

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
SEPTEMBER 7, 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, Travis Campbell, John Zingg, Randy Russell and Jamie Weingart. Excused Ed Cashmere.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Lisa Phelan, Harry Amend, Ben Ferney, Linda Mega, Kim Hamilton, Rylee Russell, Jason Munck, Jaron Cann, Diego Garza, Derek Durrant.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

PACE CHARACTER TRAIT:

RESPECT – Recognizing, considering and properly honoring the worth of one's self and others

BOARD RECOGNITION:

Mr. Ferney, the Middle School Principal introduced Janet Reiersen, our new para educator working in the library with Cis Hyndman. Mr. Ferney then introduced Kim Hamilton, our new sixth grade teacher who was hired less than two weeks ago and has done a great job of hitting the ground running. Mitch Jensen, who is Denise Briggs long term sub, has been a great addition to our staff. Mr. Ferney then shared our other new staff who were unable to make it tonight include Paul Danelo, who is our lunch room para and 6th grade support and Barb Cashmere who is Jessica McWilliams's long term sub through December.

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

- An e-mail from the Haeder family sharing how impressed and thankful they were for the extra effort the high school staff and students put into making sure the freshman were welcomed and included from day one.
- Letter from the Disability Rights of Washington Group, around recognizing Disability History Month.
- A copy of the official announcement that Chuck Stocker is on the ESD Board of Directors

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS:

Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal, shared although it has only been a couple of weeks since our last meeting, it feels like a lifetime ago. We were able to hire Kim Hamilton as our third sixth grade teacher just before school started, this has been the highlight of the start of the year and was definitely the right choice for kids. The Middle School staff is focusing on mentor check-ins this year to ensure all students are getting the support they need. Late start professional development will include a reading and math focus across the district. We will be trying something new on September 12th by doing a lockdown drill into a fire drill. Deputy Ron Nye will visit the middle school on September 11 so all students will get to meet him and he will talk about the safe schools alert system. The first ASB meeting was today and Dr. Russell was the guest speaker to talk about parliamentary procedure. Enrollment is up to 205 in the Middle School.

Harry Amend, High School Principal, shared the turn out for football is 47, cross-country 17, volleyball 23, girls' soccer 26 and pep band is growing. In addition, multiple clubs have large participation interest after their first meetings, so overall we have a very active student body. The Lethbridge team from Canada is coming down as we speak for a game against the Scotties tomorrow night, air quality permitting. The High School schedule changes are finished and only about 10 kids out of 335 were not able to get exactly what they wanted for classes. We have a very strong schedule, with 8 advance placement classes. Mr. Amend provided a copy of the master schedule to each of the board members for their review. On the first day of school, during fourth period a full student handbook review was given and each student signed to acknowledge that they were given a handbook and listened to the review. The opening day of assembly was a great success and we have a great group of kids and leaders. Mr. Amend shared we are making a special effort to ensure we are getting the paperwork filled out for all families that may qualify for free and reduced lunch, even if they don't want to use that benefit. By qualifying for the program, families are eligible for many other cost savings, especially around college testing and applications. Enrollment is 335 at the High School, slightly up from the end of last year.

Lisa Phelan, Elementary Principal, shared the elementary is settling in with Kindergarteners in attendance, as Tuesday was the first day of school for Kindergarten. As part of welcoming the kindergarteners, kindergarten day in the lunch room was today and again tomorrow to invite parents in to eat with their students. Aimsweb testing is complete and the para's have done a great job! Building professional development next week will be a continuation of My Math from today's staff meeting discussion. The lockdown and fire drill will be great practice for our students next week. Mrs. Phelan shared Radical Rick will be at the elementary for an assembly on September 12th. This will then lead into a six week science camp for grades 1-6 after school for those parents that are interested in the opportunity for their student. Enrollment is at 382 with preschool included.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

Dr. Russell shared it was great to see some students at the board meeting. We are off to a great start and it is wonderful to have all the students back on campus. Dr. Russell is very impressed with how well the staff have immediately started building relationships with their students and families.

Dr. Russell shared we have had some small hiccups with the weather and the smoke, resulting in some warm temperatures in the middle school without being able to pull the cool night air into the building in an attempt to keep the air cool for our students. The students have been indoors all of this week and everyone has handled it very well.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY:

Dr. Russell shared World Character Day is next Wednesday September 13th, and we will be embracing this day district wide along with multiple other districts in our region and organizations worldwide. This day is part of the PACE program that we participate in.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell took a closer look at enrollment and what some comparisons look like from our budget to what we are expecting will be our actual first count, on count day tomorrow. Dr. Russell then talked about choice students and the process families go through. Freeman's first focus is to ensure we are serving the needs of all students that live in Freeman as have the right to attend Freeman and receive the best education possible. However, we have been able to use the option of choice students from other districts who would like to attend school in Freeman to help balance our class size. A perfect example is how we were able to make having a third section of sixth grade happen this year, by taking a couple of additional choice sixth graders to help pay for the additional teaching position. We will have our annual report of choice students after our enrollment is finalized and will be able to see the breakdown of choice kids across the district.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mrs. Keebler shared she and Mr. Zingg were able to attend the back to school staff breakfast last Monday.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Jason Munck asked what the plan was for tomorrow's football game with the current air quality. Dr. Russell and Mr. Amend shared they are watching the air quality closely and if the air has not improved, the game will be moved to Saturday or not played at all. The team from Canada is aware of the potential and all parties are hopeful.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 3115 – 2nd Reading

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 3115 – Homeless Students – Enrollment Rights and Services, as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 3122 – 2nd Reading

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 3122 – Excused and Unexcused Absences, as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 3241 – 2nd Reading

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 3241 – Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action, as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 5270 – 2nd Reading

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 5270 – Resolution of Staff Complaints, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 5410 – 2nd Reading

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 5410 – Holidays, as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT GOALS 2017/2018

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the FSD Board\Superintendent Goals 2017/2018, as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF Co-Curricular Collective Bargaining Agreement 2017-2019

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve the Co-Curricular Collective Bargaining Agreement 2017-2019, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FEA COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT 2017-2020

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the FEA Collective Bargaining Agreement 2017-2020, as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 2162 – 1st Reading

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 2162 – Education of Students with Disabilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, first reading, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 3116 – 1st Reading

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 3116 – Students in Foster Care, first reading, as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD PROCEDURE NO. 3231 – 1st Reading

Mr. Zingg moved the Board approve Board Procedure No. 3231 – Student Records, first reading, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL:

Certified: Kim Hamilton – New Hire (1yr non-continuing) 6th Grade Teacher

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair