

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
October 30, 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: Neil Fuchs, Annie Keebler, Randy Primmer, John Zingg, Randy Russell and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Chad Goldsmith.

GUESTS: Todd Reed, Debbie Morphy, Kirk Lally, Jody Sweeney, Raeann Ducar, Ed Cashmere, Charlotte Trejbal, Everett Combs, Kathleen Rokus, Joe Rokus, Katrina VanVoorhis, Hunter Beaulaurier, Odie Landoe, Rachel Underwood, Colin Ayers, and Sarah King.

FLAG SALUTE: Kirk Lally led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Primmer added a surplus property item under new business.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2013

General Fund AP #104733-104845	\$232,183.98
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Capital Projects Fund AP #104846-104848	\$4,573.49
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ASB Fund AP #104507-104849-104870	\$20,174.44
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Benefit Trust Fund AP #104871-104872	\$14,132.07
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Transportation Vehicle Fund AP #104873	\$65,196.18
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October Payroll	\$585,153.59
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Treasurer's Statement

Mr. Fuchs 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:

- Evergreen Rural water fee increase letter
- SIRS Digital Learning report

REPORTS

WRITTEN BUILDING REPORTS: The Board was given a written middle school building report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Technology Director Todd Reed reported teachers are excited about a new elementary typing program. Teachers can share documents such as goals, targets, and rubrics in a new document sharing program called Synergy. He is wrapping up the security camera project at the elementary school.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported the air stripper is running well—the first test indicated no carbon tetrachloride remains in the water. An auto dialer has been installed that notifies him via text or e-mail if it is not running correctly. A drainage ditch has been installed on the lower field to improve water issues.

Assistant Transportation Supervisor Everett Combs displayed the new bus with a wheelchair lift. The old bus will be kept as a spare. He found a used pickup which will be outfitted with a plow, and the 1985 pickup will be declared as surplus.

Special Education Director Jody Sweeney reported enrollment is at 120 students, which is higher than in the past few years. November 1 is the official count date for calculating federal funds. Mrs. Keebler asked if the higher enrollment is manageable. “This is the first time in three years it has been more manageable. The extra staffing has really paid off. Our special education team can be educational leaders with the rest of the staff,” Mrs. Sweeney stated.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported Chris Majors of the Spokane County Regional Waste System spoke to students on how to reduce the amount of garbage created. She emphasized reusable trays and silverware. The milk pouches used at K-8 also reduce waste. Last week was Fourth Grade Fear Factor where students are encouraged to try unusual foods such as blue potatoes. Next is a “Think Your Drink” project with the seventh grade health classes. Mrs. Ducar and the Leadership Class are planning the Veterans breakfast on November 8.

Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported the ridership report is due tomorrow. OSPI now uses spring, fall and winter reports to calculate transportation funding.

BOARD RECOGNITION: Art Teacher Ken Spiering introduced students who showed their projects to the Board including mirror etching, still life drawings, and acrylic paintings. “These are the Honor Society of the art world,” Mr. Spiering stated of Katrina VanVoorhis, Joe Rokus, Hunter Beaulaurier, Odie Landoe, Rachel Underwood, Colin Ayers, and Sarah King. “It is great to see so many talented students under Ken’s direction,” Dr. Russell stated.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND

ASSESSMENT: Dr. Russell reviewed today’s professional development session with the Board: using multiple student data elements to modify student learning and designing instruction aligned with assessment. A team of teachers and administrators attended Teacher Principal Evaluation Project training today at the ESD.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY: Dr. Russell reported work continues on a marketing plan. Branding, marketing, the logo and mascot have been discussed with members of the PTSG, Booster Club, parents, and students.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Dr. Russell reported Legislative representatives Susan Fagan and Ross Hunter recently visited Freeman. He and Mr. Zingg will go to Olympia, and he will be part of the GSI legislative visit. The focus will be on funding education fully, kindergarten expansion, and a cost of living adjustment. Mr. Zingg reported on his WSSDA legislative committee meeting where the focus is creating a sustained and identifiable source of funding for schools, however, the group is opposed to a new tax.

Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis shared the cash flow. Expenses were under budget in September but over budget in October. Enrollment continues to be strong.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY: Dr. Russell requested the 1985 Ford F250 pickup with plow be declared as surplus. Mrs. Keebler moved the Board approve the surplus as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR FIRST READING: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of the following series of policies:

- Policy 1400 – Board of Directors
- Policy 2151 – Instruction
- Policy 3210 – Students
- Policy 4310 – Community Relations
- Policy 5240 – Personnel
- Policy 6030 – Management Support

After discussion, Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the policies for first reading. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Dr. Russell reported Policy 1310 states that public input can be given on policies prior to the second reading and adoption.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer reminded members the Veterans program is November 8 and the next Board meeting is November 26.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Timothy Odeen, substitute teacher
Barb Gady, FHS special education team (.2 position every Friday)

Extracurricular: Pia Longinotti, resignation 7th grade Asst Volleyball Coach,
Hire as 7th grade Head Girls Basketball coach

Jessica McWilliams – 7th grade Asst Volleyball Coach

Barb LaShaw – HS Asst Cheer Advisor

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board determined an executive session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair