

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
JANUARY 8, 2015

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: Travis Campbell, Ed Cashmere, Neil Fuchs, Annie Keebler, John Zingg, Randy Russell and Jamie Weingart.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, John Hays, Brian Parisotto, Jim Straw, Ben Ferney and Lisa Phelan.

FLAG SALUTE: Ben Ferney led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: No additions to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

December 11, 2014 Board Minutes

December 2014 Actual Amounts:

General Fund AP – #107172 - #107244	\$ 106,527.57
Capital Projects Fund AP- #107245	\$ 1,500.00
ASB Fund AP – #107246 - #107272	\$ 16,196.64
Transportation Vehicle Fund - #107273	\$ 23,726.54
Benefit Trust Fund AP – #107274 - #107275	\$ 9,080.76
December Payroll – #107276 - #107312	\$ 580,111.12
Comp Tax 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2014	\$ 615.39
Treasurer's Statement/Budget Status	

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BOARD RECOGNITION: Dr. Russell introduced John Hays, Freeman High School science teacher/knowledge bowl advisor/conversation club advisor who is here tonight to talk about the annual AP Biology trip. Mr. Hays thanked the Board for their continued support of this trip. He has taken kids on this trip to the coast over 20 times and the students greatly enjoy the experience every year. The trip is to the Olympic Peninsula where they camp on the beach in Port Townsend and go to the marine science center. John expects that 17 students will go on this trip this year.

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the continued support of the AP Biology Trip. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Dr. Russell presented the Board the following correspondence:

- The latest copy of Board and Administrator
- DA Davidson Poll in regards to the voters priorities
- Article from our Fifth Graders about Ronald Reagan
- Hagen Foundation Grant Letters

## REPORTS

### BUILDING REPORTS:

Elementary Principal, Lisa Phelan, gave each Board Member a copy of the Kids Newspaper where an article by Freeman fifth grade students was published. She then shared the elementary staff working on PBIS activities and prepping for the winter AIMS web testing. The PTSG magic show will be on Monday and next week will also be the 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade choir concerts. Jan 30<sup>th</sup> is an assembly to recognize PACE award winners and grant recognition for the preschool playground.

Middle School Principal, Ben Ferney, shared the dance and activity day just before winter break was very successful and the students had a great time. After break all the staff came back very energized and excited for the New Year. The staff at the Middle School is working on a mission statement and looking at reconfiguring sixth grade so students would go from having one teacher to having some rotation during the day which would make the transition into seventh grade easier. A change in the sixth grade configuration would also allow for teachers to specialize in a particular area as standards become more stringent.

High School Principal, Jim Straw, shared the Friday before break the kids were greeted with hot chocolate and cookies as a surprise for all of their hard work and a great way to kick off the winter break. Over break there were many activities at the high school including both wrestling and basketball tournaments. He then shared that John Hays and the conservation club will be doing three separate snowshoeing trips. He also shared the High School has started an art society club this year so our students have yet another option available to them for extracurricular activities. Finals are coming up and he is coordinating the finals schedule with the middle school.

Athletic Director, Brian Parisotto, shared the wrestling tournament invitational was very successful as was the basketball tournament hosted by Freeman over break. We have some new basketball coaches this year and the new additions have been a great fit for our teams.

Dr. Russell thanked the school board for all of their support and recognized January as School Board appreciation month.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

#### 2014/2015 BOARD-SUPERINTENDET MID-YEAR REPORT:

Dr. Russell shared some of the highlights from the mid-year report that was provided to the board and talked about the progress we are making in achieving our goals that were set forth at the beginning of the year.

### CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESMENT:

Dr. Russell shared that we had another first grade student enroll on Monday which leaves our first grade classes extremely full. He then shared that we are looking at options for second semester to help provide additional support and reduce class sizes in first grade and we continue to look at options for third and fifth grade as these three grades continue to be very full as well. The Board shared that they are very supportive of making sure the teachers have the support they need and the students get the best education possible.

SCHOOL SALETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT:

Dr. Russell reminded the Board that we have a table top exercise coming up on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 that will cover bomb threats.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY:

Dr. Russell shared The Citizens for Freeman Schools meeting is next Monday night at 5:00pm and the levy vote will be on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell shared that we continue working on the consolidated program review; the actual review will take place next week.

Dr. Russell shared a Board financial information checklist with each board member and asked them to complete the checklist by the next board meeting in order to ensure that we are providing all information the board wants to see.

Dr. Russell then reviewed the January enrollment with the Board.

Dr. Russell shared that our SOARS program is currently serving 16 students and we are looking at changing the rate at which we will bill other Districts for next school year to ensure we are covering our costs for operating the program.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE 5011:

Mr. Zingg moved the Board accept the Board Policy and Procedure 5011 – Sexual Harassment-Personnel, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board accept the Board Policy & Procedure 5000 Series Table of Contents, as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD PROCEDURE 2161 – 1<sup>st</sup> READING:

Mr. Cashmere moved the Board accept the first reading of Procedure 2161 – Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 4210 – 1<sup>st</sup> READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board accept the first reading of Policy 4210 – Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MIDDLE SCHOOL NOVEL RECOMMENDATION:

Dr. Russell shared a recommendation from the middle school staff and principal to adopt the book *The Hobbit* for middle school English Language Arts.

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve the Middle School Novel Recommendation for middle school English Language Arts, as presented. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Stacey Coyner – Substitute Teacher

Extracurricular: Scott Moore - MS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Basketball Coach  
Ryan Gabel – HS Overflow Wrestling Coach  
Mike Allen – HS Split Overflow Wrestling Coach  
Taylor Glidewell – HS Split Overflow Wrestling Coach

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve personnel action as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m. with no further action.

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Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair