



FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Excellence Is Not Only Our Goal, It Is Our Tradition"

We Will

- Listen
- Engage
- Respect
- Perspective
- Get-Along
- Be Honest
- Share
- Compromise
- Be Open-Minded
- Understand

Mission

"We will represent the stakeholders by improving our schools and community by collaborating and encouraging innovation."

We Expect

- Complete Info
- Transparency
- Progress
- Communication
- Respect
- Honesty
- Fun
- Compromise
- Innovation
- Decisions
- Evaluations
- Community
- Meaning/Purpose

FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION **MEETING MINUTES**

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Monday, October 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

*At 6:30 PM on Monday evening, October 21, 2024, the Board of Education held their regular Board meeting in the **Boardroom**.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Steve Garvey, Mr. Tom Harke, Mr. Gary Schumacher,
Mr. Kevin VerVoort, Mrs. Leann Vosters, Mrs. Carolee Baumgart,
Student Rep. Peyton VandeLoo & Lydia Merrick
Excused: Mr. Nick VanWyche

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve agenda with changes; Jay Midbon resigning from 5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach was made by Mr. Gary Schumacher with a second by Mr. Steve Garvey.

III. OPEN FLOOR PERIOD:

A. Public Comment Related to 2025-2026 Alternate Start Date

IV. RECOGNITION – MOMENTS OF MERIT:

V. RECOGNITION – CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE:

VI. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Student Board Representative Report: Peyton VandeLoo and/or Lydia Merrick - Post season is in full action with fall sports. Football finished their season undefeated going 9-0 and earning the #1 seed in the playoffs; Volleyball are co-conference champs earning a #3 seed for playoffs; Girls Golf made it to State and finished 6th as a team; Soccer has received a #13 seed for playoffs; Sources of Strength held their first meeting; Sami Vosters will head the FFA National Convention this week to find out if she won Nationals for her Vegetable Production
- B. CESA 6 Report: Mr. Harke - No Report
- C. WASB Report: Mr. Schumacher - Add General Aid
- D. Staff Reports: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Erickson Mrs. Dobbe, Dr. Methner, Mrs. Lipsey, Mrs. Osowski, Mr. Voight, Mr. Finster, Mrs. Hechel, Mrs. Gagnon, and Dr. Mussett
- E. Informational Items:
 - 1. Town of Freedom (Future Plans/TID 3) Presentation, Justin Schumacher - Justin gave a presentation on TID's and the future plans of TID's in the Freedom Community



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2. Youth Apprenticeship and Guidance Office Updates - Mrs. VanderLoop & Mrs. Peters presented on things happening/going on with our Youth Apprenticeship program and other things the Guidance Office has happening

2. Set Date for Special Board Meeting to set Tax Levy - October 28, 2024 at 6:00pm

VII. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

1. Meeting Minutes:

a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes - September 16, 2024

b) Special Board Meeting Minutes - September 30, 2024

2. Personnel - Retirements:

3. Personnel - Resignations:

A. Haley Rath sack - EL/GT Teacher

B. Ian Voskuil-Mandel - HS Math Teacher (effective November 1st)

C. Jon Geyman - 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

D. Jay Midbon - 5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

4. Personnel - Hirings:

(1) Jessica Zirbel - ES Cheer Coach

(2) Jennifer Dayton - MS/HS Food Service Worker

(3) Devan Van Rossum - MS Football Coach

(4) Garrett Anderson - MS Football Coach

(5) Ally Dobbe & Erika VandeLeyGraaf - MS Yearbook Advisors

(6) Katie Winkler - District Nurse (pending approved background check)

(7) Paul Hermes - 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

(8) Brianna Arndt - 5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Motion to approve consent agenda items was made by Mrs. Vosters with a second by Mr. Gary Schumacher

5. Financial Report:

1. Approval of Monthly Bills - Motion to approve the October 21, 2024 bill list including check numbers 52066 through 52342 in the amount of \$1,582,092.77 and check numbers 10017 & 10018 in the amount of \$22,149.14 was made by Mr. Gary Schumacher with a second by Mrs. Carolee Baumgart

2. Review/Discuss any other Financial Documents as Necessary

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Review/Discuss/Approve 2025 Out of State National POM Competition - Motion to approve the 2025 Out of State National POM/Dance Competition was made by Mr. Gary Schumacher with a second by Mrs. Leann Vosters

B. Review/Discuss/Approve New Extracurricular Club: HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) - Motion to approve the new Extracurricular Club: HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) was made by Mrs. Carolee Baumgart with a second by Mrs. Leann Vosters



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- C. Designate/Approve 2025 Delegate to the WASB State Convention - Motion to approve Gary Schumacher as the 2025 Delegate to the WASB State Convention was made by Mr. Kevin VerVoort with a second by Mr. Steve Garvey.
- D. Review/Discuss/Approve 2024 DOJ School Violent Event Drill - Motion to approve the 2024 DOJ School Violent Event Drills was made by Mr. Gary Schumacher with a second by Mr. Kevin VerVoort.
- E. Review/Discuss/Approve 2024 Snowmobile Trail Agreement with Outagamie County - Motion to approve the 2024 Snowmobile Trail Agreement with Outagamie County was made by Mr. Steve Garvey with a second by Mrs. Carolee Baumgart.
- F. Review/Discuss/Approve Resolution for Exemption to Commence School Term Prior to September 1, 2025 - Motion to approve the resolution for exemption to commence school term prior to September 1, 2025 was made by Mr. Gary Schumacher with a second by Mrs. Leann Vosters.
- G. Review/Discuss/Approve 2025-2026 School Year Calendar - Motion to approve the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar was made by Mrs. Leann Vosters with a second by Mrs. Carolee Baumgart.
- H. Review/Discuss/Approve Addition of Girls Wrestling for 2025-2026 School Year - Motion to approve the addition of Girls Wrestling for the 2025-2026 School Year was made by Mr. Steve Garvey with a second by Mr. Gary Schumacher.

X.MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. - Motion to adjourn into Executive Session was made at 8:35pm by Mr. Gary Schumacher with a second by Mrs. Carolee Baumgart. Roll call 6-0.

XI.THE BOARD MAY RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION to take action as to those items discussed in closed session. No action taken. Motion to return to open session at 9:40pm was made by Mrs. Carolee Baumgart with a second by Mr. Gary Schumacher.

XII. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 9:41pm was made by Mrs. Leann Vosters with a second by Mrs. Carolee Baumgart.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin VerVoort
School Board Clerk