

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
JANUARY 28, 2016

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, John Zingg, Ed Cashmere, Travis Campbell, Randy Russell and Jamie Weingart.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Todd Reed, Everett Combs, Marci McGill, Jody Sweeney, Jim Wood, Kirk Lally, Paula Lally, Scott Carolan and John Hays.

FLAG SALUTE: Scott Carolan led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Updated consent agenda and personnel report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

January 7, 2016 Board Minutes

General Fund AP – 109243 - 109318	\$ 173,680.02
General Fund AP – Direct Deposits	\$ 3,059.38
ASB Fund AP – 109319 - 109334	\$ 8,047.12
Benefit Trust Fund AP – 109335	\$ 2,381.05
January Payroll – 109336 - 109380	\$ 606,386.44
Comp Tax – Wire Payment	\$ 653.63
Treasurer's Statement/Budget Status	
General Fund AP – 109381-109382	\$ 9,252.75

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

BOARD RECOGNITION:

John Hays shared this is will be his 24th year leading the AP Biology Field Trip. He has taken over 380 students to the coast in the past 23 years and this year he will be taking 15 students. The cost of the entire trip is expected to be approximately \$1,000, a decrease in cost overall, partially due to the lower gas prices this year.

Mr. Fuchs moved to approve the AP Bio trip and to pay \$1,000 to cover the costs of the trip. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

- Valley Voice article about Megan Paternoster, who is a finalist for lilac royalty
- OSPI Nutrition Services Administrative Review
- United School Insurance Program
- The latest copy of Board and Administrator
- Letter from Washington State School Retiree's Association stating March 14 – 20th is school retiree appreciation week

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Marci McGill, Nutrition Services Director, shared a document of school meal price comparisons between districts in our region. Based upon the tool used by USDA, the price adjustment calculator, our data shows we will need to raise prices in the 2016-2017 school year to meet the required weighted average minimum price. The increase might be between \$.05 and \$.10 per lunch depending upon the school. Marci has reached out to other districts in our area to compare their results and she has found the entire region is looking at raising meal costs for next year. Marci will continue to work with local districts prior to determining where the prices should be set for next year.

Everett Combs, Assistant Transportation Director, shared Char was elected as the representative from Educational Service District 101 and is at a meeting in Olympia. Everett shared we were able to purchase a 1996 Chevy pickup to replace our current sanding truck. He also shared we are working on a lease option for a bus from Harlows for 3 or 4 months to replace the bus that broke down earlier this year. Tonight the board will be asked for approval of the purchase of two new buses for next year. In regards to safety, the safety committee had Don Ebert came out to explain new hazmat standards at their last meeting.

Todd Reed, Technology Director, is continuing to work on the technology plan and has received some demo equipment for teachers to try in their classrooms to help determine which equipment we want to purchase. The e-rate application window is open, so Todd is working on the application process once again. The 32 surface pro's that were donated to Freeman have been deployed and Todd is working out a few bugs as the students are using them. Annie Keebler asked about the website demo that Todd was a part of last week and Todd shared the demo was impressive and the new options would push more information out to parents and the community rather than people retrieving information as they currently do. He will schedule another demo to allow the board members to preview what options we have available to us.

Jody Sweeney, Special Education Director, shared she is in full support of moving to full day kindergarten as it will help to provide additional intervention time for our students. The goal is always to keep kids out of special education and the earlier you can provide interventions the better. With a consistent schedule in Kindergarten additional interventions can be used and consistency is key with the young students with social emotional development and sensory skills.

Kirk Lally, Facilities Director, shared the elementary night custodial position has closed and they are in the process of screening applications. The hope is to interview next week and have the position filled as soon as possible. Kirk thanked Everett for working on the new pickup for the sander, after having a few major issues with the current trucks brake line and frame it was time to replace it with a safer vehicle. Overall the winter has gone smoothly in the custodial department.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

Dr. Russell shared the instructional quality control work session yesterday was focused on P-12 instruction, assessment and standards. There was a mix of teachers from the elementary, middle and high school. In many areas we are in great shape with collaboration across the district, and the other areas we find that collaboration is difficult due to we only have one teacher in a content

area. PBIS has been helpful across P-12 to keep the expectations consistent as a student moves from one school to another in Freeman. The goal of the meeting was to help determine if the professional development system that we have in place is working and efficient and what changes are needed to help facilitate collaboration across the district.

Dr. Russell asked the Board if they had any follow up questions in regards to moving towards Full day Kindergarten.

PARTNERING WITH PARENT AND SCHOOL\COMMUNITY:

The next edition of the focus is going out soon and will include pieces about new student registration.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell reviewed January's ending cash balance.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Jim Wood asked the Board if the state is funding full day kindergarten next year? Dr. Russell shared the process the district has gone through in applying for the funding and the approval we have received from OSPI to provide full day kindergarten in the 2016-2017 school year, pending board approval.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BUS PURCHASE:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the purchase of two buses, as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN 2016-2017:

Mr. Zingg moved the Board approve Full Day Kindergarten starting in the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL:

Classified: Suzanne McNally – Substitute Para-Educator
Jessica Robb – Substitute Para-Educator

Extracurricular: Barbara Mitchell – Resignation – HS Assistant Tennis Coach
Kristi Hatch – Resignation – MS Assistant Track Coach

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into executive session at 7:05 p.m. for the purpose set forth in RCW 42.30.110, specially the following: to evaluate a public employee (superintendent's mid-year evaluation), such session estimated to be approximately 45 minutes in length. Mrs. Keebler stated there will be action taken after the session. The Board returned to open session at 7:51 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT RENEWAL: Motion was made by Mr. Fuchs to extend the superintendent's contract from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair