

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
January 30, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Annie Keebler. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Cashmere, Neil Fuchs, Annie Keebler, Bill Morphy, Jim Tippett, Randy Russell and Brendon Myers.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Ellen Arguinchona, Kirk Lally, Everett Combs, Char Trejbal, Todd Reed, Jody Sweeney, Chad Goldsmith and Ken Spiering.

FLAG SALUTE: Chad Goldsmith led us in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: An updated personnel report was presented.

CONSENT AGENDA:

January 9th, 2020 Board Minutes	
Mid-Month AP - 115902-115903	\$14,947.60
General Fund AP - 115916-115972	\$159,124.14
Capital Projects Fund AP - 115973	\$3,330.56
ASB Fund AP - 115974-115984, 115913-115915	\$8,823.32
Benefit Trust Fund AP - 115985-115986	\$27,299.67
January Accounts Payable Direct Deposits	\$12,142.79
Comp Tax	\$246.45
January Payroll - 115904-115912	\$801,317.30
December's Treasurer's Statement/Budget Status	

Neil Fuchs moved the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Jim Tippett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

BOARD RECOGNITION:

- Ken Spiering – FHS Art Project
Bill Morphy moved the Board approve moving forward on the Freeman High School Art/Kiln Relocation Project as presented by Art Teacher, Ken Spiering. Ed Cashmere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PACE CHARACTER TRAIT: FAIRNESS – Treating people and ideas with justice and impartiality.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Board and Administrator Publication
- Spokesman Review Article – Amy Strahan testifying at a Senate Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Jody Sweeney, Special Education Director/School Psych, is working closely with her Special Ed team members both individually and as a team planning for the 9 new SpEd students we received after break. Referrals are coming in. Her team is having discussions regarding accommodations, modifications, and interventions for upcoming professional development. Jody is working with the district to ensure mental health/trauma counseling is appropriate for the district.

Char Trejbal, Transportation Supervisor, is happy they we currently have no snow. However, the rain brings washouts, sink holes, washboards and mud which has its own set of challenges. Her department worked through the snow issues and adjusting routes. March 7th is Spring Conference. Jody will be presenting at the conference sharing tools to help with SpEd students on buses. Deputy Nye will also be

presenting regarding vaping apparatus's. Char has had to do some driver shuffling with staff changes. She has finished 1st quarter ridership which is up 15 students from last year at this time.

Kirk Lally, Grounds/Maintenance Supervisor, was able to complete needed maintenance jobs and work on several odd jobs that normally doesn't happen because of snow. Kirk and Adam also installed the new nutrition services storage freezer over break.

Ellen Arguinchona, Nutrition Services Director, will be talking to 5th graders in February regarding food pantry education. Two WSU intern students will be working with Ellen starting Feb. 24th. Spokane Regional Health showed up at the elementary kitchen last week for a surprise inspection and she passed with flying colors. Ellen will be doing some new marketing for new menu items in January and February highlighting scratch cooking. Ellen was excited to teach a meal prep class to the teachers during the recent professional development day. Ellen received a grant in the amount of \$18,000 that paid for the new storage freezer. She was also awarded a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to use for fresh fruits and vegetables through the end of the year. Ellen shared a Nutrition Services Dashboard that she created for participation, labor hours, costs, and reimbursement metrics.

Everett Combs, Mechanic/Asst. Transportation Supervisor, shared he is asking for approval of a new bus purchase for next school year. We will receive depreciation dollars in August that will pay for the cost of the new bus.

Todd Reed, Technology Director, sent 4 teachers to a Google training class. They will develop a plan to train additional staff on what they learned during the rest of the year. He has been chasing some fiber issues in the elementary and think they finally have pinpointed the issue and are getting it fixed. E-rate season started in January so Todd has been processing that paperwork.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Overall, 1st semester was successful; only a few bumps
- Dr. Russell shared the agenda of his recent trip to Olympia which focused on SEBB and Leave tweaks and/or adjustments
 - It was a short session, no money attached
 - State revenues are up
 - Discussion around mandated K-12 Sex Education
- There will be a Strategic Plan Report Card meeting Monday, Feb. 6th, 2:00 – 4:30

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

The recent professional development day took on a different approach. It was a day of Wellness – social emotional well-being and self-care.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT:

The district will be conducting a Table Top Exercise on February 25, 2020. We continue to work/partner with the Spokane County Sheriff Dept. around security.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY:

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

The ending cash balance is looking good for the end of the fiscal year.

BOARD COMMENTS: No comments were shared.

VISITORS COMMENTS & CONCERNS: No visitor comments or concerns were voiced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE NO. 1105 – 2nd READING:

Bill Morphy moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 1105 – Electoral System, as presented. Jim Tippett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE NO. 2100 – 2nd READING:

Ed Cashmere moved the Board approve Board Policy and Procedure No. 2100 – Educational Opportunities for Students with a Parent in the Military, as presented. Bill Morphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE NO. 2409 – 2nd READING:

Jim Tippett moved the Board approve Board Policy and Procedure No. 2409 – World Language Competency, as presented. Bill Morphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 6100 – 2nd READING:

Neil Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 6100 – Revenues from Local, State and Federal Sources, as presented. Ed Cashmere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BUS PURCHASE:

Bill Morphy moved the Board approve the purchase of a new bus, as presented. Neil Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE NO. 2140 – 1st READING:

Neil Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy and Procedure No. 2140 – Guidance and Counseling, as presented. Jim Tippett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 2413 – 1st READING:

Jim Tippett moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 2413 – Equivalency Credit for Career and Technical Education Courses, as presented. Ed Cashmere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE NO. 2418 – 1st READING:

Neil Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy and Procedure No. 2418 – Waiver of High School Graduation Credits, as presented. Bill Morphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 3520 – 1st READING:

Neil Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 3520 – Student Fees, Fines, Charges, as presented. Jim Tippett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

A Board Work Session at 5:00 pm will precede the next board meeting which will be Wednesday, February 26th, at 6:00 pm in the K-8 MPR. There will also be a Board Work Session Thursday, March 26th, at 5:00 pm followed by the regular board meeting at 6:00 pm in the K-8 MPR. Both work sessions will focus on the Freeman 2020 Strategic Plan Report Card.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Hannah Graves – Substitute Teacher

Classified: Amber Werner – Substitute Para-Educator
Anne Van Soest – Substitute Bus Aide

Neil Fuchs moved the Board approve the personnel action as presented. Ed Cashmere seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The board went into Executive Session at 7:21pm for the purpose set forth in RCW 42.30.110. specifically, the following: to evaluate a public employee. Such session is estimated to be approximately 35 minutes in length. Action is expected upon return. The Board returned to open session at 7:57 pm. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board extend the Superintendent contract from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. Mr. Morphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The board meeting adjourned at 7:58pm with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair