

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
May 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, John Zingg, Randy Russell and Jan Davis.

GUESTS: Todd Reed, Debbie Morphy, Raeann Ducar, Pia Longinotti, Jamie Weingart, Everett Combs, Charlotte Trejbal, Jane Brune, Judy Bickler, Travis Campbell, Annie Henson, Ann Romey, Kirk Lally, Randy Primmer, Gary More, Jerry King, Mary Ellen Wall, Tom Wall, Donna Phipps, Mindee Phipps, Krystal Tippett, Nate Garner, Katelyn Tippett, Jim Tippett, Scott Phipps, Tony Nielsen, Marty Jessett, Sean Gilbert, Tamara Barron and Garold Steed.

FLAG SALUTE: Charlotte Trejbal led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2014	
General Fund AP #106014-106105	\$128,776.72
Capital Projects Fund AP #106106	\$7,296.76
ASB Fund AP #106107-106125	\$18,665.15
Benefit Trust Fund AP #106126-106127	\$5,367.22
May Payroll	\$595,611.77
Treasurer's Statement	

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

OATH OF OFFICE: After an interview Mr. Fuchs moved that Travis Campbell be seated as a new board member, replacing Randy Primmer. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Dr. Russell gave the oath of office to newly appointed Board member Travis Campbell who took his seat at the Board table.

BOARD RECOGNITION: Math Is Cool Coach Garold Steed and volunteer Tamara Barron introduced the fifth and sixth grade Math Is Cool team. The sixth grade team won first place in their division. Team members tested Board members with several math questions.

RETIREEES: The Board honored 2014 retirees: Judy Bickler, Jane Brune, Jan Davis, Jerry King, Gary More, Mike Thacker, and Mary Ellen Wall. Dr. Russell stated, “This esteemed group of retirees has combined experience of 140 years serving the students and parents of Freeman School District.”

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

- Letter from Don and Helen Ebert
- Letter from insurance company regarding settlement of water claim
- Spokane Regional Health inspection report
- Thank you from the FFA Trap team after their successful season
- Thank you from AP Biology students after their trip to the Puget Sound
- Board and Administrator

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Assistant Transportation Supervisor Everett Combs reported the Washington State Patrol will inspect the entire bus fleet and school vehicles on June 11. Emergency plans will be reviewed this summer.

Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported a new bus will be delivered in August. The ESD transportation coordinator will audit the district for “efficiency” which could affect the new funding formula.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported the manufacturer of the failed high school boiler will replace it under warranty. Staff is preparing grounds for graduation.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported online testing has been the focus for the month of May. At any given time, two or three laptop classrooms are operating as well as three to four computer labs. Bandwidth capacity was increased this year, and usage has increased to an average of 12 megabytes each day.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reviewed the need to raise lunch prices in order to meet the federally required “paid meal equity.” After comparing lunch prices to area districts, she will bring a recommendation to the last meeting in June. “We want to create a culture of wellness here with Wellness Committee recommendations and the Junior Store “Smart Snacks” project,” she stated.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND

ASSESSMENT: Dr. Russell reviewed the 2013/2014 Board-Superintendent Goals end-of-year report which addresses all the components of the Freeman 2020 Strategic Plan as well as the WSLA Problem of Practice: “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?”

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY – BRANDING AND MARKETING UPDATE: Annie Henson reported she met with a graphic designer “who will make the Scottie dog more 2014,” as well as create logos and letterhead. The designer, Shelly Crosswhite, will attend the June 12th Board meeting to discuss preliminary plans.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Dr. Russell stated he attended the State Auditor’s exit conference today with Mrs. Davis and Mr. Zingg. The 2012-2013 fiscal and accountability audit concluded with no findings and no recommendations. Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reviewed the cash flow projection, and it remains solid.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Pia Longinotti stated the United States Tennis Association has matching grant funds available for tennis court work, and that she would be happy to work on that. Dr. Russell stated such grants require extensive matching funds.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE HIRING OF STAFF FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. Keebler moved the Board approve the 2014-2015 staff list as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

WIAA SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT APPROVAL: Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve continued participation in WIAA. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADOPT BOND RESOLUTION NO. 2-2013/2014: Dr. Russell explained the Board approved a bond refunding resolution last year which would refund bonds if a target percentage of 5.25% savings were met. Unfortunately, bond market conditions did not realize the required savings. Bond counsel tells us the bond market is heating up, and the resolution must be renewed. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board adopt Resolution 2-2013/2014 to authorize bond refunding if the target percentage of 5.25% savings is met. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Zingg stated the next two Board meetings are June 12 and June 26.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Hire Nathan Garner – MS ELA/History 1.0 Continuing Teacher
Judy Bickler – retiring
Jane Brune – retiring

Classified: Sarah Hawkins – secretarial substitute

Juleen Vogelman – resignation – Freeman Early Learning Center

Extracurricular: Hire Marty Jessett – HS Boys Basketball Coach

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair