Freeman Public Schools

BOARD MEETING RECAP

APRIL 13, 2026

#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.

Boys Basketball: Districts Champions, State 3rd Place Finish, C2 Sportsmanship Award Winner
Varsity Players: Easton Buss, Owen Buss, Jayden Wiese, Beau Miller, Kameron Riha, Mason Jansen, Hayden Jansen, Brogan Ideus, Brecken Buhr, Barret Ideus, Hudson Fikar, Keegan White
Coaches: Jim McLaughlin, Lucas Laflin, Ryan Mackling, Nolan Eloe

State Wrestling Participants: Talyn Hancock, Cale Behrens
Coaches: Matt Nieveen, Brody Dickinson

State Speech: District Champions, State 4th Place Finish
Humorous: Ben Ruyle (5th)
Duet: Ben Ruyle/Keston Krupicka (4th), Erica Troxel/Bekah Delhay
POI: Ila Havelka (2nd)
Poetry: Ila Havelka (6th)
Serious Prose: Ila Havelka, Erica Troxel
Persuasive: Sam Troxel (3rd)
Entertainment: Keston Krupicka (5th)
OID: Ben Ruyle, Keston Krupicka, Sam Troxel, Andrew Robeson (4th)
Informative: Kenna Jantzen
Coaches: Landyn Cole, Lisa Delhay

Freeman Falcon Commendations

Falcon Way Student Leaders of the Month

March = Courage

11th: Talyn Hancock

9th: Kenna Jantzen

7th: Josie Dorn

Falcon Hero Nominations (3rd Quarter)

Kindergarten: Madilynn Flores, Evelyn Lovell, Elsie Marerro, Brynlee Marshall, Johnathan Oreskovich, Cheyenne Pinkerton, Leighton Rist, Stella Wirthele

1st Grade: Rory Detert, Rogue Dunton, Nikolaus Gentry, Lincoln Mueller, Roman Rumsey

2nd Grade: Kennedy Fanders, Brecken Hurst, Alli Ideus, KylaRae Walker, Lathan Watson

3rd Grade: Carter Arnold, River Eaton, Maya Flores, Chesleigh Ideus

4th Grade: Remington Fast, Brenden Francke, Colton Mertens, Weston Pittman

5th Grade: Bentley Brungardt, Isaac Heller, Emerson Ideus, Corina Jansen, Collins Muir, Aspen Oreskovich, Willem Sharp Mason Wiese

6th Grade: Corrine Byrne, Alayna Henn, Audrey Johansen, Brianna Podtburg, Cameron Schoen, Kypton Warren

Reading Rally

Freeman Blue (7th/8th grade) – 1st Place Jaqui Hall, Orson Sisco, Emma Sieh, Leyna Ahlschwede

Orson, Emma – 1st Place Individuals

Freeman 6th grade - 2nd place

Freeman A & B (3rd/4th Grade) – 4th Place

Freeman C & D (3rd/4th Grade) – 6th Place

Freeman 5th Grade – Top 18

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Artists of the Week (March)

Kindergarten: Madilynn Flores, Brynlee Marshall, Olivia McCaul, Johnathon Oreskovich
1st Grade: Aiden Young, Lucas Nyland, Rogue Dunton, Eddie Andreasen
2nd Grade: Dru Harper-Huskey, Keagyn Warren, Emery Rist, Brandt Flesner
3rd Grade: Nora Nyland, Marie Lovell, Elizabeth Andreasen, Nathan Bailey
4th Grade: Linley McConnell, Lennon Hofstetter, Blake Hanshaw, Harrison Kruse
5th Grade: Mason Wiese, Azlin Monroe, Drake Rinne, Erin Owen
6th Grade: Camdyn Floth, Kinslee Shaw, Tucker Hurst, Parker Haner

District Speech Meet

Team: 1st Place
SQ = State Qualifier
Humorous: Ben Ruyle (1st, SQ)
Entertainment: Keston Krupicka (1st, SQ), Bekah Delhay (4th)
OID: Sam Troxel, Andrew Robeson, Ben Ruyle, Keston Krupicka (1st, SQ)
Duet: Ben Ruyle/Keston Krupicka (1st, SQ), Bekah Delhay/Erica Troxel (3rd, SQ)
Serious: Ila Havelka (1st, SQ), Erica Troxel (3rd, SQ)
Poetry: Ila Havelka (2nd, SQ), Isabelle Millard (4th)
POI: Ila Havelka (3rd, SQ), Bekah Delhay (5th)
Persuasive: Sam Troxel (3rd, SQ), Erica Troxel (4th)
Informative: Kenna Jantzen (3rd, SQ)
Extemp: Bradyn Floth (5th)

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High School Quiz Bowl
ESU 5 Competition – 3rd Place
David City Invite – 3rd Place

Prom King/Queen – Keston Krupicka, Addison Kastanek

JH Wrestling
ECNC: Ty Troxel (1st), Nolan Garton (4th)

E-Sports
Mario Kart Team (State Qualifier) – Andrew Robeson, Ben Ruyle, Keston Krupicka, Luke Van Cott, Sam Troxel

Lexi Holland – AVCA Thirty Under 30 High School Coaches

State FFA
State FFA Degrees (Joey Hoffman-Ideus, Case Richardson)
Agriscience Fair, Social Science (Piper Hemphill/Millie Garton) – State Champion
Floriculture Team (Case Richardson, Kinley Bolyard, Wyatt Dorn, Nora Latta) – State Runner-Up
Individual Results: Case (State Champion Individual), Kinley (Purple), Wyatt (Purple), Nora (White)
Agriscience Fair, Social Science (Kenna Jantzen/Macy Stanley) - State Runner-Up
Agriscience Fair, Social Science (Avery Alberts/Bella Alexander) - State Runner-Up
Agriscience Fair, Plant Systems (Nora Latta) - State Runner-Up
Agriscience Fair, Animal Systems (Kinley Bolyard) - State Runner-Up
Discovery Speaking (Deighton Dorn) - 3rd Place

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State FFA (Continued)

Forestry Team (Case Richardson, Savannah Mahler, Norah Ahlschwede, Taelyn Lang) – 3rd Place
Individual Results: Case (State Champion Individual), Savannah (Blue), Norah (Blue)
Agriscience Fair, Plant Systems (Nicole Davison) - 3rd Place
Agronomy Team (Case Richardson, Drew Jensen, Joey Hoffman-Ideus, Reagan Pfeiffer) – 4th Place
Individual Results: Case (Purple), Drew (Purple), Joey (Blue)
Ag Demo Team (Joey Hoffman-Ideus, Drew Jensen, Eli Jensen) – 4th Place
Poultry Evaluation Team (Norah Ahlschwede, Kinley Bolyard, Drew Jensen, Eli Jensen) – 6th Place
Individual Results: Norah (Purple), Kinley (Blue), Drew (Blue), Eli (Red)
Ag Literacy Speaking (Leyna Ahlschwede) - Gold Emblem
Agriscience Fair, Plant Systems (Wyatt Dorn) - Gold Emblem
Junior Livestock Eval. Team (Bella Gish, Ayden Parde, Grace Lovell, Reagan Pfeiffer) – 11th Place
Individual Results: Bella (Purple), Ayden (Blue), Grade (Red)
Nursery and Landscaping (Nora Latta, Nicole Davison, Hayden Schaaf, Reagan Rinne) – 11th Place
Individual Results: Nora (Blue), Nicole (Blue), Hayden (Blue), Reagan (Red)
Ag Literacy Speaking (Reagan Sieh) – Silver Emblem
Agriscience Fair (Hayden Schaaf/Reagan Rinne) - Silver Emblem
Creed Speaking (Grace Lovell) - Bronze Emblem
Natural Resources Speaking (Savannah Mahler) - Bronze Emblem
Agriscience Fair, Social Science (Grace Lovell/Deighton Dorn) - Bronze Emblem
Ag Mechanics Team (Skyler Mueller, Joey Hoffman-Ideus, Kamdyn Warren, Jayden Buss) – White
Individual Results: Skyler (Blue), Joey (Blue), Kamdyn (Red)
Agriscience (Carter Fricke) - White Ribbon

Board of Education Discussion Items

- 2026 Facility Projects
  - The Board discussed Building Fund expenditures in 2024-25, the anticipated 2026 summer project list, and short- and long-term facility priorities.
- School Facilities Improvement Project
  - The Board discussed the timeline for Requests for Proposals (RFP) to select a construction manager (CM). That process will begin in April with the selection of a CM in June.

Board of Education Action Items

- Approved high school Girls Wrestling to begin at Freeman in 2026-27.
- Approved a 2-year coop for Softball with Lewiston Consolidated School and Southern School District 1.
- Approved a resolution to approve the early redemption of a $200,000 portion of Freeman's outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Gage County and Freeman, Southern, and Diller-Odell for a School Resource Officer

Board of Education Action Items

- Accepted the resignation of Dana Fisher at the end of the 2025-26 school year.
- Approved a K-12 Special Education Life Skills contract for Sandra Armstrong for the 2026-27 school year.
- Approved K-6 Music and 7-12 Spanish curriculum updates for 2026-27
- Approved the review of policies 5041, 5042, 5043, 5044, 5048, 5050, and 5053.
  - All Freeman Public School policies can be found HERE.

Reports

Dr. Havelka reported on the following:

- Meeting with Tenaska
- School bus parking options
- Legislative Update
- Long-Range Strategic Planning Goal Update
- Facilities Update
- Board of Education Report – Upcoming meetings/events

Reports

Elementary Principal Report:

- Kindergarten Roundup
- Elementary Art Show
- Field Trips
- Golden Sower Trip to Barnes & Noble

Secondary Principal Report:

- reVISION Refresh grant work day
- E-Sports
- Earth Day service project
- Exit Interviews with staff
- End-Of-Year Activities

2026-27 Open Positions

Freeman Public Schools is hiring for the 2026-27 school year!

Before/After School Program Director
Kitchen Manager
Kitchen Staff
Activity and Substitute Bus Drivers

- ✓ School-year contract (August-May)
- ✓ Competitive Wages
- ✓ Health Insurance for full-time positions

Interested candidates can complete and print the "Classified Application for Employment" at https://shorturl.at/PUwtz, pick up an application at the elementary office, or contact Holly Klein at 402-988-2525 x101. Come join a great team!

Upcoming Freeman Public Schools Board of Education Meetings:

Monday, May 11th
7:00 PM