

Meeting Held Via Teleconference
Monday, April 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, 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 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

There were no visitors.

Moved: Andy Bittle

Seconded: Ron Humphries

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

- MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
- TRIAL BALANCE AND STATEMENT THROUGH APRIL 24, 2020 AND THE BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH MARCH 31, 2020

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

Approval of the Bills

Moved: Jamie Smith

Seconded: Michelle Morgan

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 for the remainder of the academic year. Remote learning led by our teachers of all grade levels is ongoing. She complimented the teachers for all of their hard work in continuing the continuity of education. Administrators and teachers are meeting every Monday to discuss any challenges or issues. She mentioned the next big topic of discussion for schools will be how to transition back to school once we come back. Teachers will have to meet with grade levels above and below to coordinate what was taught and where instruction left off. Mrs. Diefenbach also mentioned plans are being put in place to return personal belongings back to the students. This will need to be done efficiently and safely. The plan is to start with 8th graders so they can receive their cap, gowns, tassels, and personal belongings. A letter to 8th grade parents will be sent this week.

Mrs. Diefenbach outlined the year-end schedule. The last day of remote learning will be May 20. Teachers will then have their remaining three professional development days, which makes their last day May 27. All student activities except graduation have been canceled. The district is holding out hope we can have it possibly later in the summer provided it is feasible. The Board discussed several ideas on how to best honor the graduates while adhering to the social distancing guidelines. After discussion, the Board asked Mrs. Diefenbach to keep them informed on any plans to honor the graduates.

Mr. Janssen gave an update on the Chromebook loan program. To date, we have given out 47 Chromebooks to students. We will begin the process of having students return them after May 20.

Mr. Janssen updated the board on the meal distribution program. We continue to hand out between 220 and 240 meals per day. He thanked the kitchen staff, including Abby Vosse, Christina Byman, Amanda Embry, Connie Bethard, Sharon Wiskamp, Dawn Reuter, and Tracy Gardiner. Their hard work and selflessness has been extraordinary. Mr. Holcomb and other staff are driving through Deerfield Court and to Fayetteville to deliver meals and supplies. It has been a remarkable effort by our staff. The district is receiving \$2.33 for each breakfast and \$4.08 per lunch distributed.

Mr. Janssen gave an update on the summer projects expected to be completed. Guidance from the State Board released last week stated custodians can return to work. It is hoped they will be able to return after a majority of the personal items from teachers and students are out. A few of the projects that were slated to be completed include:

1. Restoration of the Primary Center roof and HVAC replacement of the Kindergarten section. This project has begun with expected completion in June.
2. The driveway and entrance to the gated area at the bus garage is in need of repair. The road is beginning to break apart. An oil and chip is needed along with that area near the gate, as well a need to be reinforced. Mr. Janssen has been speaking with the other districts to devise a plan.
3. Refinishing of the gym floor
4. Installation of fencing around the north playground at the Primary Center
5. Cleaning of both buildings

Old Business

New Business

Moved: Jamie Smith

Seconded: Ron Humphries

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE TWO-YEAR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG DETAILING THE EMPLOYMENT OF A SAFETY OFFICER (SEE ADDENDA).

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

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Andy Bittle

A MOTION WAS RENEW THE SERIOUS SAFETY HAZARD DETERMINATIONS, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).

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

Moved: Andy Bittle

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE BID FROM MIDWEST GLASS TINTERS FOR \$29,462 TO INSTALL SECURITY FILM AT BOTH BUILDINGS (SEE ADDENDA).

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

Other Business

Adjournment

Moved: Michelle Morgan

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:41 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