

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
October 10, 2013

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 Randy Primmer. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Annie Keebler, Randy Primmer, John Zingg, Randy Russell and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Chad Goldsmith and Neil Fuchs. Mr. Fuchs is representing Freeman at the Spokane County Directors meeting tonight.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Ann Romey, Ben Ferney, Jim Straw, Brian Parisotto, and Jim Tippet.

FLAG SALUTE: John Zingg led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Approval of Minutes – September 26, 2013

Mrs. Keebler moved the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

1. Issue of Board and Administrator
2. Freeman 2020 Strategic Plan at a Glance

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Middle School Principal Ben Ferney reported on math placement in the middle school. Students can test at the end of sixth grade to see if they qualify for seventh or eighth grade math. The first dance is November 1, and staff is looking at ways to include the sixth grade more into middle school activities. There are games or movies for students who don't want to participate in the dance.

Principal Intern Ann Romey reported the fundraiser raised \$29,500, forty percent of which stays at the school for the preschool playground and the greenhouse. Mrs. Romey reported goal meetings with all staff are complete. Profile meetings will begin in late October.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported WIAA classifications are being reviewed, and "our numbers put us in the bottom 12 of 1A." Students are collecting Toys for Tots for

U-High. He met with seniors about their culminating projects. Senior Kian Genteman will be featured as a “KXLY Shining Star.” Freeman will host the regional wrestling tournament.

High School Principal Jim Straw reported students have planned Homecoming activities including a Texas football game, Wednesday night macho volleyball, and assemblies leading up to the Chewelah football game on Friday night. Mr. Straw reported teacher goal meetings are going well. The district is reviewing college concurrent enrollment or Running Start in the High School. The new Smarter Balanced Test will be piloted; ninth grade students will take English and 11th grade students will take math in the spring.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND

ASSESSMENT: Dr. Russell reported a state bill passed that requires students in grades 7-12 receive a total of 1080 hours of instruction in 2014-2015, up from 1000 hours. A conversation with the unions has begun since the requirement for K-6 is only 1000 hours, and such a change affects the teachers' work day, transportation and nutrition services.

Dr. Russell reviewed the current high school graduation requirements. Students can take six classes per semester times four years for a total of 24 credits. Freeman requires a total of 24 credits. “Should the district build in a half-credit or one credit cushion?” He stated data on course completion will be reviewed for each year of the 2013 graduating class. Graduation requirements will be on the Board work study agenda. Dr. Russell shared the walkthrough card, a form used to ask reflective questions of teachers during observations.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT: Dr. Russell reported no one has parked on Jackson Road during football games. School safety for students and staff continues to be a priority. The Washington State Patrol and Spokane County Sheriff officers can access the school's wifi zone for reporting or to access emergency response plans.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY: Dr. Russell reported the upcoming veterans assembly will be noted in the Valleyford Clarion. A breakfast and an all-school assembly are scheduled for November 8.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY – ENROLLMENT: Dr. Russell reported final documents are being prepared by the attorney to conclude the settlement between HP and Walker Construction. October enrollment has increased to 851.94 FTE.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Dr. Russell reported legislators have been invited to visit the district, and three trips are planned to Olympia. Mr. Fuchs toured WSSDA representative through the district.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer noted the next school board meeting is Wednesday, October 30.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Classified: Richard Berg, bus driver

Extracurricular: James Reynolds, high school asst cross country coach
Garold Steed, Math is Cool coach, grades 4-8

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair