

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
MAY 25, 2016

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, Neil Fuchs, John Zingg, Travis Campbell, Ed Cashmere, Randy Russell and Jamie Weingart.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Todd Reed, Everett Combs, Marci McGill, Jody Sweeney, Kirk Lally, Paula Lally, Sandee Atwood, Catherine Smith, Maggie McLaughlin, Isaiah Lindsley, Taylor Jones, Mark Boyd, Abby Bryant, Eli Mounts, Bryson Cotton, Jaycee Goldsmith, Makayla Werner, Thomas Longhurst, Garold Steed, Liz Goldsmith, Jani Cotton, Larry Longhurst, Sonya Mount, Darcie Sainsbury, Dani Boyd, Amber Werner and Jenny Bryant.

FLAG SALUTE: Marci McGill led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: No additions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

May 12, 2016 Board Minutes

General Fund AP – 109844 - 109909 \$ 90,619.98

General Fund AP – Direct Deposits \$ 6,091.66

ASB Fund AP – 109910 - 109933 \$ 22,802.70

Benefit Trust Fund AP – 109934 - 109935 \$ 19,237.70

May Payroll – 109936 - 109961 \$ 634,627.30

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

LIMITED GENERAL OBLIGATION (LGO) BOND HEARING: Dr. Russell reported the three-year technology financing plan is up for renewal. In the past we have issued LGO bonds to be repaid over three years to make large purchases up front. The lowest interest rate proposed is 1.53 percent for three-year limited general obligation bonds through Cashmere Valley Bank.

The sale of such bonds requires an advertised public hearing and Board adoption of a resolution authorizing the sale of \$400,000 in bonds. Funds for repayment of the bonds come from the annual technology reserve inside the maintenance and operation levy.

Once Cashmere Valley Bank purchases the bonds, funds will be placed with the Spokane County Treasurer in the General Fund and purchase orders can be issued for technology according to the plan approved by the Board on May 12, 2016.

Repayment of the bonds is made each December and June and is required to be made from the Debt Service Fund. The 2016-2017 budget will include a transfer from general fund to debt service fund for those bond payments.

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board adopt Resolution 6-2015/2016 authorizing issuance of \$400,000 in limited general obligation bonds for the purchase and implementation of the technology plan approved May 12, 2016. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BOARD RECOGNITION: Dr. Russell introduced Garold Steed and the Math is Cool Club. Mr. Steed thanked the Board for having them come to share their accomplishments this year. The program is for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and Mr. Steed introduced the representatives from these grades here tonight. Mr. Steed shared the accomplishments of the different grade levels: The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade was awarded 5<sup>th</sup> Place Team, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place at Regional Competition and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at the Masters, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place at Regionals and 4<sup>th</sup> Place at the Masters. The Board was then run through mock competition with example questions from each grade level in competition. Board Chair Annie Keebler thanked Garold Steed for his three years of coaching. Amber Werner then thanked Mr. Steed on behalf of all the parents for his coaching and all that he gives up for the kids and presented him with a thank you gift and signed cards from the kids.

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

- Letter from the Department of Ecology updating the community on the cleanup efforts

## REPORTS

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Marci McGill, Nutrition Services Director, shared she has been working on a few marketing items, including a new menu that is bright and colorful and she shared a copy with each of the board members. Marci then shared a video which is posted on our Freeman Facebook page promoting the meals served at Freeman. Marci reported she is very proud of our program and the high quality foods we are able to serve to our students as well as serving at events such as the Veterans Breakfast and monthly board meetings. The question was asked if Scottie Break was moving to the High School and Marci shared the consensus is we will be moving forward with the Scottie Break at the High School next school year, although a final decision hasn't been made.

Jody Sweeney, Special Education Director, shared she was able to meet with some of the classified staff groups that are a huge piece of the interventions we have in place for our kids. These meetings included the bus drivers, nutrition services staff and custodians where she was able to discuss the importance of the interactions each of these staff members have with students. Jody then shared special education is in the process of evaluating how the IEP process is working after the improvements that were put in place this year. One of the many challenges at the end of the year is the various accommodations in place for state testing, including many social and emotional support pieces.

Everett Combs, Assistant Transportation Director, shared the bus we leased will be returned on Friday and our new bus is complete and will be delivered in August. The state patrol inspection is in August as well, so Everett will begin going through each bus once school is out to prepare for the inspection. Everett then shared the bus damaged in the accident is at the body shop and the repairs are in progress.

Kirk Lally, Facilities Director, shared he has been working with the drillers, who are working on EPA test wells, moving around campus and ensuring classes were disrupted by the noise as little

as possible. The drilling crews will be coming back on campus after school is out to finish up their drilling work on the monitoring wells. Once they are done, there will be about a half dozen test wells around the campus which will be monitored by the EPA throughout the clean-up efforts. Kirk shared he is also working with Brian to get the campus cleaned up and ready for graduation in a couple weeks.

Todd Reed, Technology Director, shared he is wrapping up testing and is implementing the technology plan approved at the last board meeting. As part of the technology plan he is working on an overhaul of the Freeman website this summer. He shared with the Board the top two templates based on staff collaboration. The new website template will modernize our website and allow our website to be more mobile device friendly as well as integrate with a Freeman App.

#### CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

Dr. Russell shared we have made great progress with our hiring this spring and we will have a couple more jobs to post over the summer.

#### SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT:

Dr. Russell shared Board Policy 3210 – Nondiscrimination, wanting to bring this to the Boards attention in light of the Federal Government Transgender discussion. Dr. Russell shared we will continue to listen to what the Federal Guidelines become on transgender and will default back to our nondiscrimination policy at this time.

Dr. Russell shared the latest information he has gathered about options for the upper tennis courts. The best option looks to be resurfacing and overhauling the two upper courts with a new process Arrow Concrete is using called Poly Patch. This process would include cutting out the cracked areas, creating joints and using a poly patch to fill the joints. Then a plexipave mix will be used to level the courts and address all the high spots and birdbaths. The courts have been around since 1991 and have never been resurfaced. We currently spend approximately \$2,500 a year on maintenance for these courts and a complete overhaul of the complex was price tag of approximately \$150,000. This option would cost approximately \$40,000.

Mr. Zingg moved that we move forward with the work quoted by Arrow Concrete to repair the upper tennis courts. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell reviewed ending cash balance.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Mr. Longhurst asked the question if the Board Policy 3210 was the policy that would address any questions around transgender bathrooms. Dr. Russell shared it was the policy we believe covers us at this point.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 1340 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy 1340 – Targeting Student Learning. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve Board Policy 2022 – Electronic Resources and Internet Safety. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 3122 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING:

Mr. Cashmere moved the Board approve Board Policy 3122 – Excused and Unexcused Absences. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 3421 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy 3421 – Child Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Prevention. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 3422 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve Board Policy 3422 – Student Sports – Concussion, Head injury and Sudden Cardia Arrest. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 6114 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING:

Mr. Cashmere moved the Board approve Board Policy 6114 – Gifts or Donations. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 6220– 2<sup>nd</sup> READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy 6220 – Bid Requirements. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE FREEMAN ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUD GIFT TO THE DISTRICT:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve the donation of all concession stand equipment from the Freeman Athletic Booster Club, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL:

Certified: Frankie Browning – 1 Year Leave of Absence – Elementary Teacher  
Katherine Talbott – Intern Substitute Teacher

Classified: Char Silva – Resignation – Para Educator  
Jennifer Fricke – Substitute – Para Educator

Extracurricular: Aaron McLean – HS Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach  
Davis Reese – HS Cross Country Head Coach

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. with no further action.

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Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair