

# Freeman Public Schools

**BOARD MEETING RECAP**  
**JANUARY 14, 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>

# Election of Board Officers

**President: Shawn Mencl**

**Vice President: Kyle Dorn**

**Secretary: Tiffany Buhr**

**Treasurer: Eldon Ideus**

**Recording Secretary: Holly Klein**

# #freemanfalcons Spotlight

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

This month, we would like to recognize the Freeman Public School Board of Education. Members are:

**Tiffany Buhr**

**Kyle Dorn**

**Eldon Ideus**

**Shawn Mencl**

**Myron Schoen**

**AJ Wiese**

The Week of January 25<sup>th</sup> 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 school district.

# Freeman Falcon Commendations

## Secondary Falcon Way Student Leaders of the Month

### November = Compassion

Annabelle Gentry (7<sup>th</sup>), Natalie Dean (9<sup>th</sup>), Shiloh Wallman (11<sup>th</sup>)

## Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Falcon Heroes

Kindergarten: Tatum Andreasen, Olivia Denney, Kayce Dissmeyer, Dagny Dunton, Hudson Ideus, Naomi Kruse, Parker Oreskovich, Remi Sales, Baylor Scott

1<sup>st</sup>: Karrisan Henn, Jaxson Lane, James Lempka, Trey Nieveen, Rocco Wallinger

2<sup>nd</sup>: Gage Campbell, Coral Harms, Everest Larson, Beau Sales, Tori Stanley-Hesson

3<sup>rd</sup>: Addison Marrero, Addy Reinke, Hudson Schlake, Jasen Young

4<sup>th</sup>: Landyn Floth, Blake Hanshaw, Chloe Remmers, CJ Veerhusen, Silas Yost

5<sup>th</sup>: Maverick Fast, Kaylynn Fricke, Barrett Gentry, Mac Ideus, Abby Orth, Sy Rumsey

6<sup>th</sup>: Kasey Albers, Jace Behrends, Simon Bond, Ellis Freeman, Parker Haner, Kate Woltemath

## Sportsmen's Club Holiday Tournament

Girls – Tournament Champions

Boys – Tournament Champions

## Wrestling

Malcolm Invite: Talyn Hancock (4<sup>th</sup>), Cale Behrends (4<sup>th</sup>)

JCC Invite: Drake Lempka (4<sup>th</sup>), Cale Behrends (4<sup>th</sup>), Noah Fricke (4<sup>th</sup>)

## Quiz Bowl

Freeman Invite: Elementary A (2<sup>nd</sup>), Junior High A (3<sup>rd</sup>)

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## FFA Leadership Development Results

- Joey Hoffman-Ideus, Drew Jensen, Eli Jensen-Ag Demonstration-District Champion-Purple Ribbon-State Qualifier
- Grace Lovell-Creed Speaking-District Champion-Purple Ribbon-State Qualifier
- Leyna Ahlschwede-Ag Literacy Speaking-District Champion-Purple Ribbon-State Qualifier
- Savannah Mahler-Natural Resources Speaking-District Runner-Up-Purple Ribbon-State Qualifier
- Reagan Sieh-Ag Literacy Speaking-District Runner-Up-Purple Ribbon-State Qualifier
- Deighton Dorn-Discovery Speaking-District Runner-Up-Purple Ribbon-State Qualifier
- Kinley Bolyard, Nicole Davison, Nora Latta, Wyatt Dorn-Ag Demonstration-4th Place Purple
- Case Richardson-Extemporaneous Speaking-Purple Ribbon
- Jasmyn Pella-Creed Speaking-Purple Ribbon
- Reagan Pfeiffer-Junior Public Speaking-Blue Ribbon
- Bree Bredemeier-Discovery Speaking-Blue Ribbon
- Neeley Flesner-Discovery Speaking-Blue Ribbon

## Artists of the Week (December)

Kindergarten: Willow Miller, Henry Behrends

1<sup>st</sup>: Nikolaus Gentry, Jaxson Lane, Ava Remmers

2<sup>nd</sup>: Luna Meints, Brantley Muir, Baker Buhr

3<sup>rd</sup>: Maya Flores, Jasen Young, Lillian Saltzgaber

4<sup>th</sup>: Blakely Fritzen, Remington Fast, Tuff Lang

5<sup>th</sup>: Declan Dunn, Hannah Flesner

6<sup>th</sup>: Simon Bond, Ava Meints, Kayla Jantzen

# Freeman Falcon Commendations

## Fall Academic All-State

FB: Easton Buss & True Jurgens

VB: Alicia Johansen & Addison Kastanek

XC: Hayden Jansen & Emmanuel Muthiani

XC: Trinity Buss & Kinley Bolyard

SB: Nevaeh Niles & Leyton Lueders

PP: Sam Troxel & Ben Ruyle

## Volleyball – LJS All-State

1<sup>st</sup> Team: Alicia Johansen, Addison Kastanek

2<sup>nd</sup> Team: Aniston Bartunek

## Voice of Democracy Writing Competition

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ben Ruyle (Advances to State Competition)

# Board of Education Action Items

- Reviewed and approved Policy 2012: Board of Education Code of Ethics
- Adopted the 2026 Board of Education Meeting Schedule
  - January 14, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14
- Approved annual dues to the Nebraska Association of School Boards
- Approved renewal of SparqData meeting and negotiations software subscriptions

# Board of Education

## Action Items

- Appointed Superintendent as the district's Title IX Non-Discrimination Compliance Coordinator
- Approved the 2026 Superintendent Goals
- Approved bid from Carroll Seating and Buhr Electric for South Gym Bleacher Project
- Approved the review of policies 5005, 5006, 5007, 5009, 5010, 5011, 5012, 5014
  - All Freeman Public School policies can be found [HERE](#).

# Reports

**Dr. Havelka reported on the following:**

- 2026-27 District Calendar Draft
- Chronic Absenteeism
- Meeting with Sampson Construction
- Legislative Update
- Cariina
- Facilities Update
- Transportation Update
- Board of Education Report – Upcoming meetings/events

# Reports

## **Elementary Principal Report:**

- Winter assessment data
- Bus Rider Training for students
- ESU Trainings
- Dudes and Donuts
- One School, One Book
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- National Leadership Conference in Washington DC

## **Secondary Principal Report:**

- Falcon Way Leaders of the Month (Compassion)
- Winter Formal
- Chronic Absenteeism

# Upcoming Freeman Public Schools Board of Education Meetings:

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM