

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
September 9, 2021

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: Annie Keebler, Neil Fuchs, Bill Morphy, Ed Cashmere, Danielle Santman, Randy Russell and Brendon Myers were present.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Jeff Smith, Chad Ripke, Jim Straw, Lisa Phelan, Mike Allen, Stacy Rawson, Jason Passinetti, Joanne Moyer, Ashley Bendele, Jack Schneider, Colton Orrino, Teresa Dickinson, Miranda Tee, Kaela Holm, Josie Marro, Madison Bisset, Cole Clark, Claire Poulsen, Alison Poulsen, Brooke Forkner and Josh Sutherland.

FLAG SALUTE: Mike Allen led us in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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Bill Morphy moved the Board approve the July consent agenda as presented. Ed Cashmere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OATH OF OFFICE:

The Oath of Office was administered to Danielle Santman:

I, Danielle Santman, do hereby solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Washington and will faithfully discharge the duties of Director of Freeman School District No. 358, Spokane County, State of Washington, to the best of my ability.

PACE CHARACTER TRAIT:

RESPECT – Recognizing, considering and properly honoring the worth of one's self and others

BOARD RECOGNITION:

- Recognition of new staff – Each new staff member introduced themselves and shared their new position
- ASB Reports
 - Cole Clark, High School ASB President, shared the focus of the ASB, the start of school, some upcoming events and getting back to better.
 - Claire Poulson, K-8 ASB President, reported on new student tours, next meeting subjects and excitement for the new year.
- FBLA Update
 - Jack Schneider shared plans for the upcoming year; boost membership, increase opportunities for members and community involvement and the success at the National Conference.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Board and Administrator – School Board Meeting Refresh, School Board Committees
- State Senator – Jim Buck

BUILDING REPORTS:

Lisa Phelan, Elementary Principal, reports:

Overview

- August 31st Certificated Professional Development focused on the following topics: AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) Organization, Social Emotional Learning and Advisory & Multi-tiered Systems of Support for all students.
- 58 kindergarten students joined Freeman this week. Parents from all three classes were invited to have lunch with their child this week.
- AimswebPLUS screening and WaKIDS assessments started this week and will continue through the end of next week.

Areas of Focus

- Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) – Mrs. Romey and the 5th graders presented the school-wide expectations to the 1st through 5th grade classes.
- Collaboration – Grade level collaboration meetings begin next week. Each grade level determines the area of focus for the weekly meetings.

Enrollment

333

Jim Straw, Middle School Principal, reports:Overview

- Serving students at school, in class, in person.
- Students are getting more comfortable with daily schedules and their lockers.
- Students and staff have been really good following safety protocols.

Areas of Focus

- Finalizing daily schedules to include Advisory content, mask breaks, announcements and lunch
- Adding crisis drills, assessments, meetings and activities to the Middle School Calendar.
- Implementation of organizational strategies beginning with planners and student notebooks.
- Scheduling and conducting goals meetings with all staff; classified and certified.

Enrollment

6-64(-1), 7-84(-1), 8-79(-4) = 227(-6) total

Jeff Smith, High School Principal, reports:Overview

The 2021-2022 school year is off to a good start!

Areas of Focus

- Students are doing a good job adhering to mandates
- Creating a culture with veteran and new staff – A renewed sense of team
- Master schedule is balanced; all students in classes, but still working through challenges with credits, needed classes for graduation, and classes for virtual students
- Finalizing advisory calendar
- Preparing and organizing dates for SBA testing this fall
- ASB – phenomenal leadership and communication

Enrollment

9-84, 10-68, 11-66(+6 FTRS), 12-61(+9 FTRS) = 279 total

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

- HS sports are off to a good start
- Mandatory coaches meeting, grades 7-12, Sept. 22nd at 6:00 pm

Areas of Focus

COVID – Protocols, close contacts, household contacts, lots of guidance from SRHD

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There is energy and excitement on campus with students back. The students are amazing-following protocols, seeing friends and getting involved in activities.

Learn Successful Change Management Strategies:Grow Collaboration and Ownership:

Enrollment is good. The budget was built on 830 FTE and enrollment is at 833 FTE; up from last year. Some families did not start the year but could come back.

Re-imagine Equitable Learning Systems:Communicate Well in Crisis:Empathy, Self-Care and Team Building:

Engage Students, Staff and Community:

Brendon Myers has sent out a Scope & Survey to Central Valley SD, Spokane Public Schools, and Liberty School District. These are districts bordering Freeman. The survey is checking to see if they have any square footage they are not using. This information will be sent to ALSC to review and then will be presented to the board to approve the final study. We are in line for the HVAC project. The board will have discussion at the WSSDA Conference around the timeline for the HVAC project, equipment shortages and a 2022 completion.

Elevate Learning Opportunities and Success for All Students:

Lisa Phelan will be chairing the Curriculum Committee. The first meeting is scheduled for October 18th. She will be working with the principals, looking at materials and textbooks and building a committee.

BOARD COMMENTS:

No board comments were shared.

VISITORS COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

No visitor comments or concerns were voiced at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BASIC EDUCATION REQUIREMENT COMPLIANCE:

Neil Fuchs moved the Board approve the Basic Education Requirement Compliance, as presented. Ed Cashmere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

POLICY NO. 1005 REVIEW:

The board reviewed Board Policy No 1005-Key Functions of the Board.

OTHER INFORMATION:

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29th, 2021, at 6:00 pm in the K-8 MPR.

PERSONNEL ACTION:

Extracurricular: Nate Guthrie – MS Head Football Coach
Jason Passinetti – MS Football Coach

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

ADJOURNMENT: The board meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair