PLUS FOR BOARD POLICY MANUALS AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$6350 WITH AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION OF \$1895.**

AYES: Bittle, Smith, Scheibel, Bauman

Motion Carried

Moved: Andy Bittle

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO NOTIFY CERTIFICATED AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL THE INTENT TO REDUCE STAFF DUE TO EDUCATIONAL AND FINANCIAL REASONS.**

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 4-aye, 0-nay.

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Andy Bittle

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM PARAPROFESSIONAL WENDY BRANNKAER, EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR.**

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 4-aye, 0-nay.

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Jamie Smith

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM CUSTODIAN RUTH DRUMMOND, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 17, 2019.**

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 4-aye, 0-nay.

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Jamie Smith

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE DORI KRAUSS AS ASSISTANT VOLUNTEER VOLLEYBALL COACH.**

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 4-aye, 0-nay.

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Andy Bittle

**A MOTION WAS MADE FOR THE NON-RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AS THE NEED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY STILL EXISTS.**

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 4-aye, 0-nay.

### **Other Business**

### **Adjournment**

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Jamie Smith

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:25 P.M.**

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 4-aye, 0-nay.

Barbara Bauman-President  
Board of Education, Dist. #70

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