

Meeting Held Via Teleconference  
Monday, June 22, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Bittle called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call of the members.

### **Roll Call**

In addition to Mr. Bittle board members Michelle Morgan, Jamie Smith (7:06), Ed Scheibel, Ron Humphries and Michelle Foppe were present. Also in attendance were Tomi Diefenbach, Superintendent and Mark Janssen, Assistant Superintendent and Recording Secretary.

### **Visitors**

Visitors to the meeting included district teachers Justin Imm and Kayla Cripe.

Moved: Ron Humphries                      Seconded: Michelle Morgan

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

- MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
- TRIAL BALANCE AND STATEMENT THROUGH JUNE 19, 2020 AND THE BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH MAY 31, 2020

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

### **Approval of the Bills**

Moved: Michelle Foppe                      Seconded: Michelle Morgan

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

AYES: Morgan, Smith, Scheibel, Humphries, Foppe, Bittle  
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 Graduation. A virtual Graduation was held with students coming to school in their caps and gowns on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. A vast majority of students came and received their diplomas and any awards. Pictures were taken and then all photos were added to a video that was released. Mrs. Diefenbach thanked the staff and especially Jeff Foster for his hard work in putting it together.

Mrs. Diefenbach gave an update on online registration. In light of the pandemic and social distancing requirements, we are working on the option for parents to register online. This will involve parents completing all required forms and emailing proofs of residency to [registration@frg70.org](mailto:registration@frg70.org). The option for parents to come to the school will be available but with masks and social distancing requirements enforced. Online registration will be rolled out on June 29 and end on July 10. In-person registration will be held July 12-14 from 10 am – 7 pm.

Mrs. Diefenbach discussed results of a survey released to parents regarding remote learning from the spring and their thoughts on the reopening of school in the fall. Complete results of the survey can be found in the addenda.

Mr. Janssen gave an update on the number of students who have not picked up their belongings. In all, there are about 25 students who have not picked up. These items will be stored until the fall when they can be given to the student.

Mr. Janssen explained all but four Chromebooks have been returned. These were devices that were loaned to students during remote learning. We are making contact with these families to arrange for them to be dropped off or picked up. A total of 52 devices were loaned out.

Mr. Janssen updated the board on the meal distribution program. A total of 9869 meals were distributed, which is an average of 235 per day. Mr. Janssen thanked the Food Service staff for their hard work in preparing the meals for those students.

Mr. Janssen gave an update on the summer projects expected to be completed. Custodians and Maintenance staff returned to work today. Guidelines for social distancing and mask use were communicated and will be followed throughout the summer.

1. Restoration of the Primary Center roof and HVAC replacement of the Kindergarten section. The roof is completed and we are now awaiting delivery for the HVAC units. The delivery has been delayed due to the pandemic. It is hoped they will be delivered later this month.
2. The driveway and entrance to the gated area at the bus garage is expected to begin next week. Buses will be moved and parked at the High School and our district. It is expected this work will be completed in July.
3. The repainting and refinishing of the gym is mostly completed. The gym floor looks very nice. It is expected to be completed this week.
4. The installation of fencing around the north playground at the Primary Center is completed. This allows us the use of an additional playground in that area.
5. The thorough cleaning of both buildings is ahead of schedule. All areas, including hallways, gyms, cafeteria, and classrooms are being cleaned extensively.

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Michelle Foppe

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO A BUDGET HEARING TO DISCUSS AMENDMENTS TO THE FY20 BUDGET.**

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

Moved: Michelle Foppe

Seconded: Michelle Morgan

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO REENTER REGULAR SESSION.**

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

Moved: Ron Humphries

Seconded: Ed Scheibel

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE AMENDED FY20 BUDGET, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).**

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

Moved: Michelle Morgan

Seconded: Michelle Foppe

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

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

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Andy Bittle

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE LEASE PARAMETERS WITH CITIZENS COMMUNITY BANK FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$63,000 AT A SIMPLE INTEREST RATE OF 2.6%, AS PRESENTED.**

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

Moved: Ed Scheibel

Seconded: Michelle Foppe

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO RENEW THE FOOD SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BELLEVILLE DISTRICT #118 FOR ONE YEAR, AS PRESENTED.**

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

Motion: Michelle Morgan                      Seconded: Ed Scheibel

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:30 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: Morgan, Smith, Scheibel, Humphries, Foppe, Bittle  
Motion Carried

Moved: Michelle Morgan                      Seconded: Ed Scheibel

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION AT 7:36 PM.**

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

Moved: Andy Bittle                              Seconded: Michelle Foppe

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO EMPLOY SIERRA HARDT AS TEACHER FOR THE 2020-2021  
SCHOOL YEAR.**

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

Moved: Michelle Morgan                      Seconded: Ron Humphries

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO EMPLOY EMILY VASQUEZ AS A PARAPROFESSIONAL FOR THE  
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.**

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

Motion: Andy Bittle                              Seconded: Michelle Morgan

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT A LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM TEACHER ELIZABETH  
HUND, EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.**

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

Motion: Michelle Foppe                              Seconded: Ron Humphries

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR JUSTIN IMM AS PRINCIPAL FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR AT A SALARY OF \$70,000 PER YEAR, AS PRESENTED.**

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

Motion: Michelle Morgan                      Seconded: Andy Bittle

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE NON-CERTIFIED PAY INCREASES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR AT AN AVERAGE OF 2.1%, AS PRESENTED (SEE ADDENDA).**

AYES: Morgan, Smith, Scheibel, Humphries, Foppe, Bittle  
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 7:39 P.M.**

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

Andy Bittle, Vice-President  
Board of Education, Dist. #70

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