



Regular meeting of the Freeport School District Board of Education

November 17, 2023

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

Recognitions

IL Board Member Appreciation Day: Certificates were presented to all Board Members in honor of Board Member Appreciation Day, November 15th.

Pretzel Magic: This award was recently started to recognize staff members for the amazing things they do. The first recipient was the crossing guard at Carl Sandburg School who came to the aid of a student experiencing a medical crisis. The crossing guard was persistent in getting the help the student needed, while displaying compassionate concern to and care for the student.

Information Reports

- A. Independent Contractor - Speech Language Pathology: Pupil Personnel Services is proposing to contract with a speech and language pathologist, Elizabeth Smith, to evaluate and provide certain related services pursuant to the District's obligations under IDEA.
- B. Independent Contractor: School Psychological Evaluations (Bilingual): We are in need of a school psychologist who can conduct bilingual evaluation, and we are proposing to contract with a school psychologist, Dr. Tulio Otero, to conduct initial evaluations and reevaluations as may be necessary pursuant to the District's obligations under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).
- C. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Alvarado shared and explained data from the IL School Report Card and reported District results as well as individual schools. A major highlight in the report was attendance/chronic absenteeism This report will be available on our website in the near future.

Approved the Consent Agenda

- A. Freeport School District and Career TEC Bills
- B. Personnel Report November 7, 2023

Took Action in Favor of the Following Previously Presented Items

- A. 2023-2024 Differential Request
- B. Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$10,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds of the District for the purposes of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District and refunding outstanding bonds of the District, authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Committee Reports

Reports were provided by:

Member Martha Furst reported for the IASB Resolution Committee. She shared some of the top resolutions that will be voted on during the General Assembly at the Joint Annual Conference. Member Furst will represent the board during the 2023 session.

Member Kacey Seal reported for Safety & Security and for the 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 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Meetings are held at the FSD administrative office, located at 500 E. South St, and can be accessed virtually, (unless otherwise communicated). Information on joining the meetings can be found [here](#).