

## **Regular meeting of the Freeport School District Board of Education**

**June 18, 2024**

*This report provides highlights of the board meeting and are not the official meeting minutes.*

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

### **Recognitions & Celebrations**

All FSD Schools & Offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 19th for the Holiday. **Juneteenth** is the oldest-known celebration marking the end of slavery in the United States, first recognized by the state of Texas. It is also known as “Freedom Day,” “Juneteenth National Independence Day,” or “Emancipation Day.”

### **Other Supt. Report Items**

#### **Enrollment**

142 students enrolled to date, enrollment picks up drastically after the 4th of July Holiday.

#### **Attendance**

At the end of the 23-24 school year our attendance was at 90.48%, the state average was 92.5%.

#### **Summer Learning Updates**

We have 500 students in grades K-6 enrolled in Summer Learning. An additional 275 students are attending classes at BBEC, FMS, FAHS, and BBEC, for a total of nearly 775 students, representing just under 25% of our total student population. Our average initial attendance across the district has been higher than in years past at just under 75%.

#### **Summer Projects**

The trenching for foundation has been completed for the greenhouse lab that will attach to room 155. ACM abatement has also been completed for room 155. Next week will be foundation work and plumbing for the new greenhouse.

Trench work in preparation for a new foundation for the Center school kitchen/storage expansion is under way. Next week's work includes foundation piers and pouring floors.

With the D Zones of the field at Pretzel Stadium having their new drain tile and grading done the entire field turf replacement began on 6/14.

Phase two of our science room remodels is moving along nicely. ACM abatement is on schedule for completion the week of 6/17 and room demo is 90% complete. Next week we start running plumbing and electrical for new fixtures.

## Electric Bus

We have been awarded \$345,000 towards an electric bus! Midwest ( our bus dealer) is working out the details as they applied for the grant on our behalf.

## Pretzel X

Is the auto students' tough truck that they built at the end of the year for the Stephenson County Fair.

## Early Childhood Food Outreach

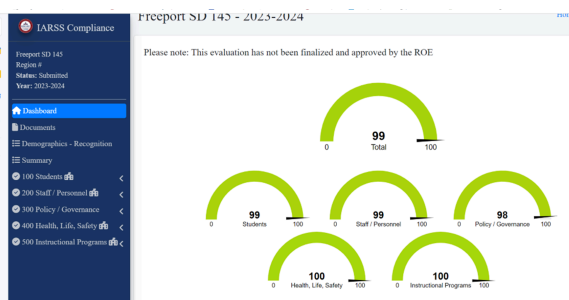
The Early Childhood program will have food insecurity outreach this summer for the first time. Food boxes are being delivered weekly to 16 EC families during the summer. These are families that have been identified during the school year (do not have older siblings in the schools) and have been receiving food boxes biweekly during the school year. We are excited to establish this service for our littlest pretzels for the summer!

## FAHS Graduation Update:

63 total graduates

10 were a team effort (SITE/Banks and FAHS)

## R.O.E. Compliance Results - 99 overall score



**The Board heard the following Information Reports:**

The **monthly financial report** was provided by Dr. Patrick McDermott.

An update on creation of the **Program Options Task Force** as well as development of the Project Plan to explore program options for students in FSD 145 was provided. The guiding question is: What program options are needed in FSD 145 to ensure all students receive a high quality education designed to appropriately and effectively meet their learning needs? The task force is composed of a variety of groups from administrators to parents.

**School Improvement Plan** reports were provided by the administrators of Carl Sandburg & Empire Schools.

Curriculum and Instruction Department (C & I) proposed a contract with **AVID as a School Improvement Learning Partner** for Carl Sandburg Middle School and Empire Elementary. Specific vendors have been approved by ISBE to provide learning partner services to comprehensive and targeted schools. Title I, Part A, Section 1003 School Improvement Grant funds may be used only for direct services provided by these approved learning partners.

The C & I Department, led by Asst. Supt. Dr. Julia Cloat shared an update on the plan to establish a Culture of Learning through **District-wide AVID** as stated in the district's Three Year Strategic Plan, providing the Board with an update on the systems and process that are being implemented as we move forward with reimagining and elevating AVID in FSD145 with the interest of preserving AVID Elective and at the same time, ensuring that AVID is being utilized as the core instructional strategy to improve Tier One.

C & I presented the expansion of the **Panorama** contract. The purpose of this MTSS Documentation System is to allow FSD to create a profile for each student. The MTSS Documentation System will store our formative and summative data points, all tier 2 and 3 intervention groups & progress monitoring, and our SEL surveys will allow our teams to make data-informed decisions for student SEL and Academic growth.

The **FHS Report Card** was presented by C&I. It was determined by a representative committee of teachers and administrators that the report card for grades 9-12 needed to be updated. The committee worked to ensure that the report card reflected student learning and focused on helping students stay on track for graduation.

C&I presented a proposal for renewal of the partnership with the **Learning Technology Center** to contract the services of an Instructional Technology Coach during the 2024-2025 school year.

Human Resources (HR), led by Asst. Supt. Susan Fumo and C&I presented **updated Job Descriptions for the Curriculum and Instruction Department** including:

- Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
- Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- MTSS Coordinator
- AVID Site Coordinator
- Professional Learning Coordinator
- MTSS Facilitator

HR & FHS Principal Sarah Hasken presented for information, one of the **job description** updates that will be coming to the Board over the next 12 months as we work to clearly align job descriptions with the strategic plan and clarify roles and duties for staff and supervisors. Extending the term of the **District Athletic Director** to 12 months and making it an administrator position will allow the AD to operate with more flexibility and efficiency to serve the district and community year-round.

Proposal for a new position, **Bilingual Family Liaison** and job description (Grant Funded) was presented by HR & the Bilingual Education Asst. Supt. Dr. Rocio del Castillo. Similar to the Early Childhood Family Liaison position, a Bilingual Family Liaison position will coordinate service delivery for families with the Assistant Superintendent of Bilingual Education.

A **Department name change** proposal was presented by the **Bilingual Ed department**. The proposed name change from the Bilingual Department to the Department of Language and Culture is not merely a cosmetic adjustment but signifies our commitment to inclusivity and equity in education. By adopting a more inclusive title, we aim to create a welcoming and supportive environment for all students and families, regardless of their linguistic or cultural background.

The state of Illinois initiated the **Consolidated District Planning (CDP) Process** in 2019. The Bilingual Ed Dept. presented the proposed CDP Process. The CDP allows districts to answer one set of planning questions to meet requirements for federal formula grants included in the plan. All districts that intend to submit an application for one of the federal grants included in the CDP must have a state approved CDP with ISBE before submitting any of the grant applications.

Supt. Alvarado presented the **Student Code of Conduct & Parent Handbook**. The Discipline Team made up of district leaders, deans, and teachers reviewed the Student Code of Conduct and made minor revisions and updates, where necessary.

### **Rosecrance Agreement**

We are seeking to enter into a new, one-year agreement with Rosecrance to secure one, full-time staff members/counselors (Professionals) to provide services for secondary schools in the Freeport School District.

Board President Sosnowski thanked both Asst. Superintendents, Dr. Patrick McDermott and Mr. Daniel Holder for their service to FSD and the impact they made in their work. He wished them both well in their future endeavors.

### **Approved the Consent Agenda**

- A. Freeport School District and CareerTEC Bills
- B. Personnel Report June 18, 2024
- C. LUDA Membership Renewal; 2024-2025 Fuel Bid
- D. IASB Membership Renewal
- E. Resolution for Working Cash and Bond Fund Interest Transfer
- F. Resolution Naming Bank Depositories
- G. Resolution Transferring Working Cash to Capital Projects
- H. Approve Hazardous Crossing
- I. NSBA Membership Renewal

### **Took Action in Favor of the Following Previously Presented Items**

- A. Updated Job Description for Instructional Technology Coordinator
- B. Press Issue 114
- C. AVID Learning Partner Contract (presented at this meeting)
- D. Consolidated District Plan (presented at this meeting)
- E. Changes to the Student Code of Conduct and Parent Handbook for the 2024-2025 school year. (presented at this meeting)

F. School Improvement Plans for Carl Sandburg Middle School and Empire Elementary School. (presented at this meeting)

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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 July 16, 2024, 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](#).