

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
OCTOBER 27, 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, Travis Campbell, Randy Russell and Jamie Weingart. Excused, Ed Cashmere and John Zingg.

GUESTS: Ben Ferney, Debbie Morphy, Todd Reed, Marci McGill, Everett Combs, Char Trejbal, Jody Sweeney, Curtis Hylton and Susan Hylton.

FLAG SALUTE: Todd Reed led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

October 13, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes	
General Fund AP – 110520 - 110604	\$ 134,672.55
General Fund AP – Direct Deposits	\$ 4,342.04
ASB Fund AP – 110605 - 110631	\$ 15,132.58
Benefit Trust Fund AP – 110632 - 110633	\$ 12,570.76
Third Quarter Comp Tax	\$ 276.81
October Payroll – 110634 - 110683	\$ 658,317.32
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.

BOARD RECOGNITION:

Dr. Russell introduced Curtis Hylton, who retired this year after 20 years of driving bus at Freeman. Dr. Russell then invited Char Trejbal, Transportation Director to say a few words. Char shared she misses Curtis tremendously and he was a great driver. He kept the cleanest bus on the fleet and always did his job with pride and great commitment. Every year his goal was to work on his student management skills as he loved his kids so much he hated to be hard on them. Because of this great relationship with the kids, many, and one in particular ask about Curtis often. Dr. Russell presented Curtis with a bell for his years of service at Freeman and thanked him for all he has done for the district over the years.

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

- A public records request we received
- Certificate in recognition of receiving a School of Distinction Award at the elementary school
- Spokesman Review article with Haidon and Haylee Storro pictured at the college fair
- A copy of the most recent edition of the Freeman Focus

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Todd Reed, Technology Director, shared technology has been busy this month. The new website is now up and running and public to all. Although the website is newer and looks cleaner with some additional features the big hit will be the new Freeman School District App that ties into the website. This app is now available in the app store and will be more interactive for our community than a website alone. Everything on the website is mobile and tablet friendly so regardless of what type of device you access our website from, you will be able to navigate easily. Todd shared parents will like the student information portion of the app. This uses all the information from Skyward to get parents almost real time information on their student's grades. Parents can also drill into particulars with assignments and see teacher comments, all from your smart phone. As part of this app, there is the ability to view all website material and some additional resources. Todd has some promotional materials and will be sharing the information about the app this coming week.

Jody Sweeney, Special Education Director, shared the entire special education staff met with the regional Special Olympics directors. Special Olympics is looking to be more involved in schools and they have adaptive PE support and are willing to provide equipment and training to school staff. The sports opportunities are grouped between kids age 8 and under and age 8 and over and different options are offered throughout the year, like the unified bowling that we participated in last year. A webinar training will take place for all of the special education staff and the PE teachers so that we are aware of all of the options available and help our kids get more involved.

Marci McGill, Nutrition Services Director, shared October has been very smooth and she is happy with participation so far this year. She and her staff are preparing for the Veterans Day Breakfast.

Char Trejbal, Transportation Director, shared starting next week we will begin transporting a McKinney Vento student from Hangman Hills to a school up north in the mornings and District 81 will take care of afternoon transportation. She has had multiple driver in-services this year, some state mandated and some with great information from special education around behavior and PBIS. The year has been great so far and she is keeping an eye on fuel prices.

Everett Combs, Assistant Transportation Director and Safety Committee Chair, reported the first safety committee was held and the biggest topic was what we will be doing for the table top exercise. Every year he likes to have the state patrol come and talk to the drivers so that they are more aware of what is looked for each year during the annual inspections.

SUPERINTEDENTS REPORT:

Dr. Russell shared a copy of a draft agenda for the presentation the board will be doing at the WSSDA conference. He asked for any feedback the board might have as soon as possible so that he can submit the presentation for publication. Dr. Russell also shared they will bring a copy of the operating principals for all participants as an example.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

Dr. Russell asked Mr. Campbell to share his perspective from the awards ceremony at the ESD for the School of Distinction Award the Elementary School received. Mr. Campbell shared it was a very neat experience and he was very glad that Lisa Phelan was able to bring some teachers

and para's to receive the award as it really bonded them together to accept the award as a team. The entire presentation was a good experience and he was proud to represent Freeman.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell reviewed ending cash balances.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair