

Meeting Held Via Teleconference
Monday, March 23, 2020
7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

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 (7:02) were present. 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

Visitors to the meeting included district teachers Liz Hund, Kayla Cripe, Justin Imm, Abbey Payne, Angie Cooper, and Caitlin Kirby. Hans Carpenter of the Freeburg Tribune was also present.

Moved: Michelle Morgan Seconded: Ed Scheibel

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

- MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND MARCH 9, 2020 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
- TRIAL BALANCE AND STATEMENT THROUGH MARCH 20, 2020 AND THE BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2020

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 6-aye, 0-nay.

Approval of the Bills

Moved: Andy Bittle Seconded: Michelle Foppe

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 update on the Coronavirus pandemic. School is out of session until at least April 8. At this time, schools have not been notified if this will be extended. The district began handing out meals today. We invited families to come to the Elementary School parking lot from 11 am – 12 pm. In addition, we sent a van to Fayetteville to hand out meals. We will be adding a trip into Deerfield Court, beginning tomorrow. We are not requiring an RSVP. Any child under 18 is eligible to receive a meal. Teachers have begun making regular contact with students to begin elearning. Assignments will begin to be rolled out to the students and the district will make arrangements for any student needing a device to borrow one.

Mrs. Diefenbach did not have an enrollment update due to the school closure.

Mrs. Diefenbach gave an update on Kindergarten registration. To date, there have been 54 students register for Kindergarten in the fall. Registration is ongoing.

Mrs. Diefenbach updated the Board on the tentative year-end schedule. This schedule has not changed in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. Highlights of the schedule is as follows:

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

These dates are tentative due to the uncertainty of the closure.

Mrs. Diefenbach updated the board on the state's standardized testing, the Illinois Assessment for Readiness (IAR). In light of the coronavirus, the testing has been postponed and the state has applied for a waiver to waive the requirement of testing for this year. She will keep the board apprised of any news of the waiver being approved.

Mr. Janssen gave an update on the bus accident on February 27. A 27-passenger bus was rear ended on the way to a scholar bowl match. There were no injuries. The driver of the other car had insurance and it is taking care of the damage to the bus. The adjuster came out to the bus garage two weeks ago and reimbursement for the damages is forthcoming.

Mr. Janssen received the district Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) for tax year 2019. The EAV increased by just over 3%. This will translate to approximately \$266,000 in increased revenue.

There was no Principal's Report due to the closure.

Old Business

New Business

Moved: Andy Bittle

Seconded: Ron Humphries

A MOTION WAS MADE TO TABLE THE STORAGE SHED CONSTRUCTION INDEFINITELY DUE TO BIDS BEING HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED (SEE ADDENDA).

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

Moved: Michelle Foppe

Seconded: Jamie Smith

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PRIMARY CENTER ROOF RESTORATION AND HVAC REPLACEMENT BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$287,938.07, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

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

Moved: Michelle Morgan

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO REINVEST APPROXIMATELY \$918,000 OF WORKING CASH FUNDS INTO A SIX-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT AT AN INTEREST RATE OF 0.5%.

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

Moved: Andy Bittle

Seconded: Michelle Foppe

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FUEL CONTRACT WITH ST. CLAIR SERVICE FOR \$2.12/GALLON FOR DIESEL FUEL AND \$2.02/GALLON FOR GASOLINE FROM APRIL 1, 2020 – OCTOBER 31, 2020, AS PRESENTED.

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

Motion: Michelle Morgan

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:28 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: Michelle Morgan

Seconded: Michelle Foppe

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

Jamie Smith, Secretary
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