

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
February 27, 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: Neil Fuchs, Annie Keebler, Randy Primmer, John Zingg, Randy Russell, and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Ed Cashmere.

GUESTS: Todd Reed, Debbie Morphy, Ben Ferney, Kirk Lally, Everett Combs, Lisa Phelan, Char Trejbal, Annie Henson, Nathan Garner, and Raeann Ducar.

FLAG SALUTE: Annie Henson led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – January 30, 2014

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| General Fund AP #105487-105569 | \$124,016.95 |
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| ASB Fund AP #105570-105593 | \$17,995.10 |
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| Benefit Trust Fund AP #105594-105595 | \$9,151.63 |
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| February Payroll | \$586,530.50 |
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| Treasurer's Statement | |
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Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

- Audit resolution letter from OSPI further reducing the ALE finding to \$12,796
- Invitation to a March 13 ceremony from the Coeur D'Alene Tribe where they will donate \$1500 to the school district
- Letter from the EPA stating they will test more water samples in April
- Monthly Board and Administrator
- Invitation to the Spring Senior Social on March 18 for grandparents or retired community members

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported 42 students received character trait awards at the assembly today. A chocolate bunny fundraiser is planned for a new preschool/kindergarten playground. Staff is gearing up for state testing, Mrs. Phelan reported.

Middle School Principal Ben Ferney reported staff is focused on new criterion for TPEP and has done an incredible job. “They are spending a lot of time with Common Core and state standards.” Algebra teachers are doing interventions for students who fall behind. The sixth grade Math is Cool team is competing in masters.

Dr. Russell reported Mr. Straw and Mr. Parisotto are at high school parent night. A new edition of the Bagpiper will be available soon. The wrestling team won the league and regionals, and finished fifth in state. The team also received an academic award. The high school camera security system caught a car prowler.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported “We have had interesting days due to snow.” Routes are altered and parents are notified through the instant alert system.

Assistant Transportation Supervisor Everett Combs reported the Washington State Patrol chose to do a surprise bus inspection on a very cold day, however, all went well. Staff has been checking roads at 3:00 a.m. during the recent inclement weather.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported a high school boiler has leaked, and a factory representative has been asked to look at it.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported recent collegiate placement testing went well. He is preparing for the on-line Smarter Balance testing. The E-Rate application form 470 has been completed for internet and phone service. Music teacher Carol Wichmann has 30 laptops in her classroom which students use music software to compose and edit music.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported students celebrated “beach day” in the lunchroom today. Next week is breakfast week, and the middle school drama class prepared a skit to promote it. The surprise health inspection went well—there were no violations at either cafeteria.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT: Dr. Russell reported how challenging TPEP work has been for teachers. A proposal in the Legislature aims to tie student achievement data to a teacher’s evaluation, which could make things even more difficult. “There are 1,300 bill proposals for education alone in this short legislative session.” Dr. Russell demonstrated the Smarter Balance Assessment website. Freeman students will take the field test this year.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY: Dr. Russell stated he and Annie Henson met with the marketing and communications staff at Gonzaga University. Mrs. Henson reported on activities to increase communication and look at rebranding, “under one header of the Scotties: Little Scotties P-5; Scotties 6-12.” She will contact a graphic design student intern to help create a new identity package and

logo. “The goal is to move forward but remember the history of the Raiders,” she stated. Dr. Russell said feedback will be sought from various groups regarding the change.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Dr. Russell reviewed February enrollment of 842.10, with an annual average of 848.50 FTE. Director of Fiscal/Administrative services reviewed the district’s cash flow which continues to be positive.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCEPT FACILITY REPORT: Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported that since the district received state matching funds, an annual report on the condition of the buildings is required by OSPI. He rated the condition of the buildings as “excellent”. Mr. Primmer moved the Board accept the facility report as presented. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE WEB STORE: Mrs. Davis requested approval of a web store, where families can pay high school fees or purchase items on line using credit or debit cards. The web store is through the district’s ASB software which does not integrate with Skyward. Families can continue to pay for items as they have in the past—this is simply another method for payment. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the web store as presented. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WEEK: Dr. Russell read the Governor’s Proclamation for Classified Employee Week. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve March 10 – 14 as Classified School Employee Week. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: James Phinney, Resignation – MS Health/Fitness Teacher
Alisa Lind – substitute teacher

Classified: Jan Davis, Retirement – Dir. Fiscal/Admin Services
Chris Kosty, Leave of Absence - Para-Educator
James Marratt, Resignation – HS Custodian

Extracurricular: Cameron Moore, Resignation – HS JV Girls’ Softball Coach

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into executive session at 7:31 p.m. for the purpose set forth in RCW 42.30.110, specifically the following: to evaluate a public employee, such session estimated to be approximately 90 minutes in length. No action is anticipated after the session. The Board returned to open session at 9:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair