

Freeburg Elementary Board Meeting Room
Monday, February 24, 2020
7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Monday, February 24, 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 Cory Lawrence and Rebecca Howard. Also in attendance was Hans Carpenter of the Freeburg Tribune.

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Michelle Foppe

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

- MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND FEBRUARY 5, 2020 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
- TRIAL BALANCE AND STATEMENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 21, 2020 AND THE BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2020

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

Approval of the Bills

Moved: Andy Bittle

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

The district received two Freedom of Information Act requests. The first was from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association seeking information on any teachers retiring at the end of this school year. The second request was from a parent foundation group in Texas seeking a wide range of demographic data on all district employees. Both requests were filled within the five-day time period.

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 784 last month and 778 last year.

Mrs. Diefenbach gave an update on Kindergarten registration. To date, there have been 54 students register for Kindergarten in the fall. Registration is ongoing so parents can come in anytime and register their child.

Mrs. Diefenbach updated the Board on the tentative year-end schedule. This schedule assumes no more snow days. The schedule is as follows:

- May 7 - Field Day
- May 14 - PTO Carnival
- May 26 - Last Day of School
- May 26 – Graduation

Mrs. Diefenbach reminded the Board this is tentative and could change.

Mr. Janssen presented five-year financial projections on the three main operating funds for the district. In short, the district continues to do its part in controlling expenses. The Education Fund continues to be financially strained but the Building and Transportation Funds are performing well. To illustrate, Mr. Janssen explained the Education Fund received less revenue last year than it did in 2005. This is due to the state decreasing its contribution to our district by \$760,000 since that time. Further, expenditures have increased a total of \$441,000 in those 15 years, or \$31,500 per year. The Board continues to do its part monitoring all expenses. The ongoing financial challenge for the district is the declining revenues due in large part to the State's financial woes. The complete report can be found in the addenda.

Mrs. Goscinski presented the Principal's Report from the Primary Center. Kindergarten registration was held on February 12 & 13. Valentine's Day parties were held on February 14 and went very well. The district raised over \$17,000 for Jump Rope for Heart, which is a district record. The mother-son and father-daughter dances were held this past weekend and were also well attended.

Mr. Wittenauer presented the Principal's Report from the Elementary School. The PTO held a dining out night at Dairy Queen on January 28. The 4th – 8th grade skate night at Fun Spot was held on January 29. McLimo was held on February 4 for 7th and 8th graders who received all "A's" on

their 2nd quarter report card. The annual Band Festival was held on February 7. On February 13, administrators met with Freeburg High School administrators and Chief Schutzenhofer at Adam's Auction to do reconnaissance for that site being a reunification point should a tragedy occur at one of the schools.

Old Business

New Business

Moved: Ron Humphries Seconded: Andy Bittle

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE 2020-2021 DISTRICT CALENDAR, AS PRESENTED.

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

Moved: Michelle Morgan Seconded: Michelle Foppe

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ESTABLISH JULY 7 – 9, 2020 AS DATES FOR DISTRICT-WIDE REGISTRATION.

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

Moved: Jamie Smith Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RENEW THE TRANSPORTATION LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ST. LIBORY DISTRICT #30 FOR ONE-YEAR, AS PRESENTED.

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

Motion: Michelle Foppe Seconded: Andy Bittle

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:14 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

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

Moved: Andy Bittle Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 7:59 PM.

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

Moved: Andy Bittle

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE LETTERS OF RESIGNATION FROM NOON SUPERVISORS KARI FORAN AND LOGAN SIGMAN.

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

Other Business

Adjournment

Moved: Ron Humphries

Seconded: Michelle Foppe

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:01 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