



Regular meeting of the Freeport School District Board of Education

October 17, 2023

The Board received Numerous Reports that will be further detailed in the Board Meeting Minutes:

A public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education of School District Number 145, Stephenson County, Illinois, to sell \$8,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds was convened. With no public comment the hearing was closed.

Superintendent's Report

Attendance Data Update

Dr. Alvarado provided the board with an enrollment update through September.

State Average 94.2%

District 92.75%

Attendance was also broken down by school and race.

Principal for a Day

On Friday, Oct 20th, **State Representative John Cabello** will be visiting Freeport High School as part of the Principal for a Day program. In 2022, John was elected State Representative for the new 90th District which starts in Boone County and cuts across the top of Winnebago County out to Stephenson County and Freeport

ISBE Order

The *Illinois State Board of Education* ordered the transition of students out of three Menta facilities. ([The full press release can be viewed here](#)). No outplacement students from Freeport are placed at any of these Menta facilities.

MAP Fall Data Update

Presented by Dr. Julia Cloat, Asst. Supt. of Curriculum & Instruction providing MAP testing results for the

Information Reports

Monthly Financial Report

I was provided by Dr. Patrick McDermott through the end of September. He advised we will move forward with the bond sale. He advised that a new treasurer and IMRF agent will be appointed later in the meeting.

Bilingual Education Department Report

Dr. Rocio Del Castillo gave an update of this newly formed department. She shared their mission statement; IL definition of a multilingual learner; federal and state regulations; 17 languages spoken in FSD; goals and targets.

Bullying Prevention Policy

Current policy was approved in February of this year. ISBE mandates adding this additional paragraph: "Nothing in this Section is intended to infringe upon any right to exercise free expression or the free exercise of religion or religiously based views protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or under Section 3 of Article 1 of the Illinois Constitution."

Differential Request

Under the terms of the collective bargaining agreement between FSD#145 and the FEA, a joint committee was established to review proposals for changes in job descriptions, positions, category placements, and/or new positions on the differential schedule. Five applications were submitted to the differential committee and five are being recommended for approval for the 2023-24 school year:

Approved the Consent Agenda

- A. Freeport School District and Career TEC Bills
- B. Personnel Report October 17, 2023
- C. Resolution Appointing Jennifer Heiden as FSD Treasurer
- D. Resolution Appointing Jackie Diffenderfer as Freeport School District's IMRF Agent

Took Action in Favor of the Following Previously Presented Items

- A. Tour Proposal FHS Showtime Trip
- C. Bullying Prevention Policy

Committee Reports

Reports were provided by:

Member Kacey Seal for Safety & Security

Members Charlene Williams & Kacey Seal for Equity and Curriculum & Instruction / Education Committee

The public is always invited and encouraged to attend Freeport School District Board of Education meetings. The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on November 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Meetings are held at the FSD administrative office, located at 500 E. South St and can be accessed virtually, information on joining the meetings can be found [here](#).