



Regular meeting of the Freeport School District Board of Education

July 11, 2023

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

Superintendent's Report

Supt. Alvarado welcomed two new members to the Central Office Administrative Team:

- Susan Fumo, Asst. Supt. HR
- Dr. Rocio del Castillo, Asst. Supt. Bilingual Education

Enrollment and Registration Update

- 1698 Returning Student registrations have been completed
- 173 New student enrollments have been received
 - 105-Elementary (78 kindergarten)
 - 15-Middle level (5-8)
 - 36-High School
 - 17-Preschool
- 2022-2023- Had 80 new student enrollments at this time

An update was provided on the **Summer Meal participation**, information was provided for both the Summer Learning sites and the sites open to the community.

Summer Learning / Summer School Updates

Our **Elementary Summer Camp** program this year offered academic booster classes in literacy and mathematics for grades 2 and 4, extended school year for identified students receiving special education services, and enrichment classes for all students in grades K through 5. We have had 175 students enrolled with an average daily attendance of 94%.

Our **Middle Level Summer Learning Program** consists of two academic classes (ELA and Mathematics) and a mentoring program for current sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. Current enrollment is 62 students and the average daily attendance rate is 97.71 % as of June 27th.

FAHS Fifth Quarter Summer learning started with thirty-eight students enrolled in the program. Ten students did not show during the first week and were dropped. Average attendance has been 83%. Collectively, students are earning 39.5 credits at this time with hopes of increasing this number in the next week and 4 students are on track to graduate at the end of the summer.

The **BBEC Summer Learning and Service Learning programs** are in their third year. Our community partners this year are the Freeport High School Community Garden and the Freeport Art Museum. We invited 25 students to attend our summer learning program. These students ranged from 5th grade to 11th grade. Our students have already completed 165 hours of community service. Our attendance rate for the first half of the summer program is 57%, which is just shy of our goal of 60%. However, our attendance has trended in a positive direction, and we should reach our attendance goal.

ISBE Updates

- A. Public Act 103-0175, effective June 30, 2023, eliminates the 2021 mandate that the Illinois State Board of Education (“ISBE”) collect and report statistical data on student sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity to assist Illinois researchers, lawmakers, and the community to address educational, health and other social disparities facing Illinois citizens, including the LGBTQ community.

In March 2022, the data collection had been postponed by ISBE due to concerns that were raised about student confidentiality and federal and State records laws that give parents access to their child’s education records. At that time, ISBE postponed collection of this data until the 2023-2024 school year.

Information Reports

Monthly Financial Report

The monthly financial report through June, 2023 was presented by Dr. Patrick McDermott. Dr. McDermott also provided information regarding the wrap-up of the fiscal year and the resolutions coming up in tonight’s action items.

Proposed Job Description for Asst. Director of Pupil Personnel Services

There is a need for additional administration support within the department per ISBE Special Education Director Change Procedures. Each stand-alone district of ISBE must employ a full-time director of special education, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the special education programs and services of the district. This person shall have different roles and responsibilities than the Assistant Superintendent.

A-Net Update

Jay Tillman provided an update on the work of the Achievement Network that is being done with FSD elementary schools. The work aligns with the education arm of FSD145 in putting strategic actions in place to improve our Tier 1 core instruction and curriculum. ANet is an education nonprofit dedicated to providing all students, regardless of circumstance, with a high-quality education. They focus on supporting educators in delivering equitable, high-quality instruction through professional development, coaching, and instructional resources.

Early Childhood 2022-23 Goal Updates

Sara Latimer, Assistant Director of Early Childhood, gave the annual update of the EC Goals. Sara provided favorable parent survey reports and highlighted many of the year's accomplishments as well as goals for the coming year

Early Entrance to Kindergarten Process

An updated brochure is proposed as FSD has received several requests from parents/guardians regarding early aged children to be admitted into Kindergarten before the State required age. Currently, principals do not have a formal process to follow when these requests are made. Therefore, this process needs to be updated to provide for a more equitable and consistent process when accepting or denying early aged students to Early Entrance to Kindergarten.

Early Childhood Secretary Job Description Update

A proposal was presented to increase Early Childhood Secretarial position from 10 months to 12 months. This position is grant funded and will expire when the grant is no longer available. Thus, revert back to a 10 month position. Moving the secretarial position from 10 months to 12 months will ensure that all stakeholders involved with Early Childhood will have what information and communication that they need to ensure an effective start to the school year.

Head Athletic Trainer - New Position

FHS has not had a full time athletic trainer since FHN pulled their trainers from the schools. We have been individually contracting through various businesses to cover major sporting events. We also have a need for someone to teach one section of a Sports Medicine class to seniors who will complete the Sports Medicine pathway. Having a consistent person devoted to our athletes will provide more stable care and injury prevention as well as providing a person who would be certified and knowledgeable to teach a course in the Sports Medicine pathway.

3-Year Strategic Plan Draft

The Three Year Vision ended on June 30, 2023. In order to continue the progress that we have made on improving academic achievement for all students and build on the culture of learning, it

is necessary to build on the continuous improvement process. The purpose of the 3 Year Strategic Plan is to be able to draw the alignment of the priorities of the district and schools into a comprehensive document that provides a clear criteria for success. We will continue to maintain the 3 Big Commitments: Academic Achievement, Operational Efficiency and Collective Impact.

Approved the Consent Agenda

- A. Freeport School District and CareerTEC Bill
- B. Personnel Report July 11, 2023
- C. Resolution for Working Cash and Bond Fund Interest Transfer
- D. Resolution Appointing Vicky Hoffman as FSD Treasurer
- D.Resolution Directing Interfund Transfer from Working Cash to Capital Projects

Took Action in Favor of the Following Previously Presented Items

- A. Student Code of Conduct - School Year 2023-2024
- B. Math Curriculum Pilot
- C. A-Net Updated C
- D. Solution Tree Contract
- E. Substitute Teacher Pay
- F. Tutor (Title I, AVID, & Homebound Instruction) Pay
- G. Head Athletic Trainer New Position
- H. Job Description - Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Service

Committee Reports

Reports were provided by:

Member Charlene Williams for Curriculum & Instruction and Safety & Security

Member Audrey Moore-Howard for Equity

Member Alan Greene for Facilities Grounds

President Sosnowski for Finance

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 August 15, 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](#).

