

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
MAY 14, 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, Debbie Morphy and Randy Russell.

GUESTS: Jim Straw, Ben Ferney, Brian Parisotto, Lisa Phelan, Cory Plager, Kirsten Schweiger and John Gores.

FLAG SALUTE: John Gores led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: No additions to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

BOARD RECOGNITION: The ASB reports are moved to May 27, 2015, board meeting.

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

- Public Records Request – Alan R. McDowell

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS:

Lisa Phelan, Elementary School Principal, shared there are a couple of field trips coming up to Turnbull, Mobius and Riverfront Park. She interviewed for the 6.5 hour and 5.0 hour Para-Ed position and will be asking for approval at our next board meeting. Mrs. Phelan complimented the Para-Ed team for working together, working with small groups and gathering evidence. There was a huge turnout for Maple Bars with Moms – handing out over 600 maple bars. Lisa extended a Thank You to Marci and her team. Donuts with Dads will be June 5th. A kindergarten update was also reported.

Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal, shared the Middle School is well under way with state testing. Kudos goes to Todd and Denise for all of their help and organization with testing. Certified and classified evaluations are being conducted. Parents have been notified of the Math Placement process via letters home to parents and school messenger. Middle School sports are winding down. MS Academic Awards will be June 8th at 6:30 pm in the K-8 MPR. The 8th grade has voted to attend Splashdown for their end of the year picnic on June 11th.

Jim Straw, High School Principal, reported that registration is in full swing. Students are figuring what classes they want and how they will fit into their schedule. The high school is also in the midst of evaluations, state testing and End of Course exams. The PACE Awards Ceremony will be May 28th. Academic Awards Night is scheduled for June 2nd. High school graduation will be at 1:00 pm on June 13th and Jim shared a couple of changes that are being made for this year's ceremony.

Brian Parisotto, Athletic Director, reported that the Middle School sports will be winding up next week. The high school will be participating in District playoffs. Freeman will be hosting district baseball. Freeman will be hosting another blood drive June 5th, 8:00 am - 2:30 pm. They are shooting for a goal of 75 blood donors. All donations will be submitted in the name of Sheldon's Shield.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESMENT:

Topics of discussion at the Leadership and Admin Team meetings this week included Special Education and staffing.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT:

We are in the process of submitting a tennis grant application. Once the project of resurfacing the lower tennis courts is completed, we could receive up to \$7,500 towards that project.

The Bleacher Project is moving forward. Some irrigation pipes were rerouted and power has been added. The ground will be inspected tomorrow. We hope to move forward next week with the concrete slab.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY:

Dr. Russell reported the progress of the Facilities Fundraiser Breakfast and shared we have \$15,000 committed towards our \$50,000 goal.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell reviewed May enrollment.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: No comments or concerns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY & PROCEDURE 3231 – 2nd READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the Board Policy & Procedure 3231 – Student Records, as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 3241 – 2nd READING:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve the Board Policy 3241 – Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action, as presented. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY & PROCEDURE 5010 – 2nd READING:

Mr. Cashmere moved the Board approve the Board Policy & Procedure 5010 – Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOND REFINANCE RESOLUTION:

Mr. Jon Gores from D. A. Davidson presented a bond refunding update to the board. He focused on four specific areas: Bond Sale History, Refunding Overview, Refund Bond Sale Savings, and Delegation Resolutions.

In his report, Jon Gores, Managing Director at D.A. Davidson shared information regarding the process of refunding bonds to reduce taxes for the property owners in Freeman School District. Jon reviewed the bond sale history at Freeman SD, the refunding interest rates and the details of the advanced refund process, the savings that taxpayers could expect from a refund, and what the next steps would be if the market conditions were right to meet the savings goals for the refunding. Jon then shared information regarding resolution 5-2014/15 that requests participation in the state guarantee program, which is favorable for the district as it partners with the state for them to “co-sign” on bond payments guaranteeing the bond payments to the purchaser and resolution 6-2014/15 which authorizes the superintendent (or fiscal designee) to initiate the refunding process should the target savings goals be met.

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve Bond Refinance Resolution 5-2014/2015. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve Bond Refinance Resolution 6-2014/2015. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY & PROCEDURE 2100 – 1ST READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy & Procedure 2100 – Educational Opportunities for Military Children, as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 2150 – 1st READING:

Mr. Cashmere moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy 2150 – Co-Curricular Program. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 2151 – 1st READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy 2151 – Interscholastic Activities. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY & PROCEDURE 2418 – 1st READING:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy & Procedure 2418 – Waiver of High School Graduation Credits. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 5000 – 1st READING:

Mr. Cashmere moved the Board accept the first reading of Board Policy 5000 – Recruitment and Selection of Staff. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF WIAA SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT:

Mr. Fuchs moved the board approve the WIAA School Board Resolution. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Future Board Meeting Schedule – The next scheduled Board meeting is Wednesday, May 27, 2015, in the K-8 Multi-Purpose Room.

Dr. Russell asked the board to think about the possibility of conducting board meetings during the day at each of the buildings. It would give the board the opportunity to have more connection with students and staff for next year.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Dan Dodge – Resignation – Elem Special Education Teacher

Classified: Erin Honeycutt – Resignation – Para Educator

Extracurricular: Bree Dresback – Resignation – HS Volleyball “C” Team Coach

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board did not go into executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair