



Freeman Public Schools

BOARD MEETING RECAP

JANUARY 15, 2024

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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>

2024 Elected Board of Education Officers

President: Shawn Mencil

Vice President: Tiffany Buhr

Secretary: Myron Schoen

Treasurer: Eldon Ideus

#freemanfalcons Spotlight

Each month, we highlight the amazing things that are happening at Freeman Public Schools.

This month, we want to recognize the Freeman Public School Board of Education. Members are Tiffany Buhr, Kyle Dorn, Eldon Ideus, Anthony Meints, Shawn Mencl, and Myron Schoen.

The week of January 21-28, 2024 will serve as School Board Recognition Week in Nebraska. Thank you for serving the school district and patrons of Freeman. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to the district.

Commendations

Thank you

Matt and Robert Ideus for helping pull a bus out of the snow on January 11th

Kendall Schuster, Cole Schuster, Ryan Ehmen, Ethan, and Bryan for helping to clear snow around the school

December Falcon Way Student Recognition List

7th: Zyla Biggerstaff, Presleigh Borgman, Jack Buss, Brenna Harms, Madyson Hill, Brogan Ideus, Kenna Jantzen, Grace Lovell, Cora Novacek, Dakota Papke, Jasmyn Pella, Jaydyn Pella, Colt Rinne, Chloe Sedersten, Logan Sharp, Evelynn Stewart

8th: Aniston Bartunek, Allie Bruns, Avery Busboom, Bella Gish, Harley Grone, Kellen Otto, Erica Troxel

9th: Wyatt Dorn, Talyn Hancock, Drew Jensen, Taelyn Lang, Nora Latta, Savannah Mahler, Jackson Pella, Luke VanCott, Shiloh Wallman, Kamdyn Warren

10th: Easton Buss, Keston Krupicka, JayLeigh McGee, Dillon Richardson

11th: Solomon Delhay, Alissa Eisenbarth, Trevor Reed, Kendra Volkmer

12th: Kellen Anderson, Kyla Davison, Cassidy Denney, Faith Holland, Carson Robinson, Cort Schmidt, Katheryn Stewart, Talie Wilson, Cole Young

Academic All-State

Cross Country: Jobjosiah Muthiani, Brady Troxel, Reagan Miller, Jordyn Pella

Football: Kolby Mahler

Play Production: Cassie Klein, Brooklyn Podtburg

Softball: Kyla Davison, Dakota Haner

Volleyball: Ruby Hinderla, Faith Holland

Commendations

2nd Quarter Falcon Hero Award Nominations

Kindergarten: Vonn Behrens, Bo Busboom, Kyra Ebbers, Claire Freeman, Hayes Grone, Knox Kroeker, Everest Larson, Bryndle Peters, Emery Rist, Keagyn Warren

1st: Chelsea Ideus, Molly Lempka, Aiden Schlake, Logan Wiese

2nd: Kash Kroeker, Colton Mertens, Kinley Nieveen, Chloe Remmers, Silas Yost

3rd: Hannah Flesner, Blair Foote, Gus Garton, Addy Orth, Kade Schlake

4th: Ellis Freeman, Jordonna Gana, Bryleigh Ideus, Audrey Johansen, Lizzy Owen, Kate Woltemath

5th: Nolan Buhr, Jack Bruns, Chloe Clay, Neeley Flesner, Trendin Lang, Jonah Lovell, Evy Lueders, Izzy Orth

6th: Averie Arnt, Piper Hemphill, Emma Owen, Hudson Podtburg, Kraten Veerhusen

Football

Kellen Anderson - All-State HM (LJS & OWH)

Kolby Mahler - All-State HM (LJS & OWH)

Easton Buss – All-State HM (OWH)

True Jurgens – All-State HM (LJS)

Wrestling

Malcolm Invite: Kellen Anderson (4th Place)

JCC Invite: Talyn Hancock (1st Place), Gabe Goes (2nd Place), Kellen Anderson (4th Place), Andrew Robeson (4th Place)

Girls Basketball

Sportsmen's Club Holiday Tournament Champions

Board of Education

Discussion Items

- Discussion and consideration relating to potential construction projects

Board of Education

Action Items

- Reviewed and approved the Board of Education Code of Ethics
- Approved an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement pertaining to a School Resource Deputy program between Gage County and Freeman Public Schools
- Approved Policy 3055: School Resource Officers
- Adopted the 2024 Board of Education meeting schedule
 - Board meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month unless otherwise communicated with the public
- Approved the renewal of SparqData meeting subscription and NorthStar negotiations software
- Appointed the Superintendent as Freeman's Title IX Non-discrimination Compliance Coordinator

Board of Education

Action Items

- Authorized the Superintendent and legal counsel to negotiate an agreement for architectural services with Clark & Enersen for initial design and pre-bond services up to a maximum fee
- Approved Freeman's Safe Return Plan.
 - Schools are required to review our Safe Return Plan every 6 months through 2024. The plan is available on our website [HERE](#)
- Approved the review of policies 5040, 5041, 5042, 5043, 5044, 5046, 5048
 - All Freeman policies can be found [HERE](#)

Reports

Mr. Havelka reported on the following:

- District Head of Maintenance/Custodial hiring timeline
- 2024-25 Calendar update
- Email 2-step verification
- Classified Negotiations timeline
- Facilities Update
- Upcoming legislative events

Reports

Mrs. Sieh's Principal report:

- One School, One Book
- New Student Teacher
- Upcoming Elementary Quiz Bowl events
- Reading Rally

Mr. Wallinger's Principal report:

- Think Time data
- Falcon Way data
- Social Studies curriculum
- Model of Instruction update
- I Love Public Schools Day – January 10th

Important Information for Freeman Public Schools Staff

- I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday break!
- Please reach out if you have questions or need anything.
- A list of honors and commendations will be made each month for the board meeting. If you have items to add, please send them to Dr. Havelka.



Upcoming Freeman Public Schools Board of Education Meetings:

**Monday, February 12th
Board Meeting 7:00 PM**