

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
DECEMBER 8, 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, John Zingg, Travis Campbell, Ed Cashmere, Randy Russell and Jamie Weingart.

GUESTS: Ben Ferney, Debbie Morphy, Marci McGill, Brian Parisotto, Kirk Lally, Jody Sweeney, Harry Amend, Char Trejbal, Todd Reed, Jo Kennedy, Scott Kennedy, Jaden Kennedy, Lexie Kennedy, Ethan Stewart, Lane Stewart, Brooke Berglund, Emily Ofenloch, Lisa Paternoster, Phillip Posso, Olivia Posso, Joslyn LaShaw, Ian Baker, Jenn Baumgartner, Garrett Baumgartner, Jayden Lentz, Roman Cofone, Michael McCormick, Kelson Wegiel, Kristal Berglund, Lisa Ofenloch, Heidi Paso, Lacassa Lentz, Jennafer LaShaw, Marty Primmer, Brian Stewart, Karrie Stewart, Chris Thomas, Joe McCormick, Barbara Berg, Marty Primmer, Lois Green and Jenni Paternoster.

FLAG SALUTE: The Freeman Robotics team led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Updated personnel report and the Spanish 3 trip will be presented at a later date.

CONSENT AGENDA:

November 22, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes	
General Fund AP – not to exceed	\$ 200,000.00
ASB Fund AP – not to exceed	\$ 50,000.00
Benefit Trust Fund AP – not to exceed	\$ 35,000.00
December Payroll – not to exceed	\$ 700,000.00

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

BOARD REORGANIZATION:

Mrs. Keebler called for nominations for Chairperson. Mr. Campbell nominated Mrs. Keebler as Chairperson. Mr. Fuchs seconded the nomination, and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Keebler called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Fuchs nominated Mr. Campbell as Vice-Chair. Mr. Cashmere seconded the nomination, and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Keebler called for nominations for WIAA Representative. Mr. Campbell nominated Mr. Cashmere as WIAA Representative. Mr. Zingg seconded the nomination, and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Keebler called for nominations for Legislative Representative. Mr. Fuchs nominated Mr. Zingg as Legislative Representative. Mr. Cashmere seconded the nomination, and it passed unanimously.

BOARD RECOGNITION:

Dr. Russell introduced the Freeman School District Robotics Team led by Barbara Berg and Jo Kennedy. Barbara thanked the board for having them tonight and she shared some information about other robotics programs that are free for the district to look at. The number one goal of the robotics program is to bring students together as a team and have them work together across multiple age groups and overcome the problems related to the theme each year. Animals and Allies was the theme this year and each team has to come up with a problem and how to solve it related to the theme, in addition to performing missions on the table. The "Taming Turtle's" team presented their oral presentation about their idea on how to save sea turtles from ship nets. Two robotics teams then demonstrated their table missions with the robots they had programmed. In competition each team is given two and half minutes to complete as many missions as possible on the table. Once a robot leaves home base, the students cannot touch it until it returns to base. For each mission accomplished, points are awarded based upon the difficulty of the task. These robotics teams will be competing on Saturday after working on their presentations and programming since the start of school. At the competition they will be up against forty-three other teams from our region. Barbara shared we run a very inexpensive program for the students by applying for grants and scholarships and the generous donations from Crystalfontz each and every year.

Mr. Fuchs moved the board give the \$1,000 to the robotics program, Mr. Cashmere seconded, the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

- Valleyford Community Church Letter
- Most recent edition of The Board and Administrator

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS:

Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal, shared today was the last observation of the first round and midyear goal meetings start next week. STAR is being utilized across the Middle school and everyone is learning about the program and it is going really well. The winter activity and dance will be the last day of school before break. The para schedule and supervision is running really smoothly and we have some great new additions this year. In ASB they are looking at getting new volleyball standards and enrollment is holding steady this year.

Brian Parisotto, Assistant High School Principal\Athletic Director, shared full period observations are completed and as a staff they are working on wait time strategizes and researched based strategies with positive learning stress. Cold weather procedures are in place and so far everything is keeping warm. Enrollment is holding steady, have had some shuffling of students in and out this year, however, overall we are steady.

Brian then reported on behalf of the Elementary School, all is running smoothly and the Pace awards assembly will take place tomorrow.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Jody Sweeney, Special Education Director, reported the initial conference call for the special education audit was held on December 6th and the auditors shared important dates and protocol for the audit. On December 15th, the final enrollment reports are reconciled from November enrollment counts which is used by OSPI for funding and reporting. On December 16th, Jody will provide names and addresses of all special education families to OPSI for the audit, so questionnaires can be sent out to our families as part of the audit process. On January 6th, we will get a listing of 10 students whose files will be reviewed and the list of documents they want to see for each file. We then have until January 27th to return the files, as we are part of a desk audit all documentation is passed back and forth through a secure email system. Our audit window is February 13th – 24th, 2017 and will include interviews with staff including Jody, teachers and paras. Jody then shared information about the consistency index, which is an online compliance tool that she was part of the pilot for and is very comfortable with. Jody shared we have a returning student to our district and we have some transportation to work out.

Marci McGill, Nutrition Services Director, shared everything has been smooth sailing and her team is working very well together. Marci has two dietetic interns this winter through WSU's graduate program who will help with some nutrition education.

Kirk Lally, Facilities Director, shared they are working to keep buildings warm and everything from freezing in this cold snap. CH2M, who is drilling company working on the water quality testing at the grain facilities, would like to begin drilling on school district grounds over break to continue testing the water to determine the extent of the water contamination. The mowers were just serviced and put away for winter, the mowers are in good shape and as long as we keep maintaining them and can get parts they are good to go.

Char Trejbal, Transportation Director, shared it has been a very busy month so far. Starting Monday we will be transporting a student to and from Eagle Peak. This week we began transporting a McKinney Vento student to McDonald Elementary School in the mornings. Midday we are transporting a fifth year senior from her job back to school. All of these pieces have kept scheduling very interesting. In addition, we have a bus that the liner went out that is not cost effective to fix so we will be going through our surplus process with it. We are watching the price of fuel and could be looking at purchasing a tanker of fuel in January to put in our storage tank.

Todd Reed, Technology Director, shared the final pieces of this 2016-2019 technology plan are complete. The final step was installing wireless access points across the district to increase the speed of the coverage, which should now be even better. In addition, the district app is now able to use the same login credentials as skyward, so parents will have a single login.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

Lisa Phelan, has been selected as one of 16 elementary principals from across Washington to provide leadership to AWSP around student achievement. This is a huge honor for Lisa and for Freeman.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY:

The "Golden Garment" spirit game is Friday December 16th against Lakeside at the high school.

On Tuesday December 20th the district holiday reception will be held at the transportation cooperative and all board members are welcome to join.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell reviewed December enrollment.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mr. Zingg thanked the district and especially his fellow board members for their support.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE 5011 – 2nd READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the Board Policy and Procedure No. 5011 – Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited, as presented. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve the Surplus Property listing, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY No. 3210 – 1st READING:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve the Board Policy No. 3210 – Nondiscrimination, first reading, as presented, discussion about the language change ensued. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE 4217 – 1st READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the Board Policy and Procedure No. 4217 – Effective Communication, as presented. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL:

Certified: Joseph Lawrence – Substitute Teacher

Classified: Cindy Burnette – Substitute Para Educator

Extracurricular: Austin Stannard – HS Overflow Coach

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approval the personnel action as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair