

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
MARCH 24, 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, Travis Campbell, and Jamie Weingart. Excused, Ed Cashmere and Randy Russell.

GUESTS: Mike Dunn, Debbie Morphy, Todd Reed, Everett Combs, Marci McGill, Jody Sweeney, Lisa Phelan, Jim Straw, Brian Parisotto, Ben Ferney, Char Trejbal, Dani Boyd and Danielle Troup.

FLAG SALUTE: Lisa Phelan led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Updated personnel report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

February 25, 2016 Board Minutes

General Fund AP – 109543 - 109610	\$ 82,613.93
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General Fund AP – Direct Deposits	\$ 4,005.41
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ASB Fund AP – 109611 - 109632	\$ 15,784.82
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Benefit Trust Fund AP – 109633 -109634	\$ 19,508.14
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February Payroll – 109635-109663	\$ 630,838.79
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Treasurer's Statement/Budget Status

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Keebler, thanked Mike Dunn for coming tonight and presented the Board the following correspondence:

- A thank you letter from some of our parents thanking Mr. Jessett and his team for a great job at state. They were very impressed with our school as a whole at the tournament.
- The latest copy of Board and Administrator.
- Audit entrance conference letter.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS:

Lisa Phelan, Elementary Principal, shared this week she has been in profile meetings where students are discussed and placements are planned for next year. A roaming sub is hired and covers each teacher's class for 1-2 hours at a time. These meetings allow staff to communicate and ensure that we are meeting all students need. Conferences are next week and the schedule is filling up nicely. The following week will be spring break and the staff is excited for that opportunity to regroup. A few kids are testing the waters prior to break and some additional time has been spent on discipline the past few days.

Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal, shared the second round of observations are in progress. Due to the contract language all evaluations must be complete by May 15th which is a quick

timeline after spring break. The science fair was last week and the staff was able to collaborate and include ELA teachers in the grading of the writing portion of the projects. STAR, which is the new benchmarking software for the Middle School, has been purchased and we have the option to test current 5th graders for math placement for next year if we can get it up and running quick enough. Mr. Ferney shared the math placement checklist and the process that the staff goes through to decide which kids should be included in the accelerated options. The 6th grade Scottie break is running great. The ASB campaign speeches are tomorrow along with the elections. Basketball ends Tuesday and track and baseball start after spring break. Student lead conferences are next week. Last Monday Ben, Lisa and Jody attended the Whitworth job fair and Ben was able to participate in the WSU principal mock interviews last week as well.

Jim Straw, High School Principal, shared the master schedule is set for next year. Both of our long term subs have done a great job and we are lucky to have them. Starting tomorrow kids will be able to log into Skyward and request classes for next year to see if the master schedule will be able to handle interests in classes. Actual registration will start April 18th and run through early May, with seniors registering first. On the high school website there are scholarship opportunities for our students to apply for and this information was shown to seniors today with the local scholarships highlighted. Angela Frye spent the last week in Vancouver working on the next gen standards and she was able to collaborate with the other science teachers on the last late start.

Brian Parisotto, High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, shared about 100 students are out for spring sports. The High School had a great time at the state basketball tournament and the students did an amazing job, including the team, band, cheerleaders and students there to support. The blood drive is scheduled for June 1st. This year middle school spring sports start after spring break.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Char Trejbal, Transportation Director, shared the transportation allocations were sent out and the increase from last year to this year for us is about \$7,000. Some of this increase was due to the increase in the spring count last year, however, this year's spring numbers seem to be down due to numbers participating in sports and other activities. We are fortunate that we are in good shape with our drivers and substitutes, which is not the case for surrounding districts. We have enough fuel for the remainder of the year with the large purchases we made early in the year.

Everett Combs, Assistant Transportation Director, shared the Spokane Regional Health District requires a yearly inspection, rotating between a self-inspection and an onsite inspection. This year Kirk and Everett completed the self-inspection. We also received our leased bus, which we will be using for the remainder of the year.

Todd Reed, Technology Director, shared we now have an official Freeman Facebook page. After a survey of our community, it was clear they use and want Facebook as an option for communication from the District. This will tie into our new website this summer. Mr. Reed then shared we now have the capability during a lock down to receive a text message as to where the lock down was initiated from.

Marci McGill, Nutrition Services Director, shared her department is running smoothly and the forecasts are done for next year. They will be doing a Scottie break trial at the high school after spring break to hopefully implement next year. Marci will be bringing lunch price increases for approval in either April or May, a \$.05 increase for middle school and high school and a \$.10 for elementary. This means \$18 increase for the year if an elementary school student purchased

lunch every day. These increases are mandated by USDA to ensure that the free and reduced program is not supporting the paid meal prices.

Jody Sweeney, Special Education Director, shared the profile meetings all week have been extremely helpful and it is great to hear about all the different interventions happening around the elementary. The transition plans are in progress for students between grades and buildings for next year. These discussions include caseloads and ensuring loads are balanced as well as we can. We are looking at more significant disabilities for some of the students coming into the district, so although our number of special education kids is not necessarily increasing, the needs are increasing.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Jamie Weingart reviewed enrollment and ending cash balance.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF ASSET PRESERVATION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve the Asset Preservation Program Annual Report, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL:

Extracurricular: Kim Nelson – Resignation – HS Assistant Softball Coach
Ann Romey – MS Head Track Coach
Kyler Barnes – MS Assistant Track Coach
Jessica Robb – HS Assistant Softball Coach
Doug Pace – HS Overflow Track Coach

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair