

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
MAY 24, 2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order at 11:00 A.M. by Chair Annie Keebler. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Kirk Lally, Everett Combs, Todd Reed, Harry Amend, Brian Parisotto, Char Trejbal, Ben Ferney, Lisa Phelan, Jody Sweeney, Marci McGill, Andrew McGill, Abby Ofenloch, Jackson Clark, Dylan Pavlishchak, Marley Pratt and Konner Freudenthal.

FLAG SALUTE: Harry Amend led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

May 11, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes	
Mid Month AP Run - 111541 – 111544	\$ 482.67
General Fund AP – 111545 - 111604	\$ 94,544.33
General Fund AP – Direct Deposits	\$ 4,395.64
ASB Fund AP – 111605 - 111648	\$ 25,318.07
Benefit Trust Fund AP – 111649 -111650	\$ 12,495.22
May Payroll – 111651 - 111668	\$ 661,099.14
Treasurer's Statement/Budget Status	

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

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

- Letter and pictures from Mat Bentley
- Superintendent Year End Report from My College Options based upon a survey they conducted with our students from the 2015-2016 school year.

Dr. Russell welcomed the 2017-2018 ASB Officers to the meeting and asked them each to introduce themselves and talk about what they are involved in outside of ASB. Andrew McGill, Abby Ofenloch, Jackson Clark, Dylan Pavlishchak, Marley Pratt and Konner Freudenthal each introduced themselves. They shared last week they were able to go to Rosalia for a small schools leadership summit that included Tekoa, Oakesdale, Cheney and Rosalia. At this summit they learned new ways to keep students involved, fundraise and ensure all students were included.

Dr. Russell asked the ASB Officers what they think their biggest strength is going into next year and what the challenge would be. They shared the biggest strengths are the friendships and collaboration among each other and the challenge is getting more students involved in additional activities. Mr. Fuchs shared that a big part of leadership is communication and ensuring the team of officers continue to stay on the same page and share a common message. Mr. Campbell

shared an important thing is to always respect each other and encourage ideas. Mr. Zingg shared he feels that all in the room, including the ASB officers have a strong will to make things better for all at the Freeman School District. The Board thanked the ASB for being here today as part of this meeting.

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Jody Sweeney, Special Education Director, shared a copy of her monthly report with each of the board members and reported the special education team is very involved in state testing currently. Jody then shared her participation in a threat assessment training at Mead School District in collaboration with ESD 112, local law enforcement and Frontier Mental Health. This information will help with future table top activities and standardizes processes around the state and specifically in our area. In addition, the Safe Schools Alert that is on our website is all interconnected. Overall this is a very busy time.

Todd Reed, Technology Director, shared it is definitely testing season and other than Fridays, everyday has been testing. Todd then shared the new hire automation tool is in place and ready to be used with our new hires this spring and summer. He is almost done with the surplus list and will be bringing it for board approval soon. Todd shared he has been looking at getting faster internet and through the efforts with e-rate, we could be looking at the internet price per month remaining the same but with internet speeds that are 10 times faster than what we currently have. The timeframe for when we could potentially connect to the fiber will be dependent upon how fast the tribe could put in the pieces on their end.

Char Trejbal, Transportation Director, shared she is back from vacation and she thanked her team and Everett for doing an awesome job while she was gone. Our new bus is here and ready to go for next year. We have a bus driver, Warren Malm, who is retiring at the end of this year, so we have a driving position open. Char is starting to look at routes for next year and will continue to work on routes over the summer.

Everett Combs, Assistant Transportation Director, shared some highlights from the bus rodeo a few weeks ago. The top three from this competition go on to compete at state and the winners from state will go on to nationals. Everett shared a few videos of the events the drivers compete in. We have great facilities to host this event and we received many comments on how nice the campus looks.

Kirk Lally, Facilities Director, shared the irrigation system is fired up and ready to go for when the weather dries out. Adam Brannon has been spraying as he can, when he can as weather permits. They are working on getting the campus ready for graduation in June and making the rounds in preparation. The FFA will be helping to do a grounds cleanup day on June 1st in preparation as well. The Middle School Water line now fixed and the hole filled back in. After school is out for the summer, the sidewalk and parking lot will be patched as well.

Marci McGill, Nutrition Services Director, shared we will be forced to look at increasing meal prices again next year and will come for approval next month. The charge for a meal must be as much or greater than the reimbursement from the federal government for a free meal. A few year-end items coming up include the Yearbook BBQ Lunch and Donuts With Dad.

Harry Amend, Acting High School Principal, shared this is a high energy time of year with lots going on and the students are all very excited. It is very fun to be a part of.

Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal, shared the year end activities are coming up, with the eighth grade going to splash down. Of course testing is well underway and involves many hours of testing for these students, so the parents and community should be aware of the demands put on the students at year end.

Lisa Phelan, Elementary School Principal, shared they elementary is busy testing and she is working on screening for open para, secretary and teaching positions. She shared a picture of the buddy benches that were donated by Momentum Ink for the elementary and preschool playgrounds.

Dr. Russell thanked Deputy Ron Nye for being here today and all of the time and effort he puts in here at Freeman. He is a great resource for our district and we are very lucky to have him as a part of our community. Deputy Nye has done a great job of working with our families and staff.

The Board broke for lunch.

SUPERINTEDENTS REPORT:

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

Dr. Russell shared he will be sending out a copy of the end of year report tomorrow in his Friday update. He is also working on scheduling the end of year meetings with each of the board members.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell shared that Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction, shared his vision for education in Washington State. This in combination with the continued work of our state legislature and the release of the federal government budget for education, creates a whirlwind in the education community.

Dr. Russell reviewed April ending cash balance.

Dr. Russell gave a couple of date reminders to the Board and shared on the last day of school we will be doing a year end luncheon for all staff and the Board is all welcome to join.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE 1105 – 2nd READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 1105 – Director Districts, as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE 2021 – 2nd READING:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 2021 – Library Information and Technology Programs, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 5252 – 2nd READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 5252 – Staff Participation in Political Activities, as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 3140 – 1st READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 3140 – Release of Resident Students, first reading, as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, a discussion ensued and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 4215 – 1st READING:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 4215 – Use of Tabaco, Nicotine Products and Delivery Devices, first reading, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair