

Regular meeting of the Freeport School District Board of Education

October 03, 2023

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

Superintendent's Report

Enrollment Update

Dr. Alvarado provided the board with an enrollment update as of 10/03/23.

2023-2024 484 new student enrollments as of 10/2/23 107 ESL- 23% Total Enrollment 3722

Summary of Institute Day

The district's annual Fall Institute was held on September 20 and had a focus on reimplementing PLCs as a district. Over 500 teachers, administrators, and instructional support personnel participated in the morning keynote before selecting from 60 breakout sessions aligned to the district's three-year strategic plan. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive with many staff sharing excitement about the new focus on Professional Learning Communities to support student learning and professional growth.

Outcome of PFA Grant

The Freeport School District was denied the Early Childhood Block Grant. We still hold the PFA and PFA Expansion grants which funds 7 of the 8 classrooms of Early Childhood classrooms. Based on the information that has been publicly released, the closest school We had a strong proposal, but there were other communities in other parts of the state that had a larger percentage of unmet needs that were prioritized over our proposal.

FOIA Requests

The district has received several FOIA requests. Each is being reviewed and the requesting individuals will receive an appropriate response.

Special Education Monitoring System

In accordance with 20 U.S.C 1416(b)(2)(C)(ii)(II) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), each February, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is required to submit an Annual Performance Report (APR) to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) regarding the State's overall performance in relation to the 17 Indicators in the State Performance Plan (SPP). Dr. Alvarado shared FSD's progress report and determination review.

IASA Conference Highlights: Leading with Intention

Last week Dr. Alvarado attended the IASA Conference in Springfield, IL. She shared takeaways from the conference including Vision 2030, the Game Plan and other highlights.

Approved the Consent Agenda

A. Freeport School District and Career TEC Bills B. Personnel Report October 03, 2023

Took Action in Favor of the Following Previously Presented Items

A. Athletic Training ContractC. Career Tec Budget

Committee Reports

Reports were provided by:

Member Kacey Seal for Safety & Security

Members Martha Furst & Jack Sosnowski for the Finance Committee

Member Alan Greene for Facilities Grounds - referenced the report presented by Director Pasch

Member Charlene Williams for Curriculum & Instruction / Education Committee highlighted her experience of attending the Fall Institute

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 October 17, 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.