

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
October 30, 2014

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 John Zingg. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Travis Campbell, Ed Cashmere, Neil Fuchs, Annie Keebler, John Zingg, Randy Russell and Jamie Weingart.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Marci McGill, Everett Combs, Jody Sweeney, Kirk Lally, Todd Reed, and Paula Watkins.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: No additions to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – October 9, 2014

Void & Reissue – Old #106651&106734

\$ -670.48

New #106795 &106796

\$ 670.48

3rd Quarter Comp Tax

\$ 799.72

General Fund AP #106797-106910

\$186,324.64

Capital Projects Fund AP #106911

\$ 505.91

ASB Fund AP #106912-106935

\$ 21,508.95

Benefit Trust Fund AP #106936-106937

\$ 6,704.01

October Payroll

\$592,589.70

Treasurer's Statement/Budget Status

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

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

- Little Cottonwood Creek Project Plan Agreement
- An article from the Spokesman Review that contained a featured recipe from Nancy Hawley
- The October version of Board & Administrator

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Jody Sweeney, Special Education Director, reported that the beginning of the year has been very busy with referrals for testing. As part of the referral process each student is tested which takes 4-6 hours per child and helps to determine what needs the student has and whether they qualify for special education. Approximately 125 students are currently enrolled that qualify for special education funding which is an increase from last year. The trend that is appearing across schools in our area is that the numbers of students enrolled in special education are not only increasing, but the individual needs of each of these students are also increasing. The

increase in these needs results in increased costs to the district and adds pressure on the districts staff to provide for these higher needs students.

Marci McGill, Nutrition Services Director, shared a breakdown of nutrition services productivity report. This report breaks down meals served, cost per meal, average labor cost and average cost per meal. She created this report to be able to evaluate the program on a monthly basis and plans to share it with the board each month.

Todd Reed, Technology Director, shared a few pictures from the new security cameras installed in the parking lots and buildings as well as pictures showing the ability to view traffic on Jackson Road. School Messenger is fully operational now and is automatically making negative balance calls and absence calls to parents. Todd reported he has also been working with teachers to make sure that they are implementing the typing programs to help students to prepare for the smarter balance testing, which contains a typing component. Todd then shared he thought the next security project will be to work on door security and locks.

Everett Combs, Operations Manager, reported that the first ridership report has been submitted from transportation and overall we are up about 50 kids in ridership from last school year. This will help funding for transportation as the new funding formula is based upon how many kids are riding buses.

Kirk Lally, Facilities Director, reported that he and his crew have been working on winterizing the grounds. He then shared his new hires have been great additions to the team; however, he is down two custodians due to injuries and so his team is a bit thin right now and they are doing their best to get everything done.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

Dr. Russell reported the November character trait is Citizenship. He also shared the Veterans breakfast and assembly is on November 7th, it will be a district wide assembly and the entire community is invited to the assembly.

Dr. Russell shared that the additional professional development this year has been very beneficial and as a result of this professional development some great breakthroughs are taking place in the classroom. He shared an example of a rubric and assessment that started being used for social studies grades 7-12 and is now being used in other middle school classes and even into some fourth grade classrooms. This is making students more responsible for their learning and creating continuity across the district as teachers take on the leadership roles and share their ideas with their peers.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT:

Dr. Russell gave an update on the reports that the District received from the risk manager at ESD101 and from Canfield Insurance Agency in regards to the safety of our tennis courts and football bleachers. He shared that a contractor came today to look at the tennis courts and bleachers to give an estimate on costs and another contractor will be out tomorrow to look at the courts to be able to give an estimate on what the cost of the project will be. The Board then had a discussion about what the future of these projects might look like and what some options would be for both projects along with some possible timelines for fixing these safety hazards.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Director of Fiscal/Admin Services, Jamie Weingart reviewed the ending cash balances.

Dr. Russell shared the latest version of the levy fact sheet with the Board.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the In Lieu of Transportation Agreement as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Dwayne Brecto – Substitute Teacher
Clarence Scott – Substitute Teacher

Classified: Sherri Coumont – Substitute Nutrition Services/Secretarial
Jill Morphy – Substitute Para-Educator

Extracurricular: Leslie Malloy – Resignation – MS Volleyball Coach
Megan McIntyre – Resignation – HS JV Girls Basketball Coach
Amber Walkowiak – MS Assistant Volleyball Coach
Greg Mitchell – MS Assistant Wrestling Coach
Mallorie Franco – HS JV Girls Basketball Coach

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair