

Freeburg Elementary School
Thursday, January 19, 2023
6:15 p.m.

A special committee meeting of the Building & Grounds Committee of the Board of Education for Freeburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 was held on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. in the Freeburg Elementary School District #70 Board Meeting Room.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Committee members Jamie Smith and John Lawson were present as well as board member Jayson Baker. Dr. Melanie Brink, Superintendent, Mr. Mark Janssen, Financial Officer and Recording Secretary, and Mr. Ryan Wittenauer, Principal were also present.

Visitors

Danita Duecker was the only visitor.

Mr. Janssen gave an update on the planned summer projects. He reminded the Board that three HVAC units will be replaced this summer. These units service the 1st and 2nd grade wing as well as the kitchen and cafeteria. Those units are now expected to arrive in July. He expressed concern they will get delayed again moving closer to the start of school. Mr. Janssen also stated the construction of a vestibule at the Elementary School and new lighting in the 1972 section are planned. He also stated he would like the Board to consider adding a vestibule at the Primary Center. The project would not be too extensive as it involves adding a wall and an adjustment to the existing door and window in what is now a Speech classroom. He also pointed out the HVAC, vestibule, and lighting projects all qualified for a \$50,000 building maintenance grants through the state.

Ms. Duecker advised the Board to be mindful of security when installing the sliding window. She stated that will be the weakest point and could negate some of the security. Mr. Baker thought it might be wise for the SRO to have an office or space he could work in with access to the building's security cameras.

Mr. Janssen presented a graph illustrating the district's enrollment/attendance over the past 22 years (see addenda). Mr. Lawson expressed concern of not being proactive if a population boom occurs in the district. He suggested looking at building expansion to see whether that means building up or out. He mentioned there are subdivisions beginning to take shape in the community. Some ideas he mentioned were building a new large building with all grades in one building, update and/or add on to the Elementary School, add on to the Primary Center, and doing nothing.

Mr. Smith suggested the district could retain a firm to conduct a feasibility study on these ideas. That would give insight into where to go from here. Mr. Janssen brought up the fact that all debt will be paid off in 2028 so there could be an opportunity there. It was then decided the committee will recommend the district proceed with this study to the full board.

Ms. Duecker advised the district to be cautious with the wording in the job posting for the RN/LPN. Specifically, she stated "School Nurse" could imply "Certified School Nurse" She also advised employing an LPN due to the limitation of duties an LPN can legally perform.

Since there is no quorum, the action items on the agenda are tabled until Monday's regular meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this committee, the meeting was adjourned.

John Lawson, Committee Member
Board of Education, Dist. #70

Jamie Smith, Secretary and Committee Member
Board of Education, Dist. # 70