

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
September 12, 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, Randy Russell, and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Chad Goldsmith and John Zingg.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Brian Parisotto, Annie Henson, Ben Ferney, Lisa Phelan, Jim Straw, and Bob Forman.

FLAG SALUTE: Randy Primmer led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Minutes – August 22, 2013

Mrs. Keebler 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:
--invitation from InvestED
--letter from the Spokane Guild School regarding the upcoming penny drive
--issue of Board and Administrator
--Copy of Five Levels of Leadership

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported the first professional development day will focus on the new math curriculum. The annual fundraiser will begin soon with cookie dough and wrapping paper sales that will benefit the playground, assemblies, play day, and sports activities. Elementary students will submit entries to the Rockford Fair.

Middle School Principal Ben Ferney reported the opening of school went great, and students are working through the new traffic pattern. The first lockdown and fire drills have been completed. Staff is considering switching grading from term to semester in grades 6-8 which would allow more flexibility.

High School Principal Jim Straw reported there are two foreign exchange students in attendance this year. The counselor intern gave a new student orientation. Two students have qualified as National Merit Scholar semi-finalists. There is a mixer after the Pullman football game.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported 200 students attended club meetings, and there are about 170 participating in fall sports. Homecoming is October 18.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND

ASSESSMENT: Dr. Russell reported staff was asked these questions at the inservice: "How will each staff member of the Freeman School District work collaboratively as a vertical P-12 system to improve teaching and learning for every student? What is your role in helping improve our entire school district?" Two themes came from these questions: the need to work together as a team and "I need to take more responsibility for my role." The focus this month is on learning goals and learning targets, he stated. "The other part is data analysis—how data can assist principals in making sure kids and teachers are in the right spot."

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT: Dr. Russell reported the Spokane County Sheriff will help fund our resource officer again this year.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY: Dr. Russell stated a draft plan for communications, marketing, and connecting with businesses is being prepared. There will be an exhibit at the Rockford Fair, and the website continues to be upgraded.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Dr. Russell reported the District has signed a lawsuit settlement agreement with HP and Walker Construction. The air stripper is running well. All water in the storage tanks has been run through the system and is free of carbon tetrachloride. Heat tape is being placed on the downspouts above the entries of the middle school to protect the block in winter. Once projects are complete, the balance in capital projects fund will be reviewed.

ENROLLMENT: Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services reported the first enrollment of the year is over budget at 840.74 FTE.

2013-2014 BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT GOALS DISCUSSION: Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the 2013-2014 Board/Superintendent goals as presented. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVE HEALTH POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR SECOND READING: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of the series of health policies 3410, 3411,

3413, 3414, 3415, 3416, and 3418. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board adopt the policies for final reading. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY: Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the surplus property list as presented. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer stated the Spokane County Directors meeting is on October 10, the same day as the Freeman Board meeting. It was decided one Freeman Board member will attend the county meeting to represent Freeman.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Hire substitute teachers: Gena Hawk
Valerie Howie
Jennifer Jackson

Classified: Jamie Holt, resignation of 1.5 hours Early Learning Center
Hire LaDonna Kelley, Child Nutritionist I

Extracurricular: Resignation--Megan McIntyre, HS Girls JV Basketball Coach

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair