

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
May 24, 2023

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 Board Chair Bill Morphy. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Jody Sweeney, Char Trejbal, Kent Bevers, Todd Reed, Jim McNeill, Cory Plager, and Debbie Morphy.

FLAG SALUTE: Debbie Morphy led us in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

May 11th, 2023 Board Minutes	
May General Fund AP	\$119,374.45
May Capital Projects Fund Payments	\$364,442.26
May General Fund ACH Payments	\$ 11,184.12
May ASB Fund ACH Payments	\$ 34.27
May ASB Fund AP	\$ 40,105.22
May Payroll	\$963,291.43
April County Treasurer Report	
April Budget Status Report	

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

BOARD RECOGNITION:

- Cory Plager – D.A. Davidson
Presented a bank update to the board regarding our LGO Bond. 4 bids from 2 different banks were submitted. JPMorgan Chase came in at 3.63%; we budgeted at 4.5%. This was great news.
- Jim McNeill – Foster Garvey PC
Public hearing on proposed issuance of a Limited General Obligation bond was conducted. The resolution, if approved, results in a contract between JPMorgan Chase and the district. This hearing confirms and ratifies the sale of the LGO bond. No public or written testimony was presented.

PACE CHARACTER TRAIT:

COURAGE – Displaying integrity in spite of obstacles and challenges

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Todd Reed, Technology Director, reported:

Areas of Focus

- Continually working with staff and students on meeting their technology needs.
- Smarter Balanced Assessment/Testing is going on throughout district. Everything is going great; as planned and designed.
- Working with Principals on scheduling & planning for student chrome books check-in.
- Working on graduation setup for the class of 2023.

Kent Bevers, Nutrition Services Director, reported:

Areas of Focus

- Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) results
 - a. Current national weighted lunch price average: \$3.56
 - b. Recommend increasing breakfast and lunch prices across the board by \$0.10 for lunch and breakfast.

- c. While this still does not bring us equal to the \$3.56, we can't increase prices by more than \$0.10 at a time.
- d. The additional \$0.10 will help offset increasing food and supplies costs.
- District Wide Meal Debt Update
 - a. Zee Zees Food meal debt grant was not received
 - b. Transferred positive balances of inactive customers to Brenda's Helping Hand
 - c. Used funds from Brenda's Helping Hand to pay:
 - i. Meal debt for free/reduced students
 - ii. Meal debt for inactive customers
 - d. Current total negative meal balance: -\$8067.45
 - e. Brenda Helping Hand balance: \$1525.11
- Sodium limits for lunch increase next year:
 - K5: -120mg; 6-8: -135mg; 9-12: -140mg
- USDA is also considering eliminating flavored milk from school food service for SY 2025-26

Jody Sweeney, SpEd Director/School Psych, reported:

Overview

School Psychologist:

- Student referrals for Special Education evaluations and eligibility (ages 3-21) and reevaluations for students that are receiving services – academic, cognitive, social/emotional, developmental, health, adaptive assessments within a legal timeline.

Special Ed Director:

- Focused on Special Education processes, legal and team expectations.
- Communication and collaboration with Admin/Leadership Team and Special Ed Team.

Current Areas of Focus

School Psychologist:

- End of year evaluation meetings.
- Preparing the evaluations/reevaluation calendar for the fall.
- Transition meetings.

Special Ed Director:

- Planning special ed training and agenda for August.
- Reimplementing special education processes.
- Job roles, expectations and training.
- Caseload projection and management for the next school year.
- File audits.
- Para training documentation and planning.

Enrollment

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Char Trejbal, Transportation Supervisor, reported:

Areas of Focus:

- Char and Everett are doing a lot of driving. One driver is out for the remainder of the after knee surgery.
- Sports trips will be done this weekend. Several field trips are scheduled between now and the end of the year.
- 25 drivers participated on the Bus Rodeo May 13th. Several Zoom drivers participated. A driver from Reardan-Edwall took 1st place.
- Ridership's and evaluations are completed.

Kirk Lally, Grounds & Maintenance Director, reported by Dr. Russell:

Areas of Focus

- Getting things ready for graduation
- Working with field upgrades; making sure they have what they need
- Screening kids for summer help
- Custodial is gearing up for summer cleaning

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment:

School Safety, Culture, and Environment:

- FSD Stadium Upgrade
The project is on day five and we are exactly where we should be.

Partnering with Parents and School/Community:

- Freeman 2025 Strategic Plan
We have received 2 community comments back on our Strategic Plan draft.

Fiscal and Legal Accountability:

- Ending Cash Balance is projected to be at 7% at the end of the year.

BOARD COMMENTS: No comments.

VISITORS COMMENTS & CONCERNS: No visitor comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 2411 – 2ND 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 – 2ND READING

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY & PROCEDURE NO. 3421 –2ND READING

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

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF HIRING FOR 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve the hiring of staff for the 2022/2023 school year, as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF CO-CURRICULAR STAFF HIRING FOR 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve the hiring of co-curricular staff for the 2022/2023 school year, as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 2023/2024 STUDENT FEES - NEW AND RENEWAL

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve new and renewal student fees, as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve the surplus wrestling mats and Nutrition Services equipment, as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE HIGHLY CAPABLE STUDENTS PROGRAM 2022-2023 PLAN

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve the Highly Capable Students Program 2022-2023 Plan, as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION 1-2022/2023

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Board Resolution 1-2022/2023 – LGO Bond Resolution, as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION 2-2022/2023

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Board Resolution 2-2022/2023 – CPF Budget Extension, as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT WELLNESS PLAN

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve the FSD Wellness Plan, as presented. Danielle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 4210 – 1ST READING

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Board Policy & Procedure No. 4210 – Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises, as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 5001 – 1ST READING

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Board Policy & Procedure No. 5001 Hiring of Retired School Employees, as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- There are two meetings scheduled in June: 6/8 and 6/29. Retiree recognition will be June 29th.
- The July 6th board meeting has been rescheduled to July 24th preceded by a budget hearing at 5:00 pm.
- A Board/Leadership Team work session will follow the board meeting scheduled for August 24th @ 8:00 am in the K-8 MPR. The school board meeting time is changed from 6:00 pm.

PERSONNEL ACTION:

Extracurricular: Sydney Sather – Resignation – HS Girls’ JV Basketball Coach

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

ADJOURNMENT: The board meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair