

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
MAY 11, 2017

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

GUESTS: Lisa Phelan, Ben Ferney, Brian Parisotto, Debbie Morphy, Garold Steed, Pia Longinotti, Jenn Baumgartner, Brad Boswell, Katie Boswell, Maren Longhurst, Ashely Boswell, Joseph Parry, Isaiah Bessire, Bryson Cotton, Garrett Baumgartner, Thomas Longhurst and Brady Profit.

FLAG SALUTE: Pia Longinotti led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Updated Personnel Report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

BOARD RECOGNITION

MATH IS COOL PRESENTATION:

Garold Steed introduced the sixth grade Math is Cool team. Garold reported we had fourth graders, fifth graders, sixth graders, seventh graders and one eighth grader this year participate in Math is Cool. Mr. Steed shared the success of the various teams this year, and as a whole Freeman's teams were very successful this year, just as they have been in the past. Mr. Steed then shared on May 20th the sixth grade boys will be competing at the Master's Competition in Moses Lake. In order to give the Board some examples of the types of work they do in competition, the sixth grade boys asked the Board some mental math questions from previous competitions.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY – TRIP PRESENTATION:

Pia Longinotti shared she would like to make a change to the 2018 Washington, D.C. Trip that has already been approved. The High School has found there are too many trips currently, so National Honor Society and Spanish would like to combine their trips and do an Eastern Seaboard trip. Instead of the trip taking place over spring break, the trip will take place immediately following the end of the school year in 2018. Pia shared with the Board a price quote, itinerary, and FAQ's around the proposed Eastern Seaboard trip. Mr. Zingg asked if this trip would still include the Holocaust Museum and Pia confirmed that it would in fact remain a part of the trip. Pia then shared, today she had a holocaust survivor come and speak to her classes.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the National Honor Society Trip as presented and Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

- Spokesman Review article about Mr. Hays and his track team. He will be retiring at the end of this season as the Head Track Coach.
- The latest Board and Administrator

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS:

Brian Parisotto, Assistant Principal/ Athletic Director, shared all evaluations will be completed by the end of the day on Monday. SBAC testing and AP testing have been taking place and will continue the next few weeks. The blood drive will be on June 1st with a goal of 70 units, the teacher appreciation breakfast was a great success and the food was amazing. The senior all-nighter group fundraiser took place, as well as the Art & Soul auction which was a great success this past weekend. Enrollment has remained steady. In athletics, Ryan Maine shot a 68 and Autumn Cusick shot a whole in one. The Baseball team had a 3.75 GPA for the 15 boys on the team which earned them an academic state championship.

Lisa Phelan, Elementary Principal, shared she has been working on student growth goals and final evaluations. At the beginning of each year, the teachers at each grade level set a focused area for student growth that is measurable. At the elementary the assessment data used to measure these goals is through Aims Web. Lisa shared some examples of the goals set and what the rubric looks like to evaluate these goals. The goals create great conversations and really focus on the needs of the students. In addition to the student growth goals, each staff member also sets a professional and a personal goal. As a school their goal is collaboration. Mrs. Phelan shared Logan Allen will represent the elementary school at the PACE event. Maple Bars with Moms had 525 maple bars handed out, and the second grade will be going to Turnbull on a field trip while Kindergarteners and First graders will be going to see a play and go to Manito Park.

Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal, shared he is also wrapping up evaluations. The first week of state testing is complete and a big thank you to Denise Conrad, Laurie Flack and Todd Reed for all they do to get through the testing. Math placement testing is complete and the master schedule is almost built and they are planning on 2 sixth grade sections for 17-18. The Middle School won a College Bound award, thanks to Denise Conrad for heading up working on getting kids signed up for this program in eighth grade. The 2018-2019 calendar is being worked on via the Admin and Leadership Team. A survey was sent out to all staff around the calendar and the results are being reviewed. Mr. Ferney shared Jordan Goldsmith is the Middle School Pace award winner.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Dr. Russell commended the principals on all of their work with our staff. They work so closely with the staff within their buildings throughout the year to have a growth mindset. Dr. Russell thanked all of them for their hard work.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

Next Wednesday will be a staffing conversation with the Admin Team for next year. The staffing and planning for next year is tough as we do not have a state budget, so our current plan is to

duplicate last year's budget. With this strain, some hiring may take place in the late summer or even as the school year starts.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Jamie Weingart reviewed the audit process and shared the audit exit document.

Dr. Russell reviewed May enrollment. Shared we plan to budget 835 FTE and suggested that we take next year to work on rebuilding our fund balance.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mrs. Keebler asked where we were on the tennis courts. Dr. Russell in July the courts will be worked on again.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF WIAA SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION:

Mr. Cashmere moved the Board approve WIAA School Board Resolution, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2017/2018:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the 2017-2018 Board Meeting Schedule, as presented. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE 1105 – 1st READING:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 1105 – Director Districts, first reading, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE 2021 – 1st READING:

Mr. Cashmere moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 2021 – Library Information and Technology Programs, first reading, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 5252 – 1st READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 5252 – Staff Participation in Political Activities, first reading, as presented. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL:

Classified: Warren Malm – Retirement – Bus Driver

Certificated: Frankie Browning – Resignation – Teacher
Sarah Marro – Intern Substitute – Pending Certificate
Jordan Farris – Intern Substitute – Pending Certificate

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair