

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
MARCH 26, 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, Neil Fuchs, Annie Keebler, John Zingg, Randy Russell and Jamie Weingart.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Jody Sweeney, Marci McGill, Kirk Lally, Everett Combs, Todd Reed, Jim Straw, Ben Ferney, Brian Parisotto, Kenny Davis, Char Trejbal, Tamara Barron, Kevin Barron, Nathan Barron, Abbi Denmark and Todd Spear.

FLAG SALUTE: Kenny Davis led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: No additions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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General Fund AP – #107638 - #107720	\$ 86,983.01
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General Fund AP – Direct Deposits	\$ 254.48
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Capital Projects AP - #107721	\$ 1,473.97
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ASB Fund AP – #107722 - #107751	\$ 28,769.43
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Benefit Trust Fund AP – #107752 - #107753	\$ 16,636.05
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February Payroll – #107754 - #107788	\$ 581,328.67
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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:

Dr. Russell introduced two Freeman High School students and Western States Regional Trap Shooting Award Winners, Nathan Barron who took 1st Place Overall Male and Abbie Denmark who took 2nd Place Overall Female. Nathan and Abbie shared their achievements and the awards that they had won with the Board.

Dr. Russell introduced Kenny Davis, High School History Teacher who presented his proposal for an AP History Field Trip for two nights to visit the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, Oregon and the LeMay Museum Auto Museum in Tacoma. He has taken his AP class on a field trip for the past few years and it's a great end to the year for a very difficult course.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the AP History Fieldtrip and to provide \$500 in support, Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

- A copy of the Spokesman Review with an article about the soil contamination at the grain elevators
- A thank you note from AP Art class from their field trip

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS:

Jim Straw, High School Principal, thanked the Board for their continued support of the High School field trips. He shared that testing is going to be hitting hard after spring break and therefore ASB elections are being held the Friday before break. FBLA and FFA are both going to state and our math team just took second in state. He shared survey data that was gathered via survey monkey that helped set the master schedule for next year. New classes for the 15-16 school year will include Spanish 3, AP Government and Bridge to College.

Lisa Phelan, Elementary School Principal, shared that they are preparing for conference week, so they have been having profile meetings all week. Registration opens on Monday and all new Kindergarten registrations will be scheduled for kindergarten roundup where their skills level is assessed. Lisa shared teachers have been working on TPEP and making great progress. The playground system has been selected and Lisa and Kirk will be meeting with a contractor next week to start the process of getting the playground installation underway.

Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal, reported that the Middle School is wrapping up the third quarter and teachers are working on getting grades completed. Ben shared he, along with the three sixth grade teachers, went on a field trip to a couple of different schools to see what the reconfiguration might look like and were able to ask their questions to teachers that are currently teaching under a different model. In preparation for communicating this with parents about the reconfiguration, Ben has put together a letter for both of our fifth grade teachers to send home with all students to prepare them for next year's change.

Brian Parisotto, Athletic Director, shared spring sports at the middle school will start next week and high school spring sports have started games. Horizon Middle School has agreed to let us use their tennis courts for our first two matches while we work on our courts. Arrow asphalt will be coming out to fix the upper two courts and repaint the white lines and the fire department will be coming out to wash the courts with their fire hoses. After this work, our courts will be ready to have matches played on them. Brian shared all wooden bleachers have been replaced and we have a few sets of temporary bleachers that are being rolled around the campus on an as needed basis to make sure there is seating for all spring sports.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Jody Sweeney, Special Education Director, reported she is getting ready for smarter balance testing and ensuring that all the appropriate accommodations are in place for special education students. She shared the pre-referral process has really improved the strategies and interventions that teachers are putting in place for their classes, which is beneficial for all students. As part of the staff meeting today, feedback was asked from each staff member for items that are going well and a wish for improvements, this feedback will be used to continue making improvements to the referral process.

Marci McGill, Nutrition Services Director, shared breakfast week was a huge success and participation was up by about 20% which equates to 95 more meals served. Marci then shared some information about the milk and dairy bid that we will participate in with Central Valley which takes place every five years.

Todd Reed, Technology Director, reported the first smarter balance testing took place this week and everything went smoothly and after spring break testing will be in full swing. He shared he has been looking into web filtering options as our current system is at end of life. The cost of a new system and licensing is very expensive, so he has been shopping around for options. Todd reported the grant the DOT had to run our flashing lights on Highway 27 is up, so now the responsibility of programming them falls to us, so Todd has been trained on how to operate the system.

Char Trejbal, Transportation Director, shared that in the packet is the bid for a new bus that we would take delivery of next fall. The bus will be very similar to the bus we purchased last year. She shared everything else is running smoothly in transportation.

Everett Combs, Assistant Transportation Director, reported on Monday Valley\Loon Lake will be bringing our fuel truck down to pump the fuel we purchased and put into our underground storage out to put into our main tank. This fuel should last us the remainder of the school year.

Kirk Lally, Facilities Director, shared that thanks to Adam and a few high school students the bleacher site has been completely cleaned up and a fence has been put in along the track. The fence along the softball field will be fixed next week where it was not properly anchored down on the block wall. Dr. Russell thanked Kirk, Adam, Brian and the students that were working on the bleachers for all of their hard work.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESMENT:

Dr. Russell reminded the Board with all of the talk about the smarter balance testing to keep in mind with any change to testing there is often times a resulting dip in scores as the students adapt to the new test. Since the testing now is about technology as much as the subject matter, there will be a learning curve for students to learn the new system.

Dr. Russell shared that he and Mr. Ferney will be looking at some new assessment options that could replace Aimsweb that we are currently using in the middle school and high school. Although Aimsweb provides some good information, we are in need of some additional information in specific areas and rate of growth analysis.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT:

Dr. Russell talked with the Board about the amount the district has to work on facilities. The board discussed what options are available for tennis courts and the bleachers. Arrow concrete will be patching the tennis courts which will get us through this season and could be done for a few more years. A discussion about facilities ensued. The Board agreed that prep work on the bleacher site should begin and we should continue to work on grant options for the tennis courts.

PARTNERING WITH PARENT AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY:

Dr. Russell shared the Freeman Focus will come out early in April.

Dr. Russell shared the District along with the PSE have been working on a classified staff professional development plan, he went to Central Valley this morning and they are willing to partner with us to help provide our staff with additional training.

Dr. Russell shared some upcoming events with the Board that they can attend including awards ceremonies.

Dr. Russell shared starting with the 15-16 school year a bus will no longer run into Fairfield, although students will have the option of getting on the bus inside Freeman's boundaries. This will keep us consistent with our transportation services.

Dr. Russell shared a request from a family to annex their property along with some additional neighbors into the Freeman School District. Their property is currently in the Liberty School District, very near the Freeman border. The Board reviewed the location and confirmed that Liberty was providing transportation in that area. Based upon the location not being isolated from the rest of the Liberty district the Board does not feel that it makes sense at this time to move forward with the annexation process.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

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

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Todd Spear shared that has enjoyed being on our campus and was very impressed with everything he has seen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 2107 – 2nd READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the Board Policy 2107 – Comprehensive Early Literacy Plan, as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 2145 – 1st READING:

Mr. Zingg moved the Board approve Board Policy and Procedure 2145 – Suicide Prevention. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 3207 – 2nd READING:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve Board Policy and Procedure 3207 – Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 3210 – 2nd READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy and Procedure 3210 – Nondiscrimination. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 4237 – 2nd READING:

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 5281 – 2nd READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy 5281 - Disciplinary Action and Discharge. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 6250 – 2nd READING:

Mr. Zingg moved the Board approve Board Policy and Procedure 6250 – Cellular Telephones. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MILK AND DAIRY COOPERATIVE BID:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve the Milk and Dairy Cooperative Bid. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the bid for the purchase of a new school bus. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 2030 – 1st READING:

Mr. Zingg moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy 2030 – Service Animals in Schools. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 2140-1st READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy 2140 – Guidance and Counseling. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 3231 – 1st READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy 3231 – Student Records. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 3241 – 1st READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy 3241 – Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 3417 – 1st READING:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy 3417 – Catheterization. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Classified:	Robin Gregory – Substitute Para Educator Tawnya Becker – Resignation – Elementary Secretary
Extracurricular:	Ben Zakheim – FHS Assistant Baseball Coach Kelly Neely – FHS Overflow Baseball Coach Jenna Lee – FHS Overflow Tennis 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 8:16 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair