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PRETZEL NEWS



Freeport School District #145 Monthly e-Newsletter

Board of Education Meeting Updates

During its meeting on April 5th, 2016, the Board of Education:

- Recognized students selected as FSD Young Authors and students nominated as Student Spotlights during January, February, and March.
- Received an update on the district's Food Service Department.
- Considered a proposal to expand the AVID program in the district to 4th grade students.
- Considered several new job descriptions, including:
 - * Curriculum Coordinator of Science and Advanced Learning Program
 - * Curriculum Coordinator of Student Centered Learning and Kindergarten
 - * Curriculum Coordinator of Assessment, Research, Accountability, and Title I (K-12)
 - * Special Education Coordinator (PreK-12)
- Reviewed a potential elimination of registration fees.
- Received an update on the district's new Summer University Enrichment model.
- Reviewed proposed revisions to the following job descriptions:

* <u>Assistant Cook</u>	* <u>Food Production Coordinator (K-12)</u>
* <u>Dishwasher/Utility</u>	* <u>Cook</u>
* <u>Food Service Driver</u>	* <u>Dean of Students</u>
* <u>Cashier (Food Service)</u>	
- Approved the Freeport School District and CareerTec Bills, the Personnel Report with an addendum, and a salary freeze for the 2016-2017 school year for all District Administrators.
- Approved a new job description for the position of Coordinator of MTSS.
- Approved a recommendation to adopt new high school math curriculum resources for Grades 6 - Integrated Math III.
- Approved a proposal to contract with the Highland Community College Business Institute to provide diversity training to FSD staff members.

During its meeting on April 19th, 2016, the Board of Education:

- Reorganized with the re-election of Billy Shroyer as Board President, Janice Crutchfield as Vice-President, and Greta Harrell as Secretary. Vicky Hoffman was appointed Treasurer. Committee assignments were also made and the Board established its April 2016-April 2017 meeting schedule, with an adjustment in the start time of those meetings to 6 PM.
- Received an update on the Facilities & Grounds Department, as well as the monthly update on the finances of the district, including:

* <u>March 2016 Revenues</u>	* <u>March 2016 Expenses</u>
* <u>March 2016 Board Investment Report</u>	* <u>Status of State Funding</u>
- Considered a recommendation to purchase/implement the NWEA-MAP assessment as FSD's universal assessment system.
- Considered property tax abatement requests from the Helm Group and Barkau Automotive.
- Approved the Freeport School District and CareerTec Bills, as well as the Personnel Report.
- Approved a proposal to expand the AVID program in the district to include 4th grade, beginning in 3 schools in 2016-2017.
- Approved a proposal to eliminate registration/textbook fees in the district.
- Approved the new job descriptions and job description revisions proposed at the previous meeting.

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You can access the complete packet of materials for the April 5th and April 19th meetings by clicking [here.](#)

Notes & Reminders

Appointment of New Leaders at 3 FSD Schools

At its regular meeting on May 3rd, 2016, the FSD Board of Education approved recommendations for three new leaders at FSD schools for the 2016-2017 school year. Each will begin their new role on July 1, 2016.

- * Principal, Lincoln-Douglas Elementary School: Mr. Matthew Bohrer
- * Principal, Jones-Farrar Magnet School: Ms. Jennifer De Jong
- * Asst. Principal, Freeport Middle School: Ms. Renee Coleman

4th Grade Band/Orchestra Information

This month, 4th graders will be participating in Smooth Moves, a field trip to the middle school that they'll be attending next year. During this time, they will hear about the exciting opportunity available to them as 5th graders of joining band or orchestra. A short demonstration of the instruments will be given as well as information about the programs. During the week of May 16, middle school music instructors will be visiting each elementary school to allow students the opportunity to try out instruments. Students will be given a sign-up sheet indicating which 3 instruments they tried. After that, students will need to decide which one they would like to sign up to play.

On **Monday, May 23** there will be a meeting for parents at the FMS Conference Center from 6:30-7:30. This meeting is for parents of students at BOTH middle schools. At this meeting, you can officially sign your child up for band or orchestra by turning in the sign-up sheet to a director. Music store representatives will also be there to assist you in obtaining an Instrument and supplies for your child and can answer any questions related to instrument rentals.

Freeport High School's music department has been recognized as a Grammy Signature School for the past 17 years and it all begins with our students' involvement in 5th grade. We hope you encourage your child to play an instrument and be a part of the wonderful music program in Freeport!



FSD students were recognized for being named "Student Spotlights" during the first three months of 2016 at the Board of Education's regular meeting on April 5th. The Board also recognized students who were selected as FSD Young Authors.

LOOKING AHEAD

April 16 to May 14 - K-4 Spring Gallery Art Show

Hours vary, Freeport Art Museum—Floor 2

May 4 - Band Ice Cream Social

5 PM, Freeport High School

May 10 - School Improvement Day

(3-hour day)

May 11 - Orchestra Concert

7:30 PM, Jeannette Lloyd Theatre

May 12 to 14 - The Mousetrap

7:30 PM, Winneshiek Theatre

Tickets available at: fsd145.org/tickets

May 13 - Registration Packets Due

Please send completed forms to FSD

Enrollment & Transportation Center

May 17 - Board of Education Meeting

6 PM, Freeport Middle School

May 17 - Choir Concert

7:00 PM, Jeannette Lloyd Theatre

May 22 - Freeport High School Graduation

2 PM, Freeport High School - West Gym

May 26 - 8th Grade Promotion

6:30 PM, Jeannette Lloyd Theatre

May 26 - Last Day of School for Students

Have a great summer!

For a schedule of athletic events, visit:

<http://il.8to18.com/FreeportHS/>

Important Summer Dates

- Summer University—June 13 to July 7
- 2016-2017 First Day of School—August 29

FSD In the News

Superintendent's View Columns:

- * [New Initiatives Help Increase Our Students' Learning](#)
- * [Positive, Proactive Approaches Work](#)

Student Spotlights:

- * [Tegan](#)
- * [Kenadee](#)
- * [Rylee](#)



Articles:

- * [Freeport High School robotics team inspires budding engineers](#)
- * [Purchase of new Math curriculum approved for FSD](#)
- * [FSD eliminates students registration/textbook fees](#)
- * [AVID program expanding to 4th grade in Freeport schools](#)

"Every Pretzel's Voice" Blog Posts:

- * [Carl Sandburg Students Talk About Saturday Academy](#)
- * [Farewell, Seniors \(by Pretzel Pride Network\)](#)
- * [FHS Parents Share Experience with FSD Music Program](#)

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