

Freeburg Elementary School
Thursday, July 9, 2020
6:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Freeburg Elementary School District #70 Cafeteria.

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 also in attendance. Also in attendance were Tomi Diefenbach, Superintendent, Mark Janssen, Assistant Superintendent and Recording Secretary, Ryan Wittenauer, and Justin Imm, Principals.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board and public stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

It was decided public participation would be held after the presentation by Mrs. Diefenbach outlining the tentative plans and details of reopening school.

Mrs. Diefenbach presented the plans for reopening of school. The plans for reopening are still fluid and steered by the guidelines handed down by the Governor's office and the Illinois State Board of Education. Highlights of the plan include:

School Year	FY 21
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First day of Student Attendance	August 13, 2020
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Per ISBE -

*All public and nonpublic schools in Illinois serving prekindergarten through 12th grade students **must** follow these guidelines.*

Executive Order 2020-40

In person learning is strongly encouraged in Phase 4.

Appropriate social distancing, face coverings, enhanced sanitation measures, and other accommodations will be necessary to ensure the safety of students, staff, and their families.

DPH guidelines:

- Require use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including face coverings
- Prohibit more than 50 individuals from gathering in one space
- Require social distancing be observed, **as much as possible**

- Require that schools conduct symptom screenings and temperature checks or require that individuals self-certify that they are free of symptoms before entering school buildings
- Require an increase in schoolwide cleaning and disinfection

Also requires:

- Remote Learning Days must ensure at least 5 clock hours of instruction or school work for each student
- School Districts return to traditional grading policies
- Allows Districts to utilize up to five (5) Remote/Blended Learning Planning Days

3 Different Plan required by STATE:

In person Learning Hybrid (A/B) Remote Learning for All
 Logistical Nightmare for scheduling

Prior to August 1, 2020

- Students must:
 - Be registered and show proper proofs of residency
 - All necessary form completed and submitted

Designate one of the following:

- In-person learning
- Remote learning for 1st Semester (**qualifying medical condition**)

Parents will agree to daily symptom checks for students

Morning Procedures

Bus

- ALL students and staff riding the bus will wear a FACE MASK
- No more than 50 individuals and social distancing will be maintained to the greatest extent possible

7:45 a.m. drop-off

- Students who eat breakfast
- Students will be kept in cafeteria until 8:00 a.m. bell rings

8:00 a.m. drop-off

- Students arrive and go straight to classrooms

Lockers

- Lockers are spread out to allow space between home rooms

Primary Center - Prior to 8:00 a.m.

- Students enter building through south doors
- Students are directed to designated hallway to social distance til bell rings

Elementary School

- Students proceed to blacktop and social distance in designated line
- Grades levels will enter through various entrances

- Inclement Weather - Students enter building and proceed to designated hallway to social distance until the bell rings

Daily Schedule K-8

- Students report to homerooms
- Scheduled locker breaks
- Scheduled bathroom breaks
- Scheduled “mask” breaks
- Art / Music / Technology teachers will report to rooms - NO student movement
- Teachers in 5-8 will move classrooms - students stay in desks
- PE - with designated classes
- Recess
- Staggered dismissal
- Students will be encouraged to bring water bottles and water bottle filling stations will be available at every school.

Hallways

- 2 way - Line down the middle with strips to show 6 ft.
- The movement will be restricted

Masks

- Worn at all times in the building (exception - lunch / PE)
- Doctor’s note required if staff or student does not wear mask

Sports

Waiting on guidelines from IJHSAA and the Cahokia Conference

Mrs. Diefenbach would prefer parents opt in for remote learning for a specified time period (9 weeks). The curriculum would be more rigorous than the spring and students will be engaged for 5 hours per day and held accountable for all work.

I would rather the district explore a hybrid model (students only attend part-time in-person and part-time remote learning).

After the presentation, attendees were invited to share their comments and questions. The district will compile these questions, in addition to those submitted during the Zoom meeting. A FAQ will be released next week with these questions and answers.

Mrs. Diefenbach emphasized the situation is fluid and guidelines could change. If that occurs, the district will make the appropriate adjustments. In the end, the district is striving to have all students back to school for face-to-face instruction while making it as “normal” as possible while operating within the imposed guidelines. Parents are encouraged to call the school with questions or concerns.

Moved: Michelle Morgan Seconded: Ron Humphries

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:10 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)

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 7:40 PM.

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

Moved: Michelle Foppe Seconded: Andy Bittle

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM NURSE RAMONA STEIN, EFFECTIVE JULY 20, 2020.

Upon a voice vote, Motion Carried, 6-aye, 1-nay.

Other Business

Moved: Ed Scheibel Seconded: Jamie Smith

There being no further business to come before this body, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:45 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