

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
March 13, 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 Vice-Chair Annie Keebler. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Cashmere, Neil Fuchs, Annie Keebler, Randy Primmer, Randy Russell and Jan Davis. Excused absence: John Zingg.

GUESTS: Brian Parisotto, Debbie Morphy, Ben Ferney, Ann Romey, Annie Henson and Matthew Henson.

FLAG SALUTE: Ben Ferney led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Dr. Russell added a personnel addendum.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2014

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Dr. Russell shared the following correspondence:

- Brochure from the Coeur D'Alene Tribe, who recently gave a donation to the district
- Letter from former employee James Marratt
- Issue of Board and Administrator

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Principal Intern Ann Romey reported on elementary activities, including Math is Cool competing at Masters, the fourth/fifth grade science fair, and upcoming conferences.

Middle School Principal Ben Ferney reported on upcoming conferences, the middle school science fair, and sports activities. "Jessica McWilliams started a Bloomsday training club, and 30 students signed up."

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported on state testing, senior project presentations, the alumni tournament, and FBLA activities. Music students saw great success at the recent Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. The Freeman wrestling team members are WIAA

academic state champions with the highest GPA in the state. The football team was awarded “junior male team of the year.” Freeman has two national merit scholar finalists.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND

ASSESSMENT: Dr. Russell reported there are two initiatives the district is focused on: TPEP and Common Core. The most recent late start focused on how teachers perceive the TPEP process is going. Mr. Fuchs asked whether the Legislature will tie test scores to teacher evaluation. Dr. Russell stated the Legislature will decide that issue so there could be a change in evaluation next fall.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT: Dr. Russell reported a new set of cameras will be tested at the north parking lot and the elementary. The security camera project should be complete by spring. Exterior doors and lockers at the middle school are the next concern, he stated.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY: Dr. Russell and Annie Henson reported conversations continue about branding, marketing, communications and logos. “The goal is to have one logo, one mascot, and stay true to traditional school colors. There is overwhelming support to move to Scotties for the entire district,” he stated.

Dr. Russell reported a second phase is underway at the Spokane Valley Tech skill center, and the goal is to have 175 students enrolled by next fall.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Dr. Russell reviewed the March enrollment report with 843.73 FTE and an annual average of 847.82.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

OTHER INFORMATION: Future Board meetings are March 27 and April 29. The April meeting will be held in Rockford.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Mike Thacker – Resignation
Christy Longhofer – Long-term Substitute
Fawn Carl – Substitute Teacher
Lisa Chan – Substitute Teacher

Classified: Joe Bowen – High School Night Custodian

Extracurricular: Kim Nelson – HS JV Softball Coach

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into executive session at 6:43 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 30 minutes in length. No action is anticipated after the executive session. The Board returned to open session at 7:19 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair