

Freeburg Elementary Board Meeting Room
Monday, January 27, 2020
7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:00 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, Michelle Morgan, Jamie Smith, Ed Scheibel, Ron Humphries, and Michelle Foppe were present. Also in attendance were Tomi Diefenbach, Superintendent, Mark Janssen, Assistant Superintendent and Recording Secretary, and Principals Theresa Goscinski and Ryan Wittenauer.

Pledge of Allegiance

The board stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Visitors

Visitors to the meeting included district teachers Scott Schulz, Kayla Cripe, Jessie Janssen, Kaitlin Becker, and Judy Hazelwood. Also in attendance was Hans Carpenter of the Freeburg Tribune.

Moved: Ron Humphries Seconded: Michelle Morgan

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

- MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
- TRIAL BALANCE AND STATEMENT THROUGH JANUARY 24, 2020 AND THE BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019

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

Approval of the Bills

Moved: Michelle Foppe Seconded: Jamie Smith

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

AYES: Bittle, Morgan, Smith, Scheibel, Humphries, Foppe, Bauman
Motion Carried

Reports of Standing Committees

Reports of Special Committees

Petitions/Communications

None

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 784 students compared to 786 last month and 778 last year.

Mrs. Diefenbach informed the Board Kindergarten registration will take place during the evening of February 12 and on February 13 from 9 am – 11 am. The combination of the evening and daytime registrations seem to work well for parents last year.

Mrs. Diefenbach gave an update on the amount of eight grade fees still owed. Currently, there are 41 students who still owe approximately \$6500. Mrs. Diefenbach reminded the Board eighth graders must have all fees paid in full before being able to participate in graduation.

Mrs. Diefenbach gave an update on the progress of the 2020-2021 school calendar. The calendar is not finalized as of yet. But, some of the potential details pending agreement with Freeburg High School and Smithton District #130 include:

- August 11 - Teachers' Institute
- August 13 - 1st day of student attendance
- May 20 - Last day of student attendance (if no snow days are used)
- May 21 - Teachers' Institute (if no snow days are used)
- May 27 - Last day of student attendance (if all snow days are used)

These dates are tentative and are subject to change. The calendar will be presented for Board approval either in February or March.

Mr. Janssen gave a preliminary summer projects list to the Board. Some of those items include:

- Replacement of the Primary Center roof, replacement of the nine HVAC units, and tuckpointing (re-caulking of exterior windows, re-caulking of expansion joints, and sealing of the brick).
- Possible construction of a new storage shed. Bids will be advertised in February with the Board reviewing bids for consideration at the March meeting.
- Sanding and refinishing of Gym Floor. This is long overdue. This is a process where the main gym floor is sanded down to bare wood, sealed, repainted, and stained. The purpose is to restore the luster of the floor and repair any nicks. It is projected this was last done in the early 2000s and it's recommended to be done every ten years or so. The total cost of this project is expected to be around \$10,000. This will be done by the same company that did the High School last summer.

Mrs. Goscinski presented the Principal's Report from the Primary Center. The Pre-Kindergarten students attended a field trip at World Class Gymnastics. The Kindergarten classes are studying the Chinese New Year. First graders are completing a unit on snow.

Mr. Wittenauer presented the Principal's Report from the Elementary School. On January 8, the Leadership Counsel brought in snap circuits and presented the 4th graders with a problem. How to create a robotic arm that could hold a pen and write. On January 17, the Tech Tribe presented on a variety of subjects such as Raz kids, Symbaloo, Google Drive, and Google Forms. On January 23 & 24, Stacey Pace from First Community Credit Union presented to the 3rd and 4th-grade students. She presented on money, saving money, barter, and needs vs wants.

Old Business

New Business

Moved: Andy Bittle

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE MAINTENANCE GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE 1998 PRIMARY CENTER ROOF.

AYES: Bittle, Morgan, Smith, Scheibel, Humphries, Foppe, Bauman
Motion Carried

Moved: Andy Bittle

Seconded: Michelle Foppe

A MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE THE MAY BOARD MEETING FROM MAY 25 TO MAY 18 DUE TO THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY.

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

Motion: Jamie Smith

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:15 PM TO CONSIDER:

THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDING HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE. 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1); AND

LITIGATION, WHEN AN ACTION AGAINST, AFFECTING OR ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICULAR DISTRICT HAS BEEN FILED AND IS PENDING BEFORE A COURT OR WHEN THE DISTRICT FINDS THAT AN ACTION IS PROBABLE OR IMMINENT. 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11); AND

AYES: Bittle, Morgan, Smith, Scheibel, Humphries, Foppe, Bauman
Motion Carried

Moved: Michelle Morgan

Seconded: Ron Humphries

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 7:27 PM.

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

Moved: Michelle Morgan Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM CHEERLEADING COACH JODI GOODNIGHT, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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

Moved: Andy Bittle Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM NOON SUPERVISOR KENDRA HARGAN, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31, 2020.

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

Moved: Michelle Foppe Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS EMPLOY SHERI SWITALA AS AN AT-WILL EMPLOYEE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 14, 2020.

AYES: Bittle, Morgan, Smith, Scheibel, Humphries, Foppe, Bauman
Motion Carried

Moved: Andy Bittle Seconded: Michelle Morgan

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RENEW THE CONTRACT OF ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL OF TRANSPORTATION LOREN HOLCOMB FOR FOUR YEARS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, SEE ADDENDA.

AYES: Bittle, Morgan, Smith, Scheibel, Humphries, Foppe, Bauman
Motion Carried

Other Business

Adjournment

Moved: Andy Bittle Seconded: Ed Scheibel

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:30 P.M.**

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

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

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