



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**

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

Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

*At 6:30 PM on Monday evening, January 26, 2026, the Board of Education will hold 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. Carolee Baumart, Student Rep.: McKenzie Malenofski
Excused: Mrs. Leann Vosters, Mr. Gary Schumacher

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve agenda with additions under information reports: Capital Campaign Contract and under Certificate of Excellence - Girls Varsity Golf Academic All State Awards was made by Mrs. Carolee Baumgart with a second by Mr. Kevin VerVoort.

III. OPEN FLOOR PERIOD:

IV. RECOGNITION – MOMENTS OF MERIT:

V. RECOGNITION – CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE:

- Jill Joly** - WI Athletics Service Award
- KayLee McClintock** - 2025 Academic All-State High School Golf Team
- Lauren Stelow** - 2025 Academic All-State High School Golf Team
- Ashlyn Wisneski** - 2025 Academic All-State High School Golf Team
- Islee Hounsell** - 2025 Academic All-State High School Golf Team
- Katelynn Shultz** - 2025 Academic All-State High School Golf Team

VI. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- Student Board Representative Report: McKenzie Malenofski or Halle Srb - NHS elected new officers and members - Flag Football starts in Spring. Crystal Ball is this week.
- CESA 6 Report: Mr. Harke - No Report
- WASB Report: Mr. Schumacher - No Report
- Staff Reports: Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Dobbe, Dr. Methner, Mrs. Lipsey, Mrs. Osowski, Mr. Voight, Mr. Finster, Mrs. Hechel, Mrs. Gagnon, and Dr. Mussett
- Informational Items:
 - Eagle Scout Presentation - Hayden Gulmire
 - Food Service Continuous Improvement Plan
 - Building & Grounds Continuous Improvement Plan
 - Business Office Continuous Improvement Plan
 - Capital Campaign Contract Update



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VII. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

1. Meeting Minutes:
 - A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - December 15, 2025
2. Personnel - Retirements:
 1. Lorrie Hofacker - DO Admin Asst.
3. Personnel - Resignations:
4. Personnel - Hirings:
 1. Travis Gerritts - Girls Varsity Golf Coach
 2. Jennifer Biese - DO Admin. Asst. (Internal Transfer)
 3. Michael Pamperin - Girls Flag Football
 4. Dan Marquardt - Girls Flag Football
 5. Sarah Harmsen - FMS/FHS Library Aide

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items was made by Mr. Nick Van Wychen with a second by Mrs. Carolee Baumgart.

B. Financial Report:

1. Approval of Monthly Bills - Motion to approve the January 26, 2026 bill list in the amount of \$4,795,472.82 including checks 54952 through 55235 was made by Mrs. Carolee Baumgart with a second by Mr. Kevin VerVoort.
2. Review/Discuss any other Financial Documents as Necessary

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Review/Discuss/Approve of Indian Policies and Procedures - Motion to approve Indian Policies and Procedures as a yearly approval was made by Mr. Nick VanWychen with a second by Mrs. Carolee Baumgart.
- B. Discuss/ Motion to Approve – As per s. PI 36.04(2) [Wisconsin Adm. Code P.I. 36.06(5)(a) and Wisconsin Statutes 118.51(5)(a)1], the FASD Board of Education has the ability to consider space availability as a possible reason to deny full-time open enrollment applications for the 2026-2027 school year. - Motion to approve and accept the regular and special education open enrollment seat recommendations and guaranteed approval as presented was made by Mr. Nick VanWychen with a second by Mr. Steve Garvey.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN: - Motion to adjourn at 7:25pm was made by Mr. Nick VanWychen with a second by Mrs. Carolee Baumgart.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Kevin VerVoort

School Board Clerk