

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
OCTOBER 12, 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, Ed Cashmere, Randy Russell and Jamie Weingart. Excused John Zingg.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Harry Amend, Ben Ferney, Brian Parisotto and Lisa Phelan.

FLAG SALUTE: Travis Campbell led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Updated Personnel Action.

CONSENT AGENDA:

September 28, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes
Additional September Payroll – 112205

\$ 2,700.38

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

PACE CHARACTER TRAIT:

RESPONSIBILITY – Being accountable, the pursuit of excellence, and the exercise of self-control.

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

- Letter from Lauren Moen

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS:

Lisa Phelan, Elementary Principal, shared they are preparing for profile meetings and working on goals meetings. At profile meetings, they meet by grade level and discuss a plan for each student. At the next staff meeting Cheri Lourve will present “This is your brain on trauma” to help teachers with ideas on how to help their students. Conferences are at the end of the month and staff is preparing. Preschool and Kindergarten had their fire safety presentation this week, which is always lots of fun. The PTSG Harvest Hoe Down and the Missoula Children’s Theater is coming up.

Harry Amend, Acting High School Principal, shared the PSAT was administered to 240 students yesterday. This test begins the early college focus, provides academic data for parents and gives students their first experience with this type of testing environment. The advanced construction tech class attended an apprenticeship workshop field trip today and the students were very excited about what they learned. The high school staff has held two meetings on lessons learned

and what had changed, in the past couple of weeks and these conversations will continue. Harry then shared, parents, businesses and other districts continue to pour out support to Freeman School District as a whole and people are sharing they feel our school and community have drawn even closer after our tragedy. The kids have been great at supporting each other as well. Coming up is our Annual Veterans Day Assembly on Thursday November 9th. This assembly will include a breakfast followed by an all-district assembly. Mr. Amend shared the latest addition of The Bagpiper.

Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal, shared at the middle school they have had a focus on mentor/mentee check-ins. So the past few weeks have been focused on checking in with every student. Goal meetings have been shuffled and postponed in some cases, and may be a part of the first observation where necessary. The PSAT was administered to the eight graders yesterday and it was interesting that many students had never filled out a bubble answer sheet before. The advisory field trips are underway and the 7th graders are going to North Idaho College this year with the other change being the trips are staying within the school day. Football, softball and cross country have been rocking this year and playing very competitive. The Scottie Dash was very successful and all students K-8 participated in the Scottie Dash on the track and the total from the fundraiser was over \$15,000. We are currently working with Spokane Schools to coordinate subs for our teachers to take a mental health day and Spokane will be sending one of their teachers to sub for each of our teachers as a way to support our entire district. Enrollment is holding steady. Mr. Ferney shared West Valley School District has sent a principal to work in the Middle School each day this week to allow himself to help to take care of other stuff across the district.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Dr. Russell thanked the principals for taking care of the students and staff while continuing to run the schools and continuing to put our goals from last spring into place. Dr. Russell asked the principals to go back to their staff and thank them for all of their hard work and support, from both himself and the board. Dr. Russell also wanted to thank the students for all of their hard work and how amazing they have been.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY:

Dr. Russell shared many businesses have been supporting us, for which we are extremely thankful. He wanted to highlight Numerica Credit union for all of their support both in donations and for spending the day with us on Tuesday doing financial literacy for our high school students.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell reminded the board we will have a work session before the next board meeting and we will be talking about the levy and the potential of running two line items on the ballot, one for the levy, capped at \$1.50 and a capital projects levy to focus on the middle school roof, technology and safety and security.

Dr. Russell reviewed October enrollment. We are within one student of our September enrollment and next month if our enrollment stays steady we will start having conversations around our future plans.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 2337 – 2nd Reading

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 2337 – Disability History Month, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL:

Certified: Ross McCrorie – Substitute Teacher
 John Pedersen - Substitute Teacher
 Shelley Pedersen - Substitute Teacher
 Lucinda Schneider - Substitute Teacher
 Laryssa Kann - Substitute Teacher

Classified: Kim Kirkland – Substitute Bus Driver
 Pat Lyons – Resignation – Para-Educator

Extracurricular: Amber Dunn – Resignation – MS Assistant Volleyball Coach
 Pia Longinotti – 8th Grade Assistant Volleyball Coach
 Jessica Robb – 7th Grade Assistant Volleyball Coach

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair