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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

N4021 County Rd. E, Freedom WI 54130-7593 920-788-7944

Monday, February 16, 2026 at 4:45pm

*At 4:45pm on Monday evening, February 16, 2026 the Board of Education held a meeting with the FEA Committee in the **Boardroom**.

Monday, February 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

*At 6:30 PM on Monday evening, February 16, 2026, 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. Nick VanWychen, Mr. Kevin VerVoort, Mrs. Leann Vosters, Mrs. Carolee Baumgart, Student Rep: McKenzie Malenofski
Excused: Mr. Gary Schumacher

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve agenda was made by Mr. Nick Van Wychen with a second by Mr. Steve Garvey.

III. OPEN FLOOR PERIOD:

IV. RECOGNITION – MOMENTS OF MERIT:

V. RECOGNITION – CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE:

VI. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Student Board Representative Report: McKenzie Malenofski or Halle Srb - Winter sports closing at the end of their season. Dance, Cheer, and Wrestling made it to State. Crystal Ball was held last weekend. ACT is coming up.
- B. CESA 6 Report: Mr. Harke - No Report
- C. WASB Report: Mr. Schumacher - No Report
- D. Staff Reports: Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Dobbe, Dr. Methner, Mrs. Lipsey, Mrs. Osowski, Mr. Voight, Mr. Finster, Mrs. Hechel, Mrs. Gagnon, and Dr. Mussett
- E. Informational Items:
 1. FES Fire Alarm
 2. NHS Induction - March 2, 2026 - 6:00pm

VII. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:
 1. Meeting Minutes:
 - A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - January 26, 2026
 2. Personnel - Retirements:
 1. Barb Broehm - FES Kitchen Staff
 3. Personnel - Resignations:



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1. Kim Zillmer - FES Cheer & Stunt Coach

4. Personnel - Hirings:

1. Hunter Bloy - Varsity Wrestling Coach
2. Rachael Evers - HS Lead/Athletic & Activities Secretary

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items was made by Mrs. Leann Vosters with a second by Mrs. Carolee Baumgart.

B. Financial Report:

1. Approval of Monthly Bills - Motion to approve the February 16, 2026 bill list in the amount of \$10,295,744.38 including check number 55236 through 55444 was made by Mr. Steve Garvey with a second by Mr. Nick VanWychen
2. Review/Discuss any other Financial Documents as Necessary

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Review/Discuss/Approve 2026 Summer School Course Descriptions - Motion to approve the 2026 Summer School Course Descriptions was made by Mr. Nick VanWychen with a second by Mrs. Leann Vosters.
- B. Review/Discuss/Approve Elementary School Fire Protection System Upgrade - No action needed

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) to consider the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any employees. - Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:55pm was made by Mr. Steve Garvey with a second by Mr. Kevin VerVoort. Roll call 6-0.

XI. THE BOARD MAY RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION to take action as to those items discussed in closed session. Motion to reconvene in regular session at 7:27pm was made by Mrs. Leann Vosters with a second by Mrs. Carolee Baumgart. No action needed.

XII. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 7:29pm was made by Mr. Nick VanWychen with a second by Mr. Kevin VerVoort.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Kevin VerVoort

School Board Clerk