

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
OCTOBER 13, 2016

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, John Zingg Travis Campbell, Ed Cashmere, Randy Russell and Jamie Weingart.

GUESTS: Ben Ferney, Brian Parisotto, Lisa Phelan, Ken Spiering, Harry Amend, Debbie Morphy, Ryan Maine, Michaela Rosenthal, Alyssa Roibal and Ellie Roibal.

FLAG SALUTE: Ryan Maine led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Updated personnel report.

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.

BOARD RECOGNITION:

Mr. Ferney introduced Ellie Roibal, the K-8 ASB president this year. Mr. Ferney shared Ellie is very active in the middle school, doing a great job leading the ASB and is currently in cross country. Ellie shared something new that has been happening in the middle school is sixth grade rotations, which in her opinion are great. Athletics are a big part of ASB and are a great way for students to get involved and meet new people. Right now there is cross country, softball and football going on. New uniform rotations are in place and new scoreboards were put up in the gym. She would like to see cages put over the scoreboards to help protect them. The Scottie Dash was a great success and Ellie thanked Devin Broussard and Sarah Rondeau for all of their help in putting this event on, it wouldn't have happened without them. Spirit week is coming up and the home room classrooms voted on themes. The advisory group field trips are underway and the advisory groups are a great way to build trust and always have a teacher to turn to. The food drive is coming up, which is a great community project the ASB supports. Uniform purchase rotation will continue and the ASB meetings will continue to allow students to bring their items. There will be some dances coming up and the sixth grade is now invited to those as well, which is a great way to make them feel a part of the middle school.

Harry Amend introduced Michaela Rosenthal, High School ASB Spirit Commissioner and Ryan Maine, High School ASB Vice President. Ryan shared he is in the leadership class along with most of the ASB which is very helpful in bringing the ASB together and working on bringing the student body together to support each other at sports, clubs and other events. Another big focus has been community service, so each student in leadership is required to get at least fifteen hours of community service. Michaela shared her role is to support the spirit of the Freeman School District. She is in charge of the spirit activities and to promote participation in school events and

work on dances and assemblies. She shared the high school will be doing another mixer after the football game to keep spirit up. In addition pep assemblies will continue and we will have a winter fest focused around basketball.

Dr. Russell introduced Ken Spiering, Freeman School District Art teacher. Ken shared he is here to share information about the Art & History Trip that he would like to take in June. This trip will be June 19 – 23 with time in Washington DC and New York. Ken shared a video with the board of some of the places they will go and he reported that he is very excited for this trip. This trip will be through WorldStrides who will help with the students being insured and with the cost of the trip. Ken feels this will be an incredible trip.

Mr. Fuchs moved the board approve the Art & History Trip as presented and to give a \$250 contribution towards the trip, Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

- National School Board Association Conference flyer, our board has been selected to present at both the state and national level conferences
- Latest Copy of The Board and Administrator

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS:

Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal, shared all the goal meetings are complete with the middle school staff and he is now working on the first round of observations. Advisory trips out to Eastern Washington University are underway, where the 8th grade does a ropes course to get out of their comfort zone and 7th grade is centered on team building. Dr. Kristy Brinkerhoff is coming to the next building professional development late start session to work with the staff on the ACE's (Adverse Childhood Experiences) research she is doing. Ben shared the middle school football was able to go to Roos field to play and showed the board a picture of the team on the field. The Scottie Dash brought in \$12,000 overall, which is great as that was their goal.

Lisa Phelan, Elementary Principal, shared it is great to be back and thanked Ben Ferney and Jody Sweeney for helping to take care of the elementary school while she was out. PBIS training was attended by two elementary teachers, two middle school teachers, Jody Sweeney and herself as a refresher course and to gain information to train the new staff on the expectations. Profile meetings and teacher goal meetings start next week during which each teacher's rosters will be gone through one by one to ensure we are meeting the needs of all students. At this same time she will discuss the teacher's individual goals and team goals. Lisa shared there are many events coming up at the elementary including Missoula Children's Theater and the Hoe Down.

Brian Parisotto, Assistant High School Principal/Athletic Director, shared the new booster club has been very good to work with and in collaboration with them, next Thursday will be pink day for the entire district. Missoula Children's Theater is coming in, the Veterans Day Assembly is November 10th and the blood drive will be on the 17th. Fall sports are ending, which is good with the turn in the weather. Brian shared he will send out post season information as soon as he has it, he had a NEA meeting yesterday to discuss playoffs and Freeman will be hosting district wrestling and the middle school wrestling as other schools want to come play here. Middle School Softball is wrapping up however: we are struggling to get the last few games in due to weather.

Harry Amend, Acting High School Principal, shared the high school is at 308 students which is 3 down in the past five weeks. The goal meetings and self-assessments are complete with all staff

and observations are now underway. At this morning's staff meeting, the challenge was made to turn all staff's dials up in the area of challenging questions strategies, which is one of the most effective teaching methods. The music concert is on Monday at 7:00pm. PSAT testing is on October 19th. The first round of fire and lock down drills are complete and Mr. Amend shared how much he appreciates Deputy Nye and all of his efforts with our students. Today the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey was administered to all sophomores and seniors, and we did not have a single student opt out. Pink Day will be on October 20th, Veteran's Day breakfast on November 10th and Senior Money Live Program sponsored by STCU is Friday October 28th. October has been busy and lots to still come in the month. Jim Straw was able to come to the staff meeting this morning and he is hopeful to be able to come back a few hours a day a few days a week soon.

SUPERINTEDENTS REPORT:

Dr. Russell shared former superintendents Chuck Stocker and Sergio Hernandez stopped by in the past couple weeks and both send their best wishes and compliments of how nice the campus looks.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

Dr. Russell shared the four tier assessment scale with the board. Dr. Russell then walked the board through a self-assessment from the October 2016 Board & Administrator.

Dr. Russell congratulated the board on being selected to present at the state WSSDA conference as well as at the national conference.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Dr. Russell shared he would like to put a big emphasis on "Think Pink" next Thursday at school and the volleyball match as well as the football game on Friday.

Dr. Russell shared CH2M Hill will be back at the district to do a second round air quality testing. Although nothing from the first round was of concern, the department of ecology would like to have a second round of testing to ensure that there are no issues as a safety precaution.

Dr. Russell gave the board a couple of calendar items to consider. October 22 is the Rockford Lions Club dinner and auction. All proceeds will go towards the new food booths for the South East Spokane County Fair. The North Palouse Chamber of Commerce is hosting an event on November 10th and the proceeds will go to the Freeman Art Program.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell reviewed October enrollment numbers and shared 16.6% or 144 students are choice students grade K-12. Of this number, 31 students or 3.6% are staff kids, which by law are allowed to come to school where their parents work as long as they do not displace another student and 13% are other non-staff choice students.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY & PROCEDURE NO. 2161 – 1st READING:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve the Board Policy and Procedure No. 2161 – Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL:

Certified: Chloe Clark – Substitute Teacher
Kristi Marr – Substitute Teacher

Extracurricular: Cathy Lee – Resignation – HS Tennis Coach
Dustin Reed – MS Assistant Wrestling Coach

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair