



FSD 145

Freeport School District

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April 18, 2017 Board of Education Meeting Highlights

At its regular meeting held Tuesday evening, the Freeport School District Board of Education:

- Recognized several FHS students for achievements in winter athletics, including wrestling, basketball, bowling, swimming, cheer, and dance. *(Additional contact: Dr. Beth Summers, Freeport High School Principal, 815-232-0405, beth.summers@fsd145.org)*
- Received an update on the success of the AVID program in the district and its expansion to the fourth grade. AVID Elementary was implemented in the fourth grade classrooms at three FSD elementary schools this year, each of which showed evidence of growth from fall to winter on inquiry and organizational skills, and on MAP assessments. Through implementation at the 5th and 6th grade levels, there has also been an increase in AVID elective readiness and enrollment. AVID Secondary is offered as a 7th-12th grade elective class and also continues to see positive results. *(Additional contact: Ms. Nita White, Director of Equity & Curriculum, 815-232-0321, nita.white@fsd145.org)*
- Approved a proposal to provide additional support for students who test positive in the high school extra-curricular random drug testing program. Program changes include requiring students who test positive to attend counseling sessions and to complete a course on drug and alcohol abuse, as well as providing education to parents and students about the dangers of drug and alcohol use. The financial impact of these changes is \$162 for each student that tests positive. *(Additional contact: Dr. Beth Summers, Freeport High School Principal, 815-232-0405, beth.summers@fsd145.org)*
- Approved a proposal to purchase “Bridges in Mathematics” as the new K-5 Math Curriculum for the district. Bridges in Mathematics is a comprehensive curriculum that equips teachers to fully implement the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics. It focuses on developing students’ deep understandings of mathematical concepts, proficiency with key skills, and ability to solve complex and novel problems. *(Additional contact: Dr. Duane Meighan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, 815-232-0311, duane.meighan@fsd145.org)*
- Approved one year contract extensions for the following administrators: Jennifer DeJong, Stacey Kleindl, Danielle Summers, Alice Stech, Matthew Bohrer, Brian Lamm, Ben Asche, Renee Coleman, Beth Summers, Ryan Pierce, Dana Dinderman, Aaron Wichman, Tom Elzen, Amanda Williams, Greg Munda, and Dallas Elzen. *(Additional contact: Dr. Mike Schiffman, Superintendent, 815-232-0308, mike.schiffman@fsd145.org)*

The public is always invited and encouraged to attend Freeport School District Board of Education meetings. The next scheduled regular meeting and board reorganization will be held **Tuesday, May 2nd** at **6:00 PM** at **Freeport Middle School** at 701 W. Empire Street. Prior to the meeting from 5:00 to 5:45 PM, there will also be a farewell reception for outgoing board members Mr. Billy Shroyer and Mr. Terry Groves.

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