

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
DECEMBER 10, 2015

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, Ed Cashmere, Travis Campbell, Randy Russell and Jamie Weingart.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Jody Sweeney, Todd Reed, Jim Straw, Ben Ferney, Brian Parisotto, Everett Combs, Char Trejbal, Kirk Lally, Barbara Berg, Conner Rorie, Andy Rorie, Garrett Baumgartner, Addyson Putz, Joceyln LaShaw and Jayden Lentz.

FLAG SALUTE: Jody Sweeney led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: No additions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

November 24, 2015 Board Minutes	
General Fund AP – not to exceed	\$ 200,000
Capital Projects AP – not to exceed	\$ 5,000
ASB Fund AP – not to exceed	\$ 50,000
Transportation Fund AP – not to exceed	\$ 7,000
Benefit Trust Fund AP – not to exceed	\$ 35,000
December Payroll – not to exceed	\$ 650,000

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

CERTIFICATION OF BOARD MEMBER RELECTION:

Dr. Russell shared the certification of the election results have been received. Each re-elected Board member will sign their oath of office that was given at the last meeting.

BOARD REORGANIZATION:

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

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

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

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

BOARD RECOGNITION:

Barbara Berg introduced herself and shared she is the leader of the First Lego League (FLL) Robotics team at Freeman. As part of the robotics project/competition, the teams of students take on a world problem and work to come up with a solution. This year's problem posed to the students is trash. When the teams go to complete, there are four portions to the completion. One of the Freeman teams, the Terminator Monkeys were in attendance and provided a demonstration of the skit and the table work that will be part of their first competition, this Saturday.

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

- Spokesman Review with article about Freeman Kids and the Christmas Bureau
- Latest copy of the Board and Administrator

## REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS:

Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal, shared all but one observation has been completed. Walkthroughs are very solid and he shared examples of ELA curriculum that is being created and the rubrics being used. The Middle School had a staff meeting with Jody and the special education team about roles in an IEP meeting and what each staff member's role is in the process. A lockdown drill was done on the 4<sup>th</sup> and everything in the Middle School was locked down and checked in 4 minutes. The winter dance\activity is on the 18<sup>th</sup> and students with a D or F will be in study table during that time. Volleyball and wrestling are ending and Brian did a great job rescheduling games after the windstorm when other schools were closed and games were cancelled. Ben attended a student records seminar with Lisa Brock and learned a lot about the legal side of student information. The ASB had a competition with the food drive and enrollment is holding steady.

Jim Straw, High School Principal, shared the High School Profile for Class of 2015 document that Laura Hamma puts together each year. Some of the highlights included, the graduation rate from last year was 100% and the average for Freeman is 98.4%. Over 80% of students were planning on post-secondary schooling. Jim then went through some other information from the class of 2015 including college admission test scores, PSAT scores, AP classes and SBAC scores. Overall Freeman students score better than the state and national averages.

Brian Parisotto, High School Assistant Principal\Athletic Director, shared the preliminary league numbers came out and the final information will be available in January. Depending on the final figures, the league schedules will be set for the next four years and could affect playoffs. We are having a unified bowling league once again and this year is expanding to include practice rounds. Middle school volleyball and wrestling are done and tonight is the first high school wrestling match.

Jody Sweeney reported on behalf of Lisa Phelan, Elementary Principal. Jody shared Lisa has been enjoying time in the classroom with observations and walkthroughs. As the holidays draw near there are some behavior issues that must be dealt with, however, it is a good reminder that school is a solid, safe place for kids and an important part of their schedule. One neat item to share is something Sharron Aune-Ruland has been doing with her class. She has a board outside her classroom for all the kids to write a daily goal and something that that the teacher is proud of them for on a sticky note. When the tree of sharing was setup, the staff took all the names of families in need, so now PTSG has asked teachers to fill out a pencil tag of wishes for their classroom.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Jody Sweeney, Special Education Director, shared she is excited for unified bowling league since the kids really enjoyed it the first year. She plans to do staff meetings with the elementary and high school similar to the meeting she had at the middle school to talk about the IEP meeting process and what each staff members role is in that process.

Everett Combs, shared on a sports trip to Kellogg one bus broke down, and it was determined there was coolant in the oil. This is the same issue we have seen with one of our other buses and many districts have seen this issue with this particular year and model. The bus is off the depreciation schedule and the cost to fix it is more than the bus is worth, so it is included on the approval to surplus list. Everett shared he and Char have talked with Harlows and found that we can purchase a used bus for about \$3,000 to get us through the rest of the year and then trade it in when we buy a new bus.

Char Trejbal, shared we have switched fuel distributors in the past year due to pricing. Overall we have seen significant savings in fuel purchases and the latest quote was \$1.79 so we may be looking at buying additional fuel which will get us through the rest of the school year.

Kirk Lally, shared everything is running well in maintenance. The winter has been mild thus far making for an easier time keeping up on annual maintenance items. The sander did have to be brought in for some repair to ensure that it is ready for winter.

Todd Reed, Technology Director, shared he has been working on the technology plan and will be doing some clean up over the holidays while the staff is on break.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell reviewed enrollment numbers.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

## NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board declare as surplus the following school buses. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- 2002 Bluebird 65 passenger School Bus on an International Chassis with approximately 123,000 miles. DT466 that has coolant in the oil
- 2001 Bluebird Conventional School Bus on an International Chassis with approximately 120,000 miles. DT466 with coolant in oil.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL:

Certified:                    John Bruno – High School Social Studies Long-term Substitute Teacher  
                                      Renee Honn – K-12 Music Long-Term Substitute Teacher

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m. with no further action.

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Board Chair