

Regular meeting of the Freeport School District Board of Education

October 15, 2024

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

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

Superintendent Report

Congratulations to the **FHS Girls' Flag Football Team** for making it to the Regional Championship Game last Thursday. We applaud the outstanding team effort and success this season.

Special thanks was given to all who attended the **Homecoming Parade**. Thanks to Ms. Jacqueline Ogden for organizing the event along with the FHS Student Council and Advisory Teams. Thanks was also extended to board members who participated in the parade.

Special Announcement: The November 19 Board Meeting will include the State of the District. The meeting will be held at the FMS Conference Room.

PreK Recognition: ExceleRate Illinois is anchored by a set of standards that focus on early learning and development and places a high priority on instructional excellence, family services, staff qualifications, professional development, and program administration. Central to its design is the recognition of multiple forms of evidence to meet the universal standards. Evidence is obtained through the monitoring visits conducted through National Louis University's contract with the Illinois State Board of Education.

The **Silver Circle of Quality** Silver Circle programs meet or exceed **specific** quality benchmarks on learning environment and instructional quality, along with **selected** administrative standards, qualifications, and professional development.(not all standards). Awarded to **Blackhawk and Empire Schools**.

The **Gold Circle of Quality** Gold Circle programs meet or exceed specific quality benchmarks on learning environment, instructional quality, and all administrative standards; group size and ratios; qualifications; and professional development. Awarded to **Center School and Lincoln Douglas**

These are our first gold ratings!! Congratulations to the teachers, staff and administrators.

LEA (LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY) Determination Matrix Update: Every year, ISBE is required to monitor school districts on the implementation of state and federal special education mandates such as Child Find, Early Childhood and Transition Plans. Each district submits data on multiple indicators related to special education services. Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services, Dr. Sue Waughon, presented Freeport School District's LEA Determination.

School Safety Committee: The Safety Committee met this afternoon to discuss the next steps for the School Violence Prevention Grant. The team agreed to build a timeline for its future meetings and projects that it will commit to the year ahead and the next.

SIP Day today: Alignment of SIP Priorities to school agendas

- PLC across grade levels and departments: First hour or two of the morning.
- Areas of focus: Data analysis, both MAP and IAR as it applies to Academies and Grade level teams
- MTSS process: Adjustments to Tier 1 Instruction and consistency of supports across grade levels
- AVID Strategies and IB integration across su reducing chronic absenteeism
- Setting the stage for the Walkthrough tool

Information Reports:

The **Monthly Financial Report** was presented by Dr. Jeremy Dotson, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Finance. More details will be highlighted in the board meeting minutes.

The Departments of C&I and Language and Culture shared the revised Spanish version of the K-4 report card for information only.

Approved the Consent Agenda

- A. Freeport School District and CareerTEC Bills
- B. Personnel Report - Oct. 15, 2024
- C. Renewal of Contractual Agreement with Levon DeRosa, Leadership Coaching Support
- D. Renewal of Contractual Agreement with Jacalyn Rubio, Bilingual Ed Instructional Support
- E. Planned Service Agreement for Johnson Controls Fire Protection

Took Action in Favor of the Following Previously Presented Items

- A. Fitzgerald Fork Truck Lease
- B. Press 116

Board Member Committee Reports

Reports were provided by:

Member Charlene Williams for the Equity Committee

Members Audrey Moore-Howard and Kacey Seal for the Safety Committee

President Sosnowski & Vice President Furst for the Finance 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 19, 2024, at 6:00 PM. **PLEASE NOTE:** This meeting will be held at Carl Sandburg Middle School (1717 W. Eby St. **There will be no Zoom access for this meeting.**