

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Annie Keebler. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Annie Keebler, Neil Fuchs, Travis Campbell, Randy Russell and Jamie Weingart. Excused, John Zingg and Ed Cashmere.

GUESTS: Ben Ferney, Jim Straw, Brian Parisotto, Lisa Phelan, Dustin Reed, Mark Vetter, Vickie Berryman, Sue Yandt, Sharron Aune-Ruland, Gena Hawk and Kirsten Schweiger.

FLAG SALUTE: Ben Fernery led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: No additions.

CONSENT AGENDA:
August 27, 2015 Board Minutes

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

BOARD RECOGNITION:

Lisa Phelan introduced the new elementary staff for the 2015-2016 school year, Sadie Perry - First Grade, Gena Hawk - Kindergarten, Kirsten Schweiger who is now teaching first grade, Vickie Berryman - Learning Center, Sharron Aune-Ruland - Third Grade and Sue Yandt - Designed Instruction.

Ben Ferney introduced the new middle school staff for the 2015-2016 school year. Mark Vetter who was hired as the full time learning center para at the Middle School and Kyler Barnes who accepted the .2 science and .3 PE position.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS:

Lisa Phelan, Elementary Principal, shared AIMSweb testing will be completed this week, at which point the para schedules will be aligned with the needs of students based on their assessments. The elementary school is settling into the new schedule of recess before lunch and so far appears to be a favorable change. Lisa then shared an anonymous donor has donated \$37,000 to go towards social studies curriculum and surface pro's for the elementary.

Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal, shared sixth grade rotations are going very smoothly and the staff and students are enjoying the change. At their last staff meeting they set student growth goals for the year as a whole staff. Study table after school will be run by four highly qualified teachers this year and the hope is to use it as a proactive tool for students rather than a reactive option. The first fire drill was done on Wednesday and the drug dogs came in today. Ben then shared the Fund Run is the 22nd and the goal is \$15,000 this year.

Jim Straw, High School Principal, shared they are now settling in to the new year and the climate in the building is amazing. All four classes are great kids. The drug dogs came through today and there were no hits in any lockers including the locker rooms. An agreement has been reached with the SE County Fair committee to hold a mixer after the homecoming game rather than a formal dance since homecoming it is the same weekend as the fair. Instead a winter formal will take place, the exact details of the formal are yet to be determined.

Brian Parisotto, Athletic Director, shared fall sports are off to a great start. New sports banners came today to match the state banners, the new score boards have been installed in the middle school, 30 girls turned out for softball and 50 boys for football. Additional football gear was bought last night for the additional players and Kimmel was great to work with and very helpful in getting all the kids geared up at the last minute. The increase in the number of kids out for sports is very encouraging.

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

- Letter from Brett Howell requesting his property to be redistricted into the Freeman District.
- Monthly Board and Administrator

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT:

Dr. Russell gave a Facilities update on the estimated versus actual costs for the bleachers and resurfacing the lower tennis courts. Dr. Russell gave a big thank you to Travis Campbell and Kirk Lally for being so instrumental in getting the bleachers in and saving money in multiple areas. After these projects we have about \$70,000 in the capital projects fund with a few potential donations outstanding.

Dr. Russell shared he, along with Annie Keebler, Chad Goldsmith, Randy Primmer and Dave Huotari, ALSC Architects, met to talk about the Middle School and the history of the plans for the building. Do to the age of the middle school at the time of the bond being run, it was determined the focus would be the elementary and the high school at that time and then revisit the middle school in 10-15 years. After this discussion, ASLC was able to do some research on options we might have on matching funds and it was determined that we are not eligible for any matching funds at this time, since we have available square footage in other buildings. This is an area we will want to keep an eye on and continue to discuss if enrollment continues on an upward trend.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell reviewed September's enrollment numbers. Our current FTE is 853.45, excluding running start, which is about 12 FTE above what we budgeted for. September through December apportionment will be funded based upon the budgeted enrollment and January will start the truing up process to fund based upon actual enrollment.

Dr. Russell shared a request from Brett Howell who lives just north of the Dishman-Mica Road and would like the Board to consider redistricting his property into the Freeman School District. Dr. Russell shared the packet of information that Mr. Howell prepared and explained the process of redistricting property.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule. Discussion was had to move the May 24th meeting to Wednesday the 25th to accommodate attendance at the PACE awards banquet.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified:	Bruce Pennell – Long Term Substitute – K-12 Music Teacher Char Steele – Long Term Substitute – K-12 Music Teacher
Classified:	Will Bickler – New Hire - Bus Driver
Extracurricular:	Kohn Cottrell – Resignation – MS Assistant Football Coach Doug Pace – New Hire – MS Assistant Football 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 6:57 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair