

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
FEBRUARY 24, 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, Jody Sweeney, Marci McGill, Kirk Lally, Everett Combs, Todd Reed, Bill Thurston, Jim Straw, Ben Ferney, Brian Parisotto, Scott Moore, Bethany Williams, Carol Wichmann and Paula Watkins.

FLAG SALUTE: Bill Thurston led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Updated personnel report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

January 29, 2015 Board Minutes

General Fund AP – #107472 - #107567	\$ 143,418.65
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General Fund AP – Direct Deposits	\$ 63.47
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ASB Fund AP – #107568 - #107584	\$ 13,511.75
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Benefit Trust Fund AP – #107585 - #107586	\$ 18,501.73
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February Payroll – #107587 - #107637	\$ 627,411.47
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Treasurer's Statement/Budget Status

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

BOARD RECOGNITION:

Mr. Moore introduced Bethany Williams, Freeman's Future Business Leaders of America president. Bethany shared they recently had their regional competition and many of their team members qualified to compete at state April 15th – 17th. She then shared Freeman had once again raised the most money during Burgers with a Heart fundraiser to benefit the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery.

Carol Wichmann presented the proposal for an Arts Honor Society field trip on behalf of herself and Ken Spiering. The idea behind this field trip is to have a special trip every other year for the honor art students. The field trip will be a full weekend and includes the Pacific Science Center, Cornish College, Seattle Art Museum, Burke Museum and UW Campus.

Mr. Zingg moved to approve the Arts Honor Society field trip and to provide \$500 in support, Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

- A letter from NEWESD101 congratulating Freeman on the passage of the Levy
- A letter from Tony Neilson, Fire Chief congratulating Freeman on passing the levy
- The latest copy of the Board and Administrator

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS:

Jim Straw, High School Principal, shared our wrestling team won an academic state championship along with the state championship in competition, the Knowledge Bowl won the league, 26 FBLA students are going to state and Freeman won the 1st annual Unified Bowling Match. He then shared tonight is parent information night where parents can learn about dual enrollment, running start and graduation requirements.

Lisa Phelan, Elementary School Principal, reported with their STCU partnership they are now having a “Caught in the Act” award for kids who are trying to do the right thing. These awards will be presented along with PACE awards at an assembly and the students will also be recognized in the Kids Newspaper. She then shared profile meetings are coming up at the end of March and during these meetings a TPEP piece will also take place which is required for each teacher. Lisa shared some ideas for what the preschool playground will look like when it is complete and shared they have raised about \$15,000 towards a goal of \$20,000 to get the playground underway.

Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal, provided a handout on the 6th grade configuration timeline. He shared some culture changes were made to include 6th graders in the dance and activities, to give each 6th grader their own locker and the next step is adding some rotation to their day. The goal of this configuration is to make a smoother transition for students from self-contained classrooms to having 6 different teachers. Mr. Ferney walked the Board through his timeline and the work that he and the school improvement team have done so far. Based upon the work done, the overwhelming feedback from the school improvement team has been to continue looking at options for configuration for next fall.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Jody Sweeney, Special Education Director, shared on February 11th the nuts and bolts of the special education process were covered at late start with all of the teachers. As part of the presentation an exit slip was given to each teacher that included a section for what questions they had and Jody is following up on those questions. She is also putting together a survey for each building that will help guide additional training based upon the specific needs of each building.

Brian Parisotto, Athletic Director, shared going to the state wrestling tournament was a very neat experience and the kids did an amazing job to bring home the state championship title. He then shared there are a few WIAA amendments which need to be reviewed as they could change some practice requirements for middle school sports.

Todd Reed, Technology Director, reported there have been some rough times in technology, he had a server go out and also the brains of the projector in the multipurpose room crashed. However, both of these issues are in the process of being fixed. Todd then shared some of the older technology such as typing pads with a small screen have been pulled out of storage and are being used again in the classrooms once again to help teach typing.

Marci McGill, Nutrition Services Director, shared the latest participation percentages in nutrition services and the trend shows an increasing participation percentage. She then shared we will be partnering with Central Valley on a milk bid for the 15-16 school year and we passed our health inspection. Next week is National Breakfast Week and there will be guest servers, decorations and lots of fun activities to help promote the importance of breakfast.

Everett Combs, Assistant Transportation Director, reported ridership is up and with the new funding formula, our allocation amount from OSPI increased by approximately \$29,000. He then shared tomorrow is the districts table top exercise on bomb threats. Many outside agencies and staff members will take part in this discussion.

Kirk Lally, Facilities Director, reported he is still running a smaller crew with Brad not yet back fulltime. He then shared the big project he and Adam have been working on is taking the football/track bleachers down.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESMENT:

Dr. Russell shared the process the District goes through for certificated staff re-assignment with the Board.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT:

Dr. Russell shared it is now time to decide what to do with several projects here at Freeman. The four large projects remaining are the preschool playground, score boards at the middle school, bleachers and tennis courts. He shared that Kirk and his crew are disassembling the football/track bleachers and using the seats to replace the wooden seats on all other bleachers around campus. After that is complete, we will not have any wooden bleachers left on campus. Dr. Russell then shared the tennis coach has voiced concerns about the safety of the tennis courts. Dr. Russell posed the question to the Board of what their priorities are and their safety concerns.

The Boards consensus was that the safety issues involving the tennis courts must be addressed first. Discussion will continue on the priority of the other projects.

PARTNERING WITH PARENT AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY:

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell shared the levy was certified today. He then shared some voter data statistics over the past few year.

Dr. Russell reviewed the ending cash balances and February enrollment.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE 2020:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the Board Policy and Procedure 2020 – Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials, as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF CLASSIFIED WEEK – MARCH 9 – 13, 2015:

Mr. Fuchs moved, to approve the week of March 9 – 13, 2015 as Classified Employee's Week. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 2107 – 1st READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy 2107 – Comprehensive Early Literacy Plan. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 2145 – 1st READING:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy 2145 – Suicide Prevention. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 3207 – 1st READING:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy 3207 – Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 3210 – 1st READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy 3210 – Nondiscrimination. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TABLE OF CONTENTS – 4000 SERIES – 1st READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board accept the first reading of Table of Contents – 4000 Series. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 4237 – 1st READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy 4237 - Contests, Advertising and Promotions. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 5281 – 1st READING:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy 5281 - Disciplinary Action and Discharge. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 6250 – 1st READING:

Mr. Cashmere moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy 6250 – Cellular Telephones. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Classified:	Paula Watkins – Substitute Nutrition Services Ann Van Soest – Resignation – Para Educator Karly Youngren – Substitute Para Educator
Extracurricular:	Trevor Jensen – FHS Head Golf Coach Mike Allen – Resignation – MS Head Track Coach Kyle Olson – 8 th Grade Head Boys Basketball Coach Taylor Vold – 7 th Grade Assistant Boys Basketball Coach Nate Garner – 7 th Grade Baseball Coach Jessica McWilliams – Resignation – MS Assistant Track Coach Jessica McWilliams – MS Head Track 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 8:34 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair