



Freeman Public Schools

BOARD MEETING RECAP

JANUARY 14, 2026

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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>

Election of Board Officers

President: Shawn Mencil

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 Mencil
Myron Schoen
AJ Wiese

The Week of January 25th 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 (7th), Natalie Dean (9th), Shiloh Wallman (11th)

Elementary 2nd Quarter Falcon Heroes

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

1st: Karrison Henn, Jaxson Lane, James Lempka, Trey Nieveen, Rocco Wallinger

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

3rd: Addison Marrero, Addy Reinke, Hudson Schlake, Jasen Young

4th: Landyn Floth, Blake Hanshaw, Chloe Remmers, CJ Veerhusen, Silas Yost

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

6th: 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 (4th), Cale Behrends (4th)

JCC Invite: Drake Lempka (4th), Cale Behrends (4th), Noah Fricke (4th)

Quiz Bowl

Freeman Invite: Elementary A (2nd), Junior High A (3rd)

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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

1st: Nikolaus Gentry, Jaxson Lane, Ava Remmers

2nd: Luna Meints, Brantley Muir, Baker Buhr

3rd: Maya Flores, Jasen Young, Lillian Saltzgaber

4th: Blakely Fritzen, Remington Fast, Tuff Lang

5th: Declan Dunn, Hannah Flesner

6th: Simon Bond, Ava Meints, Kayla Jantzen

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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

1st Team: Alicia Johansen, Addison Kastanek

2nd Team: Aniston Bartunek

Voice of Democracy Writing Competition

1st 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 9th
7:00 PM**