



Freeman Public Schools

BOARD RECAP

APRIL 12, 2021

#freemanfalcons



Following each Board of Education meeting, the Superintendent's office will recap the meeting.

Agenda and minutes for all board meetings (including attachments) can be found at:

<https://meeting.sparqdata.com/Public/Organization/197>

#freemanfalcons Spotlight

Each month, we highlight the amazing things that are happening at Freeman Public Schools. Our winter sports and activities ended with our boys basketball team and several individuals from wrestling and speech competing at state.

Boys Basketball: Wyatt Currie, Holden Ruse, Josiah Wallman, Marcus Osterhaus, Taylan Vetrovsky, Carter Niles, Brandon Jurgens, Eli Delhay, Carter Ruse, Kolby Mahler, Hayden Jennings, Kellen Anderson, Cole Young, Trent Allen, Coach McLaughlin, Coach Payer, Coach Bargaen

Speech: Catie Reed, Summer Buss, Grace VanEngen, Meredith Ruyle, Grace Northcott-Ketelsen, Coach Sales, Coach Fulcher

Wrestling: Brody Dickinson, Judd Alberts, Gabe Goes, Coach Brandert, Coach Nieveen

Accommodations were extended to:

Prom Royalty

- ▶ Taylor Anderson, Afton Buhr, Amber Dorn, Wyatt Currie, Holden Ruse, Colby Sugden
- ▶ King and Queen: Wyatt Currie and Amber Dorn

Junior High Quiz Bowl

- ▶ Team A – 2nd place at Freeman Invitational
- ▶ Team B – 4th place at Freeman Invitational

FFA

- ▶ State FFA Degree Recipients -Taylor Anderson and Brooklyn Ideus
- ▶ Agriscience Fair - Ian Alberts and Talisa Buhr - 2nd Place Division Runner-Up
- ▶ Nursery and Landscape-3rd Place Purple Ribbon Team
 - ▶ Taylor Anderson-10th Place-Purple Ribbon, Ian Alberts-13th Place-Purple Ribbon, Sadie Larkins-15th Place-Purple Ribbon, Talisa Buhr-22nd Place-Purple Ribbon
- ▶ Ag Literacy Speaking - Ella Archer-Gold Emblem
- ▶ Floriculture-8th Place Blue Ribbon Team
 - ▶ Grace VanEngen-15th Place-Purple Ribbon, Sadie Larkins-Blue Ribbon, Paige Mahler-Red Ribbon, Kailey Otto-Red Ribbon
- ▶ Discovery Speaking – Rilyn Otto – Bronze Emblem
- ▶ Agronomy – Red Ribbon Team
 - ▶ Thies Richardson – Blue Ribbon, Haden Otto – Red Ribbon
- ▶ Agriscience – White Ribbon Team
 - ▶ Kyla Davison – Blue Ribbon, Carson Robinson and Kolby Mahler – Red Ribbons

Accommodations were extended to:

Boys Basketball All-State Honors

- Holden Ruse – Lincoln Journal Star 2nd Team, Carter Ruse – Honorable Mention, Josiah Wallman – Honorable Mention

Boys Basketball ECNC Post-Season Honors

- ▶ Holden Ruse – 1st Team, Carter Ruse – 1st Team, Josiah Wallman – 3rd Team, Taylan Vetrovsky – Honorable Mention

Girls Basketball All-State Honors

- ▶ Taylor Anderson – Honorable Mention, Dakota Haner – Honorable Mention, Kaylee Bures – Honorable Mention

Track and Field

- ▶ Boys – 1st Place JCC Meet

Freeman Staff

- ▶ Teri Nieveen, Bob Floth, Tony Jensen presented at NRCSA convention

State Speech

- ▶ Catie Reed – 5th place – Persuasive, Summer Buss – 3rd place – Serious Prose, Qualifier – Poetry, Meredith Ruyle, Grace Northcott-Ketelsen – Qualifier – Duet, Grace VanEngen – Qualifier – Entertainment, Informative

Board of Education

Discussion Items

- Discussion of Interlocal Agreement between Freeman and the Village of Adams
 - The Interlocal Agreement between Freeman and the Village of Adams ends of June 30, 2021. The current agreement consists of \$750 per month paid to the district for joint use of the media center maintained by the school district.

Board of Education

Action Items

- Approved Laura Munn as Speech Language Pathologist for 2021-2022 school year.
 - Due to Ms. Marker's retirement, Ms. Alberts will be moving to Kindergarten and Ms. Sedlacek will be moving to Pre-School
- Approved the adoption of grades 6-9 Health Curriculum in the amount of \$6,073.76
- Approved the review of policies 4038, 4039, 4041, 4042, 4044, 4045, 4046, 4048, and 4050

Board of Education

Action Items

- Approved updates to the classified staff tiers and an overall package increase of 2.14%, including a change in management of custodial services.
- Custodial services through ATS will conclude at the end of May. Openings for evening lead custodian and custodian will be posted this week!

Strategic Planning

To ensure that we continue to grow our school district and work together in practical, positive, and constructive ways, the school board and district administration have organized a group of key community stakeholders to assist with long-range strategic planning. The first meeting for this group will be Monday, April 26th. Four initial focus areas have been established as topics of discussion during the session. They are as follows:

- ▶ District Growth
- ▶ Facilities and Infrastructure
- ▶ Developing Tomorrow's Curriculum
- ▶ Student Success

The group selected represents our school district community. If you were not invited to participate in this group and would like to attend, please contact Mr. Havelka.

Administrative Report

Mr. Havelka reported on the following:

- ▶ Community Garden
- ▶ State Health Standards Draft
- ▶ Ms. Marker Retirement
- ▶ Ms. Osterhaus will be transitioning over to the secondary secretary position next school year. Jeanine Anderson will be the Elementary secretary
- ▶ Board American Civics committee
- ▶ Facility update

Administrative Report

Mr. Schroeder reported on the following:

- ▶ Winter Coaching Evaluations
- ▶ Open coaching positions
 - ▶ Openings in Volleyball, Assistant Girls Basketball, Assistant Junior High Football

Mr. Sieh reported on the following:

- ▶ Spring Testing
- ▶ Elementary positions

Important Information for Freeman Public Schools Staff

- ▶ A list of honors and accommodations will be made each month for the board meeting. If you have items to add, please send them to Mr. Havelka.
- ▶ Freeman has openings for 5th grade and High School math. If you know anyone that is interested in applying or if you are interested, please let your principal know.
- ▶ Freeman has openings for custodial and kitchen positions. They will be posted on our website this week. If you know of anyone that is interested, please let Mr. Havelka know.
- ▶ Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. This year we will do our best to be safe and smart, one day at a time!



**Next Freeman Public Schools Board of Education
Meeting:**

**Monday, May 10th
7:00 PM**