

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
AUGUST 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: Annie Keebler, John Zingg, Neil Fuchs, Ed Cashmere, Randy Russell and Jamie Weingart. Excused, Travis Campbell.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Todd Reed, Marci McGill, Jody Sweeney, Everett Combs, Paula Lally, Kirk Lally, Angela Frye, Ben Ferney, Jim Straw, Brian Parisotto, Lisa Phelan, Elizabeth Nelsen, Jackson Clark, Jazmyne Gossett, Abby Ofenloch, Helen Forman, Konner Freudenthal, Anna Gallagher and Blair Brock.

FLAG SALUTE: Everett Combs led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: No additions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

July 28, 2015 Board Minutes	
July Payroll - #108471 - #108497	\$ 581,555.70
General Fund AP – #108498 - #108556	\$ 107,575.78
General Fund AP – Direct Deposits	\$ 379.58
Capital Projects AP - #108557 - #108559	\$ 14,096.65
ASB Fund AP – #108560 - #108567	\$ 14,467.84
Benefit Trust Fund AP – #108568 - #108569	\$ 27,733.99
Treasurer’s Statement/Budget Status	

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

BOARD RECOGNITION:

Jim Straw introduced the new High School Staff - Angela Frye who will be teaching high school math and science as replacement for Mike Allen who moved to the elementary school; Elizabeth Nelsen the new Ag Science, Biology and FFA Advisor, who is replacing Steve Hayter who took a job in his home town of Prosser and James Jydstrup who replaced Carol Wichmann as the new band teacher after Carol took a job closer to home in Colville.

Elizabeth Nelsen and the FFA officers for the 2015-2016 school year shared some information about FFA and their plans for the year. Their motto for the year is broken into four parts, overcoming challenges, exceeding goals, serving others and advocating agriculture and they will focus on these areas throughout the year. The FFA has many plans for the year including working with Nutrition Services on the harvest of the month newsletter, PALS, Firefighter Appreciation, efforts to help the Chelan FFA Chapter who lost their barn in the wildfires this summer, monthly chapter meetings, chapter events and giving back to the community through blessings under the Bridge. In addition, they will be looking for sponsors to help them attend WLC (Washington Leadership Conference) and Nationals.

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

- ESD101 Focus
- District 7 Athletic Passes
- Clear Risk Solutions letter about right response re-certification
- Issue of the Current recognizing Megan Paternoster for an aerospace program she was involved in this summer
- ACT scores and data comparisons of the results from prior years
- Copy of this month's Board and Administrator

## REPORTS

### BUILDING REPORTS:

Jim Straw, High School Principal, shared his new hires have been great and they, along with all his other staff, have been putting in many hours already. He shared the latest enrollment numbers from the High School and we have seen multiple move in's over the summer so the numbers in the freshman class are larger than what rolled up from middle school. The running start numbers are up this year due to changes in college in the high school no longer being free; instead it will be \$325 for a five credit class for students to participate in college in the high school, while running start remains free to juniors and seniors. Only four new choice students were accepted at the high school this year.

Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal, reported he has three new staff members in the Middle School this year. Dani Boyd moved from the Elementary School as the Special Education Teacher; Mark Vetter, para-educator; and Kyler Barnes who will be teaching science and PE. Enrollment is looking good at the Middle School and only one choice student was accepted in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Last week a few students came out for a meeting about safety and culture at the middle school and the great news is kids feel safe at school. Mr. Ferney then shared the Fund Run will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, which is the only fundraiser that the ASB does which pays for K-8 ASB activities.

Lisa Phelan, Elementary Principal, shared her enrollment numbers which are constantly changing at this point as new families come in to register. Kindergarten classes are a bit fluid and a determination will be made as to whether to add the third section of kindergarten as soon as school starts and final numbers are determined. The only choice student that has been accepted is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader. Lisa then shared a next gen science lesson was led by Mike Allen this week for the elementary and middle school science teachers in collaboration for the upcoming year. Recess before lunch will be implemented this year and will be re-evaluated after a year to determine the best schedule for the kids. The staff and the students are excited to try this new schedule. The new pre-school/kindergarten playground is ready for the start of school and Lisa gave a big thank you to the community for all of their support in this project.

Brian Parisotto, Athletic Director, shared the air quality has not been great; however, all of the coaches have been really good about monitoring the quality and practicing inside anytime the air quality index is over 150. He reported the students are very excited for the new bleachers and he thanked Kirk and his crew for all of their hard work this summer. All football coaches will be or have been trained on head injuries. Fall sports numbers currently are at 63 in football, 33 in cross country, 31 in volleyball and 15 in cheerleading. The middle school score boards will be installed next week and will allow for more flexibility for use either together or separately. A uniform replacement schedule has been set up for the middle school over a few years and all new uniforms will be in place with the correct colors and logos.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Jody Sweeney, Special Education Director, shared the special education team had a retreat at her house to kick off the year, get to know the new staff and to make sure that all staff members are on the same page on special education issues. Right response training took place this week as a re-certification for some and a first time training for others. The due process hearing is complete and the district prevailed in all areas. Jody shared a copy of the booklet of the rights and responsibilities of parents and students under the special education umbrella with the board.

Marci McGill, Nutrition Services Director, shared her department is looking forward to the New Year. The administrative review of the nutrition program which happens every three years will take place in November. This year harvest of the month will be implemented which will focus on produce from local farmers each month and the FFA will be helping with the creating monthly newsletters. September's harvest will be corn, so the students will be helping shuck the corn prior to it being served at lunch and October's harvest will be green chickpeas and a representative from Walla Walla will be on site for two days in October as part of the promotion.

Everett Combs, Assistant Transportation Director, reported yesterday we were able to purchase almost 10,000 gallons of fuel for \$1.96 per gallon and the underground storage tank is once again in use which allowed us to make this large purchase at the low price. Over the summer the state patrol inspection was completed and it went well with all buses passing, the new bus should be arriving in September.

Kirk Lally, Facilities Director, shared the bleachers are complete and the project really showcased the team work of his department as it took everyone to help pitch in and get it done. They are a bit behind on the grounds due to the bleacher project; however, a church group will be coming in this weekend to help with weeding around the buildings, so everything will be ready for open house and school to start.

Todd Reed, Technology Director, reported all computers are cleaned up and ready for the new year, he has met with many of the new staff members and gotten them setup and ready to start the year.

Dr. Russell gave a big thanks to the staff for all of their hard work over the summer.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Russell shared the school boards areas of focus for 2015-2016 that were compiled at the Board Work Session.

Dr. Russell reviewed the Board/Superintendent Goals for the 2015-2016 school year, including the following highlights:

- Curriculum adoption cycle.
- Staying safe at school, drills, relationships with law enforcement and necessary training for all.
- No surprises approach, communicating with community especially those without students at the school.
- Defend 5% fund balance.

- Professionally grow the school board\admin\leadership team and implement board\superintendent operating principles and procedures.

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board/Superintendent Goals for the 2015-2016 School year as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

Dr. Russell shared only 6 new choice students were accepted this year, which is a very low number.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT:

Dr. Russell shared the bleachers, preschool playground, and lower tennis court projects are complete. The bleachers have passed the county safety inspection and our insurance company will come out to do an inspection this fall.

Mr. Fuchs moved to accept the bleachers, preschool playground and lower tennis court projects as completed. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Jamie Weingart reviewed the ending cash balances.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE HIGHLY CAPABLE STUDENTS PROGRAM ANNUAL PLAN:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the Highly Capable Students Program Annual Plan as presented. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION COOP AGREEMENT:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the Unemployment Compensation Coop Agreement as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

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| Certified:  | Danette Garcia – Resignation – K-12 Music Teacher<br>Kyler Barnes – New Hire - .2 MS Science/.3 MS Health & Fitness |
| Classified: | Jeannette Hansen – Resignation – Bus Driver<br>Douglas Pace – New Hire – HS Special Ed Para-Educator                |

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

Dr. Russell discussed the Board's policy surrounding board members and their spouse as an employee of the district and the relationships that are outlined in the policy.

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

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Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair