

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
OCTOBER 26, 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, Ben Ferney, Chuck Stocker, Kirk Lally, Char Trejbal, Everett Combs, Marci McGill, Todd Reed, Jody Sweeney, Sally Prichard, Tim Henkel, Jo Kennedy, Staci Nees, Shane Nees, Ben Jamison, Lauri Flack, Michelle Grabicki, Thom Steiger and Andrew Flack.

FLAG SALUTE: Jo Kennedy led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

October 12, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes	
General Fund AP – 112219 - 112291	\$ 131,570.63
ASB Fund AP – 112292 - 112305	\$ 19,797.41
Benefit Trust Fund AP – 112306 - 112307	\$ 18,349.42
Accounts Payable Direct Deposits	\$ 2,793.70
Third Quarter Comp Tax	\$ 830.40
October Payroll – 112308 - 112329	\$ 691,385.76
Treasurer's Statement/Budget Status	

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Campbell 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:

- Olympic Education Service District letter of condolences
- Latest edition of the Bagpiper
- Latest edition of Board and Administrator
- Board Resignation Letter from John Zingg. He has been a board member for 10 years and was a huge part of the passing our bond.

Mr. Campbell moved the Board accept Mr. Zingg's resignation from the board. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Russell shared policy 1115, which goes through the board process to open up and advertise the opening in District 1, with Mr. Zingg's resignation. Dr. Russell suggested we post the opening

on Monday October 30th and leave open till November 30th. Interviews can be conducted at the December 14th board meeting with a new member to be sworn in at the January board meeting. The board discussed and agreed this was the appropriate timeline.

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Everett Combs, Assistant Transportation Director and Safety Committee Chair, shared at the latest safety committee meeting suggestions were made to tint the door windows at the SOARS entrance, add key pads at the elementary back doors and place first aid kits in all the classrooms. These items are currently in progress. In addition, we have added two way radios in all buildings as well as one with the crossing guard. Mr. Combs then shared alarms will be put in on the north doors at the high school turning them into emergency exits only.

Marci McGill, Nutrition Services Director, shared they have started grab and go meals at the High School during lunch and this has increased participation about 20 to 30 lunches served each day.

Kirk Lally, Facilities Director, shared he continues to work with the buildings on the items they would like to have in place to increase security and safety. These items include emergency exits and one way screens on doors. He will ensure the changes are uniform across the district. Mr. Lally then shared the irrigation is blown out and while we are still mowing we will be getting the snow equipment out soon. Although not completely finalized, we should have a used mower by the time spring comes as well.

Todd Reed, Technology Director, shared we are working on improving our internet and we hope the fiber will be up and running next week. Todd then shared a chart of the major technology purchases he has made with the levy allocation for technology in the past three cycles as well as his goals for the next technology purchase cycle which includes moving towards the 1:1 initiative for computers to students. We have grown our technology over the past 10 years and we need to continue to improve technology as a valuable teaching tool. The best way to ensure we are able to do this is to run a capital projects levy, which can support these major technology purchases.

Jody Sweeney, Special Education Director, shared we have a full time intern now as a part of our district for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year. She will be a huge help with Special Education as well as the coordination of counselors and services needed this year. Mrs. Sweeney reported our new software, IEP Online is up and running and is used as a part of conferences and assessments for all special education students.

Char Trejbal, Transportation Director, shared they are simply trying to keep up with the trips and sporting events. Our special education routes have also changed this fall and we have reached capacity on one of our special needs busses. We will be purchasing one bus this year and it may need to be a larger bus with a lift. We are awaiting our winter state patrol inspection as it is a surprise visit during the winter months. We have two new sub drivers who have been very busy helping us out and one more sub driver in training. We will start watching the price of fuel for winter, although we were able to buy enough this spring to get us through a couple more months.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

Dr. Russell shared the leadership team goal meetings are underway and it gives him a chance to meet with each principal and director on what their year may look like.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY:

Dr. Russell shared at today's work session we discussed the possibility of running a two part levy, which would not result in a local tax increase, but would be two separate votes on the ballot. More information around the levy will be discussed at the November Board meeting.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT:

Dr. Russell shared the after action review of our incident will be next Thursday, where the incident will be reviewed in depth with local law enforcement and the district to talk about improvements that could be made and things that went well.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell reviewed the ending cash balances.

RECOVERY TEAM UPDATE:

Mrs. Keebler introduced Chuck Stocker, the recovery committee chairman. Mr. Stocker shared he has been working with the recovery committee for the past couple of weeks and he has been working on getting written plans put into place for the upcoming events for the students, staff and community. Mr. Stocker shared some of the events that have been happening around the district and the direction of the activities taking place in the future. Mr. Stocker shared the United Way has been extremely helpful in coordinating the collection of donations and they have suggested a committee be formed to determine how these funds are distributed. The recommendation is to have a United Way Board member, Michelle Grabicki, our own Board Chair, Mrs. Keebler and four other community members appointed by the board as a part of the distribution committee. This would make a six member committee, which will encourage the entire committee to agree on decisions and not have a majority rule. Mr. Stocker then shared the fourth group that our community needs to remember is the leadership team at Freeman School District. These team members have been working tirelessly and Dr. Schoenfeld will be coming in to discuss how leadership changes after a tragedy. This training will be covered by Valley Hospital and Empire Health Foundation. Mr. Stocker then shared he will be meeting with and asking students and staff to see what they need. Some of this will be done via a survey to families at conferences.

Mr. Cashmere moved the board approve a donations distribution committee. Mr. Fuchs seconded and it passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mr. Cashmere shared the board regrets having to accept the resignation of Mr. Zingg and he will be greatly missed and hard to replace.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule
- WASSDA conference is coming up in November.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair