



# 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, September 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

\*At 6:30 PM on Monday evening, September 15, 2025, 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, Student Rep. McKenzie Malenofski  
Excused: Mrs. Carolee Baumgart, Mr. Nick VanWychen

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda with changes; addition under New Business, Early Graduation and under informational items, Project Update was made by Mr. Gary Schumacher with a second by Mr. Kevin VerVoort.

**III. OPEN FLOOR PERIOD:** An 8th Grade student spoke on the swim team for Freedom. Swim Club only goes until 8th grade. Looking to partner with another school district if possible.

### **IV. RECOGNITION – MOMENTS OF MERIT:**

### **V. RECOGNITION – CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE:**

### **VI. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

- A. Student Board Representative Report: McKenzie Malenofski or Halle Srb - Students are getting their schedules done. Clubs are starting their meetings. FFA is starting to prepare for the convention. Fall Sports are starting.
- B. CESA 6 Report: Mr. Harke - No report
- C. WASB Report: Mr. Schumacher - Oct. 23rd annual meeting
- D. Staff Reports: Mrs. Lipsey, Mrs. Osowski, Mr. Finster, Mr. Methner, Mrs. Dobbe, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Voight, Mrs. Hechel, Mrs. Gagnon and Dr. Mussett
- E. Informational Items:
  1. Safety & Security Update - FES & FMS/FHS Staff held meetings on safety. Safety walk through next Friday. Parent presentation to come in and learn about safe social media apps.
  2. 2025 Best Communities for Music Education Districts - Nominate high quality music programs. 935 schools in the country that applied were named top 20 high quality in the State of WI.
  3. Project Update - Video to share with staff and community members.

### **V. ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1.) Approval of Consent Agenda Items:
  - a) Meeting Minutes:

(1) Regular Board Meeting Minutes - August 18, 2025



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## 2.) Special Board Meeting Minutes - September 4, 2025

### b) Personnel - Retirements:

### c) Personnel - Resignations:

(1)

### d) Personnel - Hirings:

(1) Skyler Buelow - FES Clerical Aide

(2) Aaron Van Eperen - Assistant Varsity Football Coach

(3) Chad Van Camp - Youth Wrestling Coach

(4) Sam Peters - Youth Wrestling Coach

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items was made by Mrs. Leann Vosters with a second by Mr. Gary Schumacher.

2.) Financial Report: - Motion to approve the September 15, 2025 bill list in the amount of 5,362,139.46 including checks 54237 through 54453 and check numbers 10027 & 10028 in the amount of \$21,600.87 was made by Mr. Gary Schumacher with a second by Mr. Steve Garvey.

## 3.) Approval of Monthly Bills

## VII. Review/Discuss any other Financial Documents as Necessary

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

### IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Review/Discuss/Approve Girls Swim Team Co-op with Seymour High School - It will be about \$2K per swimmer which is in line with other co-ops. We are the only other one in the Co-op. Girls only. Starts in August with the State championship in November. Motion to approve the Girls Swim Team Co-op with Seymour High School was made by Mrs. Leann Vosters with a second by Mr. Gary Schumacher.
- B. Review/Discuss/Approve 8th Grade Overnight Choir Trip - Motion to approve the 8th Grade Overnight Choir Trip was made by Mr. Gary Schumacher with a second by Mrs. Leann Vosters.
- C. Review/Discuss/Approve Out of State Wrestling Tournament - Motion to approve the Out of State Wrestling Tournament was made by Mrs. Leann Vosters with a second by Mr. Kevin VerVoort.
- D. Review/Discuss/Approve Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$34,000,000 General Obligation School Building and Facility Improvement Bonds, Series 2025 - Motion to approve the Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$34,000,000 General Obligation School Building and Facility Improvement Bonds, Series 2025 was made by Mr. Gary Schumacher with a second by Mrs. Leann Vosters. Roll call 5-0.
- E. Review/Discuss/Approve Early Graduation - Motion to approve early graduation for a 12th Grade student to graduate in January was made by Mr. Gary Schumacher with a second by Mr. Kevin VerVoort.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** - Motion to adjourn at 7:27pm was made by Mr. Kevin VerVoort with a second by Mr. Leann Vosters.