

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
May 11, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Vice-Chair Annie Keebler. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Annie Keebler, Bill Morphy, Danielle Santman, Nate Talbott, Dave Teague, Randy Russell and Alan Steinolfson were present.

GUESTS: Lisa Phelan, Jim Straw, Jeff Smith, Chad Ripke, Mike Allen, and Debbie Morphy.

FLAG SALUTE: Lisa Phelan led us in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

April 25, 2023 Board Minutes

May General Fund Mid-Month AP - 119949-119950 \$33,385.54

May ASB Fund Mid-Month AP - 119951 \$ 3,717.67

\$37,103.21

Danielle Santman moved the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Bill Morphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PACE CHARACTER TRAIT:

COURAGE – Displaying integrity in spite of obstacles and challenges

CORRESPONDENCE:

- *the Current* – Trenton Hlookoff – Student of the Month
Maddy Phillips – Athlete of the Month

BUILDING REPORTS:

Lisa Phelan, Elementary Principal, reports:

Overview

- The FES staff continues to work at implementing the ELA core curriculum, improving our PBIS systems of support, and focusing on Social Emotional instruction.

Areas of Focus

- Observations/End of year meetings with all staff
- Classroom placements – The staff met on May 3rd to build the 23/24 class rosters
- End of Year events - Extreme Science, field trips, PACE Award Dessert at The Max, and end of year assembly

Enrollment

SPre-2, ITK-35, K-50, 1-66, 2-51, 3-51, 4-65, 5-60 = 378 Total

Jim Straw, Middle School Principal, reports:

Overview

- During the 2022/2023 school year, FMS staff and students will be operating in an updated learning environment.
- The HVAC system is cooling the building.
- Planning is underway for the end of this year and next year.

Areas of Focus

- Transitions of 8th graders to FHS and 5th graders to FMS.
- Joya Change Drive kicked off today. FMS teachers are competing for a “pie in the face.”
- Our Beginning Band will march in the Junior Lilac Parade on Saturday. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time Freeman has entered.
- The WSU College of Medicine will meet with our 8th graders on May 16th.
- Finalizing the preparations for State Testing- Science on Monday, 5/15, ELA on Wednesday/Thursday, 5/17 & 18 and Math on Tuesday/Wednesday, 5/23 & 24.
- ASB Election Assembly on Thursday, 5/25.

- PACE Student of the Year – Jaycee Primmer

Enrollment

- 6-67, 7-66, 8-81 = 214 Total

Jeff Smith, High School Principal, reports:

Overview

- FHS is moving forward! We will continue to improve our collaborative work as a team while focusing on Mission, Vision and Values.

Areas of Focus

- New ASB Executive Board: President-Lane Matthews, VP-Jack Florence, Secretary-Maris Vernon, Historian-Ave Semprimoznik, Spirit Commissioners-Kanoa Rogan & Luke Whitaker
- JOYA fundraiser is underway
- PLC's are winding down
- End of the Year evaluations are completed
- SBA testing is underway
- Graduation is scheduled for June 10th @ 1:00 pm at the high school

Enrollment

- 9-72, 10-81, 11-63, 12-73 (-1) = 289 Total

Chad Ripke, Dean of Students/HS Athletic Director, reports:

Overview

- Post season tournaments
 - Baseball lost this past Saturday and is done for the season but had a year of growth and improvement
 - Golf had their district tournament on Monday and Tanner Goldsmith and Lily Knight advanced to the state golf tournament in Chehalis on May 23 & 24. Charlie Schafer is an alternate.
 - Tennis tournaments start tomorrow at Hart Field
 - Softball district starts on Tuesday, 5/15, and also play on 5/18 & 5/20
 - Track districts are 5/19 & 5/20 at Riverside

Areas of Focus

- Top Scholar Athlete – Male and Female rep from each school in the NEA on May 31st at Kalispel Country Club. Boen Phelps & Jaycee Goldsmith will be representing Freeman as our award winners.
- Senior signing day – May 31st
- Golf Fundraiser – August 12th at the Links
- Freeman Athletics Dinner/Auction – October 14th at eh Coeur d'Alene Casino

Enrollment

Baseball-21, Softball-25, Track-55, Golf-30, Tennis-23 TOTAL=154

Mike Allen, K-8 TOSA/MS Athletic Director's reports:

Overview

- Working to improve programs and support our student athletes
- Participation in the partnership with the Greater Spokane County League

Area of Focus

- Baseball –
 - 7th Grade – Record of 2-2
 - 8th Grade – Record of 0-4
- Track –
 - Successful season so far. Next week begins post-season meets on May 18, 23, 24.
 - We will host a middle school All League Track Meet at EVHS May 18th

Enrollment

Track & Field - 33

Baseball – 32

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Congratulations, Alan, on the completion of our 3-month long audit. The audit exit meeting was held this morning.
- Freeman 2025 Update:
 - Erich Bolz shared a hard copy of the Freeman 2025 Strategic Plan via zoom.

- The process is on schedule. One of the more exclusive CEE processes.
- The goal is to review the process and see where we are headed.
- There will be a final draft in May for the board and community to review.
- The process has been a year long.
- The final document is three pages. Looking for final feedback.
- The front page will be an overview, in color, and on the website.
- Page two will be key actions to support the overview.
- Page three will be how to access the actions.
- We will be able to tweak the plan each year with real time data.
- The current plan will be sent out for a two-week review window to staff and parents.
- Questions or concerns will be compiled.
- The final draft will be approved at the June board meeting.
- Bond Sale Update:
 - The district was able to secure our bond with a 3.63% interest rate with Chase Bank

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment:

School Safety, Culture, and Environment

Partnering with Parents and School/Community:

- Weekly Stadium Project Update:
 - Meetings have been changed to Tuesdays
 - The fence should be up by the end of the week
 - Construction equipment should be here by May 22nd
 - Ordering and funding are all in line
 - Groundbreaking Ceremony – May 11th, 1:00 pm, FHS football field
 - Stadium Dedication Ceremony – Friday, Sept. 1st, at 6:00 pm between a home soccer game at 4:00 pm and home football game at 7:00 pm

Fiscal and Legal Accountability:

- Enrollment is steady. Right where we need to be. Actual FTE is 864; budgeted at 845.

BOARD COMMENTS: No comments.

VISITORS COMMENTS & CONCERNS: No visitor comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY & PROCEDURE NO. 2402 – 2ND READING

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Board Policy & Procedure No. 2402 – English Language Arts Mastery-Based Credit, as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY & PROCEDURE NO. 2403 – 2ND READING

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Board Policy & Procedure No. 2403 – Math Mastery-Based Credit, as presented. Nate Talbott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY & PROCEDURE NO. 2404 – 2ND READING

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Board Policy & Procedure No. 2404 – Science Mastery-Based Credit, as presented. Nate Talbott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 2411 – 1ST READING

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 2411 – High School Equivalency Certificate, as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 3231 – 1ST READING

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 3231 – Student Records, as presented. Nate Talbott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY & PROCEDURE NO. 3421 –1ST READING

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 3421 – Child Abuse and Neglect, as presented. Nate Talbott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- The Wednesday, May 24th at 6:00 pm board meeting will be in the K-8 MPR.
- There are two meetings scheduled in June: 6/8 and 6/29.
- The July 6th board meeting has been rescheduled to July 24th preceded by a budget hearing.
- A Board/ Leadership Team workshop is scheduled for August 24th @ 8:00 am

PERSONNEL ACTION:

Certified: Ashley Doneen – Transition to Kindergarten Teacher – 1.0 Non-Continuing
Emily Nelson – Second Grade Teacher – 1.0 Non-Continuing

Classified: Michael Coumont – Resignation (End of School Year) – SpEd Para-Educator

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve the personnel action as presented. Nate Talbott seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The board meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair