

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
May 27, 2015

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 Annie Keebler. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Travis Campbell, Ed Cashmere, Neil Fuchs, Annie Keebler, John Zingg, Randy Russell and Jamie Weingart.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Jody Sweeney, Marci McGill, Kirk Lally, Todd Reed, Everett Combs, Linda Mega, Kelly Neely, Ben Ferney, Jim Straw, Barb Gady, Bethany Williams, Meg Neely, Markus Goldbach, Elsa Longhurst, Moriah Longhurst, Alma Longhurst, Larry Longhurst and Maren Longhurst.

FLAG SALUTE: Marcus Goldbach led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Addendum to personnel.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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| General Fund AP – #108012 - #108092       | \$ 81,356.73  |
| General Fund AP – Direct Deposits         | \$ 2,602.17   |
| Capital Projects AP - #108093 - #108094   | \$ 1,524.19   |
| ASB Fund AP – #108095 - #108119           | \$ 14,985.32  |
| Benefit Trust Fund AP – #108119 - #108120 | \$ 16,867.98  |
| May Payroll - #108121 - #108154           | \$ 604,268.56 |
| Treasurer's Statement/Budget Status       |               |

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

BOARD RECONGNITION:

Meg Neely, Freeman Elementary/Middle School ASB President shared a summary of her year as ASB president. This was the first year of Fund Run fundraiser which was very successful and allowed the ASB to purchase new uniforms, as well as implement a rotation of updating uniforms, purchase new scoreboards for the Middle School Gym, make a donation towards the bleacher project and have the new Scottie logo put into the elementary and middle school gyms. The middle school had great sports participation this year and Meg is looking forward to all that the ASB will be able to accomplish in the next few years.

Marcus Goldbach, Freeman High School ASB President, shared it was a great year at the high school. Some of the highlights included having 151 participate in fall sports, 467 active members in clubs, ranked the #1 high school in state of Washington, had guest speakers in the fall and spring provided by the ASB, multiple successful assemblies, 76 athletes in winter sports, a phenomenal year in wrestling including winning state, started a new bowling club and 173 students in spring sports. Overall every sport was very successful and the teams are

rebuilding for more success in the years to come. Marcus shared this has been a great year and he has really enjoyed his time at Freeman High School.

Bethany Williams and Moriah Longhurst brought in the awards won by FBLA at the state competition. They shared of the 20 students that competed at state 4 placed and are going on to nationals in Chicago in June. FBLA has qualified for nationals and sent students in the past and Moriah shared that these experiences have been amazing opportunities to network with peers from across the country and to visit new places, they are very excited that this opportunity will be shared with Freeman students again this year.

Mr. Zingg moved the Board approve a contribution of \$250 to FBLA to help with the cost of nationals. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

- Latest copy of the Board and Administrator.

## REPORTS

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Everett Combs, Assistant Transportation Supervisor, shared today the District held a bomb threat drill and as part of the this drill it was determined what options we have in maneuvering busses around campus in case of an emergency. He then shared we have moved the fuel we bought last winter from the underground tanks to the main tank at the transportation coop and we have enough fuel for the remainder of the year.

Kirk Lally, Facilities Director, thanked Travis Campbell for all of his help in getting the bleacher pad project underway. The bleacher project continues to move forward and concrete should be poured next week, weather permitting. Spraying and fertilizer were done last Friday while no kids were on campus to avoid any health issues and the next couple of weeks the focus will be putting on the finishing touches around campus in preparation for promotion and graduation.

Marci McGill, Nutrition Services Director, shared every five years a milk bid is required to be renewed, and the approval of this bid is on the agenda for tonight. Our current milk provider is Terry's Dairy and they once again won the bid with the lowest price, so we will not have a change in service.

Jody Sweeney, Special Education Director, shared it has been a learning experience in special education this year. As the year wraps up paperwork is being completed and we are also learning of new family's and/or kids moving into the district which helps with planning for next year. She shared we have a couple of special education openings due to people moving on to new opportunities and chapters in their lives and we will be doing interviews soon to fill those positions.

Todd Reed, Technology Director, shared the month of May was all testing and so all of his time has been in classrooms and ensuring that computers were setup and ready to go. He received a donation of 30 LCD monitors so we will be able to upgrade one of our labs that had outdated monitors.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESMENT:

Dr. Russell shared the areas of focus for the 2014-2015 school year as a reminder of what our goals were for the year. The focus of communication has been on the forefront this year as we figure out the best way to communicate with all members of our community. One example of the communication was the alert sent out today about the bomb threat practice drill to ensure that there are no surprises with parents. The drill today was very successful and we learned a lot about what the evacuation process should look like and areas that we can improve. In order to ensure the district is out in the community, we had one Board meeting in Rockford and next year we will have three meetings in the community, Rockford, Hangman and Valleyford. Dr. Russell shared in regards to continuing to improve our academic rigor, the smarter balance testing has been tough and the scores will not be great this year due to the learning curve on how to take the new test. The test results should not be used as the only tool to measure the Districts success. Instead we should continue to look at graduation rates, the success kids have after high school and the citizens we produce.

Dr. Russell reported the Consolidated Program Review and the audit are wrapping up. In order to encourage continued transparency we have an audit every year, even though we are not required to due to our size.

Dr. Russell shared staffing has been tough this spring as we try to come up with what next year's staff mix will look like without a state budget. A discussion ensued about the budget process at the state level and the fact that the end of the first special session ends this week, so the legislatures will go into a second special session and therefore we be forced to produce the districts 15-16 budget for the district without knowing what we will actually get from the state.

Mr. Zingg and the Board praised our FEA for not participating in the one day walkout, instead thinking of the kids, parents and the community.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT:

Dr. Russell reported the school facilities breakfast is June 4<sup>th</sup> and we continue to make progress on our projects. The concrete will be poured next Tuesday and the bleachers will arrive the week after school gets out to be installed over the summer. After the fundraiser we will have a better idea of the funding and we will find out if we are eligible for a grant to help with the cost for tennis courts.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell reviewed the ending cash balances.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Larry Longhurst, parent, shared when his family moved here his oldest was in third grade and she is now graduating and he thanked the Board for their support for the District which makes Freeman so special. He then expressed his concerns about high school and middle school choir being combined next year. He is concerned that the music program will dwindle in Freeman with the combination and reminded the Board of the importance of music education for students.

Alma Longhurst, high school junior, shared she had hoped to be able to take choir as a class next year, but with the schedule changes will not be able to. She shared it has been a challenge to take choir throughout her years at the high school due to scheduling conflicts with AP courses and she is concerned that with the additional cuts to the number of choir classes offered that even more students will face the scheduling challenge.

Maren Longhurst, parent, shared her concern with the combination of a six year span of ages in one choir class that the range of abilities and vocals is too hard for anyone to teach all in one period. Her concern is the overall quality of the education will suffer in the classroom and the span of ages will make trips and competing much more difficult.

Elsa Longhurst, seventh grader, shared that she is concerned having a class with middle school students combined with the high school students will intimidate kids from wanting to participate in choir.

Mrs. Keebler thanked the Longhursts for coming to the meeting and sharing their concerns. She then shared the changes being proposed is not set in stone and we will continue to look at the options for both next school year and the years to come.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 2100 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the Board Policy 2100 – Educational Opportunities for Military Children, as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

##### APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 2150 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the Board Policy 2150 – Co-Curricular Program, as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

##### APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 2151 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING:

Mr. Cashmere moved the Board approve the Board Policy 2151 – Interscholastic Activities, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

##### APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 2418 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve the Board Policy 2151 – Waiver of High School Graduation Credits, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

##### APPROVAL OF BOARD PROCEDURE 5000 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the Board Policy 5000 – Recruitment and Selection of Staff, as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE MILK & DAIRY BID:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the Milk and Dairy Bid as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Classified: Char Silva – New Hire (2015/2016) – Para Educator 5.0 hr\day  
Megan Shyrock – New Hire (15/16) – Para Educator 6.5 hr\day  
Paula Watkins – New Hire – Child Nutritionist III

Extracurricular: Jessica McWilliams – New Position – HS Volleyball C Team Coach

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board did not go into executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. with no further action.

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Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair