

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
September 11, 2014

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 John Zingg. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Matt Smith, Brian Parisotto, Jim Straw, Ben Ferney, Linda Mega, Nolan Holt, Chris Holt, Jamie Holt, Emily Sheard, Don Sheard and Alondra Sheard.

FLAG SALUTE: Jim Straw led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – August 28, 2014

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 Matt Smith. Mr. Smith is a new High School Social Studies teacher.

Dr. Russell introduced Nolan Holt and Emily Sheard who were both in the most recent edition of the Current with a great article about their hard work and dedication to raising and showing their animals. The School Board asked Nolan and Emily a few questions about their animals and congratulated them on their success.

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

- Valley Voice article about the Freeman Schools becoming the Scotties P-12 for the start of the 2014-2015 school year.
- Article recognizing Moriah Longhurst, she is 1 of 5 students in the county that is a finalist for the National Merit award.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS:

Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal, reported on the aims web testing that has been happening at the elementary and middle school this week grades K-8. The testing is used three times a year and is a measurement tool that is being used to track student growth. Middle School fall sports begin next week and the 7th grade football team will be playing one game on Roos field at EWU this year. Mr. Ferney also reported the elementary and middle school will be doing a fund run this year as their fundraiser. 100% of the proceeds will go straight to the ASB. He also shared a story about Freeman staff going above and beyond to help our students.

Jim Straw, High School Principal reported that the first eight days of school have been great. The High School had a pep assembly that involved the new staff and new students in a friendly competition. The first club meetings of the year were held and the turnout was excellent. Jim shared a copy of the AP bio text book that the high school would like to use. The proposal for the new textbook will be brought to the next board meeting.

Brian Parisotto, High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, reported that the new staff at the high school have been amazing. He shared that the goal is to have every kid either in 7th or 8th grade to have the unique experience of playing a game on the red turf (Roos Field at EWU). Mr. Parisotto then shared that the middle school is looking into new scoreboards to replace the current setup that they have. Brian attended a meeting with Mead's middle school athletic directors and they are interested in joining our league next year. He shared some of the rankings that have come out and our High School football team is ranked number one in Washington State and 25th nationally for schools under 1000 FTE.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

Dr. Russell reported that positions have been posted for additional para time for first, third and fifth grades to help with the large class sizes.

Dr. Russell also reported that the buildings are putting together an inventory of curriculum and coming up with what they need right now and what their needs are long term. As a district we are moving forward with purchases needed for this year to make sure we have enough copies of all curriculum for our growing class sizes.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY:

Dr. Russell reported that we will have a booth at the fair and would like some of the board members to cover the booth Friday evening and Saturday to meet and greet the community.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell reviewed the September enrollment figures. Our preliminary September FTE numbers are almost 39 over what we budgeted. Dr. Russell also reviewed the numbers of choice students in Freeman School district. 16.2% are choice students and if staff member's students are removed only 13% are choice students district wide.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE STUDENT RESOURCE DEPUTY CONTRACT:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the Student Resource Deputy Contract. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE BOARD\SUPERINTENDENT GOALS 2014/2015:

Mrs. Keebler moved the Board approve the Board\Superintendent Goals 2014/2015 as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Classified: Chris Kosty – Resignation – Para Educator
 Joe Bowen – Resign Night Custodian Position
 Joe Bowen – Accept Day Custodian Position
 Joe Ramirez – Substitute Custodian
 Melissa Swanson – Additional 2.5 hours – Early Learning Center

Extracurricular: Lisa Vargas – New High School Assistant Ticket Taker

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair