

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

GUESTS: Todd Reed, Debbie Morphy, Raeann Ducar, Everett Combs, Kirk Lally, Jody Sweeney, Charlotte Trejbal, Nate Garner, and Travis Campbell.

FLAG SALUTE: Raeann Ducar led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Dr. Russell added an addendum to personnel action.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2014

General Fund AP #105664-105739	\$94,594.09
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ASB Fund AP #105740-105769	\$14,820.32
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Benefit Trust Fund AP #105770-105771	\$16,467.70
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Compensating Tax	\$68.17
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March Payroll	\$615,175.81
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Treasurer's Statement

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

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

- Letter from the Network for Excellence in Washington Schools
- WSSDA request for proposals for the 2014 legislative assembly
- Letter from Representative Joe Schmick regarding efforts to place a student in a special program
- Letter from Lincoln Financial Group regarding a long-term disability claim
- Thank you note from Pat Lyons
- Spokesman-Review article about Bill Bell receiving combat medals
- Current article recognizing senior night for the Lady Scotties and students participating in the Presidential Wax Museum

## REPORTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Special Education Director Jody Sweeney reported enrollment is holding steady with 115 students. She gave the Board a handout on Autism and Asperger Syndrome. The district must find all kids that qualify for early intervention, she stated.

Assistant Transportation Supervisor Everett Combs shared results from the recent Spokane Regional Health District inspection which focused on labs and playgrounds. Issues found in the inspection are being addressed. He reported the fuel trailer is no longer road worthy but can be used for fuel storage.

Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported the McKinney-Vento Act entitles students who are homeless to remain in their home school. Freeman transported one homeless student to East Valley School District for a time, and now two students living in Valleyford will be transported to Central Valley School District.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported on the success of the recent senior citizen social. The Wellness Committee is preparing guidelines for healthy snacks in school, classroom parties, and continuous improvement in the meal program. Feedback will be sought from students, she stated.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported a heat exchanger leaked and is being inspected for warranty. There was a leak in the ceiling caused by a gasket, and insurance may cover up to 80 percent of the repair cost. He is exploring seasonal summer help.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported the first Smarter Balance on-line testing went well. He demonstrated an on-line survey through Survey Monkey to be released during conferences as part of the communications and marketing plan.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – CURRICIULUM, INSTRUCTION AND

ASSESSMENT: Dr. Russell reported applicants appear strong for teaching openings in math, social studies and special education. He stated WSSDA is looking for presenters for the fall conference in Spokane.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY: Dr. Russell reported there is excitement with the communications and marketing plan. "We had a great conversation with high school ASB students regarding the logo, mascot and uniform colors."

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Dr. Russell reported the District's permit requires a report to the Dept. of Ecology by July 1 regarding discharge into Little Cottonwood Creek. A feasibility study is estimated to cost \$18,000, hopefully paid for by a grant. Mr. Primmer suggested contacting the Natural Resource Conservation Service for grant possibilities.

Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reviewed the cash flow projection. She reported Valley School District has agreed to reimburse Freeman for their share of the ALE audit finding, \$11,772. The audit of the 2012-2013 school year will begin next week.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Deborah Zingg gave the Board information on EconTalk.org, voted best podcast in 2008.

OTHER INFORMATION: The next Board meeting is April 29 at the Rockford Town Hall.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Nicki Moberg, resignation – Special Ed Teacher  
Jessica McWilliams, hire – MS Health/Fitness

Classified: Lisa Vargas, substitute Nutrition Services/Secretarial

Extracurricular: Michael Hays, resignation – MS Asst Track Coach  
Michael Hays, hire – HS Overflow Track Coach  
Justin Altmeyer, hire - HS Overflow Baseball Coach  
Andie Olson, hire – HS Overflow Tennis Co-Coach  
Brian Lee, hire – HS Overflow Tennis Co-Coach

Mrs. Keebler 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 7:47 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 session. The Board returned to open session at 8:21p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. with no further action.

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Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair