

Agenda of Board of Directors' Committee Meeting

The Board of Directors Freedom Area School District

A Board of Directors' Committee Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Freedom Area School District will be held Thursday, September 3, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM Freedom Area Middle School Library, 1702 School Street, Freedom, PA 15042.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- 1.A. Call Meeting to Order
- 1.B. Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.C. Public Sign-In Sheet for September 3, 2026

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Description: Per Board Policy 903: Public Comment in Board Meetings, members of the public must preface their comments with their name, municipality, and group affiliation (if appropriate). All comments should be addressed to the Presiding Officer and be relevant to agenda items or matters which may come before the Board. Required timelines must be observed. (Prior Formal Request — 10 Minutes, Informal Request — 5 Minutes).

4. **MINUTES**

- 4.A. Approval of August 24, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

5. **PSBA SLATE OF CANDIDATES**

Description: PSBA is holding their annual elections for members interested in holding leadership positions within the association.

- 1. 2027 President-Elect
 - a. Matt Vannoy
- 2. 2027 Vice-President
 - a. Kristy Bolte
- 3. 2027-2029 Treasurer
 - a. David Hein
- 4. 2027-2028 Section W-2 Advisor
 - a. Michael Panza
- 5. Insurance Trust Trustees - Term Ends 12-31-29
 - a. Marianne L. Neel
 - b. Dr. Michael Faccinetto
- 6. School Board Secretaries Forum Steering Committee — Term Ends 12-31-28 (Only School Board Secretaries Vote)
 - a. Betsy Gates
 - b. Lauryn Weaver

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- 6.A. Safety Protocol Discussion

7. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

8. **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

9. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

9.A. Director of Buildings and Grounds Monthly Report

Speaker(s): Gary Mortimer

10. **ATHLETICS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR COMMITTEE**

10.A. Athletic Director's Monthly Report

Speaker(s): Steve Mott

11. **POLICY COMMITTEE**

12. **ACTION AGENDA**

12.A. Approve Board Member

Recommended Motion(s):

Appoint Elizabeth Grace Shane to serve as a Member of the Freedom Area School District Board of Education, filling the Vacancy created by the Resignation of Mr. Christian Brenckle. The Appointed Individual shall serve until December 2027.

12.B. Accept Resignation

Recommended Motion(s):

Accept Resignation of Heather Sullenger, Paraprofessional, Effective August 31, 2026

12.C. Approve Mentors

Recommended Motion(s):

Approve List of 2026-2027 Mentors (Clearances on File)

12.D. Approve Class Sponsor

Recommended Motion(s):

Approve Laura Milanovich as Freshman Class Sponsor, Compensation According to Contract (Clearances on File)

12.E. Approve Updated List of 2026-27 Fall Coaches

Recommended Motion(s):

Approve Updated List of 2026-2027 Fall Coaches

12.F. Approval of Action Agenda Consent Items

Recommended Motion(s):

Approve Action Agenda Consent Items 12A-12E

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

13.A. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Recommended Motion(s):

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Public Sign-In Sheet

Community

Name
Colleen Tyler

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Stephonie Smith

Laura Stefan

Heather Andrews

Jennifer Wolz

Courtney Strugand

Stephane Costanza

Rachel Young

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Freedom Area School District
Buildings and Grounds Report
September 3, 2026

- Items of interest at our High School:
 1. The stage lighting project has been completed and training has been provided. One of the LED lights is being replaced on the front center row. This is under warranty. We have been instructed to keep all boxes for the three-year manufacturer warranty.
 2. All of the HVAC equipment has been adjusted for the start of the school year. I shut down equipment every year to save on wear and tear and utility costs. All classrooms, cafeteria, woodshop, etc. areas are scheduled to start at 1:00am. This occurs to precool our building with the economizer until temperatures hit 76 degrees. At 76 degrees, we operate under normal fresh air intake commands.
 3. Exhaust fan motor 14 arrived this last week. I will be installing it soon. I have scheduled maintenance of all the HVAC systems as my staff returns.

- Items of interest at our Middle School:

1. Our twenty-six-year-old chiller for the Middle School went into alarm Sunday, August 30th. We found a fault of low oil pressure which shut down the circuit one compressor. We reset the fault and are investigating materials needed for a permanent repair

- Items of interest at our Elementary School:

1. The chiller went into alarm due to a slide positioning sensor. The sensor signal was falling below recommended setpoints during unloading. After testing, we recalibrated the computer sensor and tested. If the problem occurs again, a new sensor will be ordered and installed.
2. The fire alarm system lost communication between the Elementary and Middle School buildings. Both circuits were found shorted to ground. A new wire will be installed by CCI at a cost of \$2,256.00 as soon as possible. This fire rated cable being 3 pair will be terminated by myself upon completion. This will provide us with one additional pair for future needs.
Fire alarms in these buildings are still fully operational.

- General updates:

1. The treatment on the baseball field continues. We are seeing great improvement with the grass fungus. In addition, the normal treatment of the softball and baseball fields continue for weeds.

Athletic Report

9-3-2026

Athletic Director

Dave Badamo

- Schedules are being updated on the website under the Athletic tab.
- Varsity Football 1-0 on the season.
- Varsity Volleyball 1-1.
- Varsity Boys soccer 2-0
- Varsity Girls soccer 0-1
- Varsity Golf 1-3-1
- Varsity Cross Country getting ready to compete in section play.

Varsity Basketball Coach Casey Kaiser has submitted his resignation. Assistant coaches Ryan Noel and Nolan Colaric will continue with the fall season schedule while a new Head Coach is selected.

2026-27 Teacher Mentors

TEACHER	MENTOR
Phil Goerig - Year 2	Hope Bennett
Nolan Colaric - Year 2	Cole Eged
Lauren Sowa-Doku - Year 2	Jennifer Glover
Olivia Evans - Year 2	Laura Miller
Lydia DuFour - Year 2	Leslie DePace
Anna O'Connor - Year 2	Hailey Burks
Nathan Millison - Year 1	Linnea Homa
Nancy Kroll - Year 1	Nicole Spiker
Mackenzie Hazlett - Year 1	Erin Carnevale

Updated: 9-2-2026

FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026-27 Fall Coaches & Sponsors

BAND	
Lawrence, Julia	Band Director
Weber, Jacob	Assistant Band Director
Wallis, Jen	Co-Drill Team Sponsor
Muron, Marques	Co-Drill Team Sponsor
Bellinger, Joseph	Co-Drumline Sponsor
Hinkle, Jamie	Co-Drumline Sponsor
Sterrett, Michelle	Majorette Sponsor
Gregory, Emily	Color Guard Sponsor
Capehart, John	Drumline/Band (Volunteer)
CHEERLEADING	
Barone, Alyssa	Cheer Varsity Head Coach
Lewis, Maggie	Cheer Varsity Asst.
Lane, Grace	Cheer Middle School Asst.
Mosconi, Leia	Cheer Middle School Asst.
CROSS COUNTRY	
DeLong, Chris	Cross Country Varsity Head Coach
Spencer, Ashley	Cross Country Varsity Asst.
FOOTBALL	
Balog, Ron	Football Varsity Head Coach
Ward, Guy	Football Varsity Asst.
Bailey, Dayne	Football Varsity Asst.
Marsillio, Anthony	Football Varsity Asst.
Leasha, Joe	Football Varsity Asst.
Leasha, John	Football Varsity Asst.
Stoll, Dan	Football Varsity Asst.
Leasha, Joe, Jr.	Football Varsity Asst./Equipment/Video (Volunteer)
Brown, Matt	Football Middle School Head Coach
Leasha, Austin	Football Middle School Asst.
Tatko, John	Football Middle School Asst. (Volunteer)
Minzenberg, Reed	Football Middle School Asst. (Volunteer)

GOLF	
Culler, Jim	Golf Varsity Head Coach
DeNome, Dante	Golf Varsity Asst.
SOCCER (BOYS)	
Mohrbacher, John	Soccer Boys Varsity Head Coach
Collins, Casey	Soccer Boys Varsity Asst.
Mohrbacher, Tyler	Soccer Boys Varsity Asst.
Singh, Gabriel	Soccer Boys Varsity Asst.
Mesing, Tanner	Soccer Boys Varsity Asst. (Volunteer)
Spieler, Casey	Soccer Boys Middle School (Volunteer)
SOCCER (GIRLS)	
Williams, Colin	Soccer Girls Varsity Head Coach
Keller, Chris	Soccer Girls Varsity Asst.
Barlomas, Alexia	Soccer Girls Varsity Asst.
Gilarno, Corey	Soccer Girls Middle School Head Coach
Warner, Millacent	Soccer Girls Middle School (Volunteer)
VOLLEYBALL	
Kennedy, Jessica	Volleyball Varsity Head Coach
Williams-Mitchell, Makenzie	Volleyball Varsity Asst.