

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
FEBRUARY 25, 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, Kirk Lally, Paula Lally, Lisa Phelan, Jim Straw, Brian Parisotto, Jessica McWilliams, Kelly Neely, Ben Ferney, Ken Spiering and Linda Mega.

FLAG SALUTE: Ken Spiering led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Updated personnel report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

January 28, 2016 Board Minutes

General Fund AP – 109383 – 109459, 109516	\$ 131,191.68
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General Fund AP – Direct Deposits	\$ 5,290.67
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ASB Fund AP – 109460 - 109488	\$ 12,279.70
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Benefit Trust Fund AP – 109489 - 109490	\$ 22,394.82
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February Payroll – 109491-109515	\$ 651,945.68
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Treasurer's Statement/Budget Status

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

BOARD RECOGNITION:

Ken Spiering shared he would like the board's approval for his art trip that he hopes to make an annual event. Mr. Spiering shared multiple pictures from the art trip last year of different art work in various mediums across multiple venues around the Seattle area the group was able to visit. Throughout the pictures he shared the unique experiences this trip was able to provide for our students to see art work throughout the city. This year there will be 11 students along with Ken and Janet Crosby as chaperones.

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the Art trip and pay \$250 towards expenses of the trip. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

- Spokesman review article about Freeman FBLA students receiving honors
- Spokesman review article about Meagan Paternoster being crowned Lilac Queen
- Latest copy of the Board and Administrator about placing the interest of students above your own needs

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS:

Jim Straw, High School Principal, shared the High School is very proud of Megan Paternoster being crowned lilac queen. As spring starts the High School is getting extremely busy. He shared we had students compete in choir, tonight is parent information night with a focus on dual credit enrollment and scheduling. Many of our partners will be here including EWU, SCC and Newtech Skills center. The High School will have March Madness spirit week leading up to donkey basketball and Sadie Hawkins dance. Choir will be going to a festival at LC and will have the chance to perform as well as provide feedback. Knowledge bowl is undefeated and will compete at state in March. Jim then shared, our Conservation Club will be recognized by the Chase Youth Awards in March. The high school has surveyed students, staff and parents as to what they would like to teach\have taught for next year's schedule and this feedback will be used in building the master schedule for next year.

Brian Parisotto, High School Assistant Principal\Athletic Director, shared our band was all state in academics and Sebastian Hyta won his weight class at state wrestling. Boys' basketball first round of state playoffs is Saturday at noon at University High School. We had multiple athletes make all conference and receive academic honors; in addition Marty Jessett was named coach of the year. Spring sports start on Monday and we will be posting a few coaching positions this spring as well.

Lisa Phelan, Elementary Principal, shared last Friday was Kindergarten roundup and she provided the Board with the packets that were given to each family. As part of roundup the parents make an appointment for their child and go through a screening process and orientation of the school. Lisa gave a big thank you to PTSG for helping with the tours and their support of the roundup day. JJ Anderson starts at the Elementary tonight as the new high custodian and will be highlighted in the upcoming Scottie Scoop. Lisa shared some information on potential numbers for next year as the enrollment numbers roll up.

Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal, shared the second round of observations have started and every teacher has at least 2 observations per year, and those on a comprehensive plan have 3 observations. Mitch Jensen is Kristi Hatch's long term sub and is doing a great job with all the kids. Ben shared he was able to attend the Ultimate Supervisor training on Monday. The valentines dance on the 12th with the heart grams leading up to it. This event is a great encouragement to kids to get caught up and make sure their grades are above D's so they can participate. The 6th grade started participating in Scottie break this week and Marci has been very accommodating. Boys' basketball has started and there is an opportunity to potentially provide a chess club K-8 with a professional coach, Ben and Lisa are working on the details of what this could look like. Mindy Poindexter was able to get Ron Kahle to come to Freeman to do a "Rock Talk" for a full day on the 29th. The 6th grade Math is Cool won their competition and ASB elections will be done in March to make sure the new leaders are ready for the new school year. Ben and Denise are working on next year's schedule and the different scenarios we may face based upon enrollment.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Marci McGill, Nutrition Services Director, shared she was able to include her department in Kindergarten roundup as a way to help promote the lunch room for new students. She will be doing a survey at parent night tonight at the high school to look for ways to improve their service

and participation. Nutrition Services has also done a taste test of butternut squash and next month will be doing green chickpeas.

Jody Sweeney, Special Education Director, shared the Special Ed team has been working on transition plans for students to move from building to building next year. The team is very cohesive and the outside experiences that many of the members have brought to Freeman have been very beneficial and great things are happening across all grades. Jody shared they are finding out about many new students for next year with a wide variety of needs, including preschoolers. Jody was able to attend Gifted Ed. Institute training last Friday about autism and the importance of not using labels but instead focusing on individual needs.

Todd Reed, Technology Director, shared he continues to work on the technology plan and the good news is prices have dropped on desktop computers over the past couple of months. E-Rate is filed for battery backup and phishing, so now we wait to see if we get money for those areas next year. Smarter balance testing will begin soon and a few teachers are already diving in.

Char Trejbal, Transportation Director, shared the allocation of transportation dollars will be adjusted in March based upon actual counts. There is a bill in the legislation that would require seatbelts in school buses for purchases after December of 2017. There is not an expectation in this bill that any current buses would be retrofit with seatbelts; however, if this bill passes it would be a big change in transportation.

Everett Combs, Assistant Transportation Director, shared the Washington State Patrol did their surprise inspection at the beginning of the month. Mead purchased one of our surplus buses and the other went to the auction. The Board will be asked to approve the lease of a bus for a couple of months this spring to help get through the busy time while we are short one bus. The school bus rodeo will be May 7th at Freeman which is a competition for drivers.

Kirk Lally, Facilities Director, shared JJ Anderson will work his first full night tonight, so custodial is now a full crew once again. He thanked Art Randall, Michael Warnecke and Jen Mueller for all of their sub time over the past couple of months, they have definitely been a huge help. He is getting ready to put away some of the winter gear and prepare the fields for spring. The fertilizer application will be scheduled carefully to avoid exposure to the students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

Dr. Russell shared he had met at the "Freeman Forum", a group made up of prior superintendents and board members this winter and they challenged him with keeping the bus fleet up to date, improving technology and curriculum in the classroom and continuing educational opportunities for the leadership team. We have made great progress in all these areas this year and in particular Randy and Annie were able to attend a conference in Phoenix where they learned about some new technology and were able to make some great connections.

Dr. Russell shared he was the sub for Jen Jensen one day this week and he was very impressed by her organization, the support our staff gives to each other and the high level our students are performing at.

Dr. Russell shared the Professional Development session on Wednesday was based on a P-12 cohesive system and the time to work with the staff across the district to ensure collaboration is

available and working for consistency across the district. We are one of the few districts across the state with the ability to put all of this together.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell shared we continue to watch our enrollment numbers closely as we work on planning for next year.

Dr. Russell reported the senate and the house have both released their budgets and they both have a long way to go to fully fund education and address the levy cliff in education. John Zingg shared he was able to participate in a conference call with some of our representatives, from which he was very disappointed in the lack of concern and action. A discussion ensued around the effects of the levy cliff and the potential for legislative action this session.

Dr. Russell reviewed enrollment and ending cash balance.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Linda Mega shared the 6th grade teachers are concerned about the potential of only having two sections next year. Dr. Russell shared we are watching the enrollment numbers closely and will be waiting on registration in March and April to make final decisions.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BUS LEASE:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the lease of a bus for the spring, as presented. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL SURPLUS PROPERTY:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the surplus of a 1997 Ford Chassis with a Collins body and a 1977 Dodge $\frac{3}{4}$ ton chassis with flat bed. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE WEEK:

Mr. Zingg moved the Board approve Classified Employee Week, March 14-18, 2016, Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL:

Classified: JJ Anderson – Elementary Nigh Custodian
Patricia Gibson – Substitute Bus Driver
Brianne Wineinger – Substitute Secretary/Para-Educator

Extracurricular: Robyn Doloughan – Resignation – HS Head Cross Country Coach
Scott Moore – Resignation – HS Head Girls Softball Coach
Chad Kimberly – Resignation – HS Head Girls Basketball Coach

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Scott Carolan – HS Head Girls Softball Coach
Mike Hays – HS Assistant Track Coach
Jenna Lee – HS Assistant Tennis Coach
Andy Jackson – HS JV Baseball Coach

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair