

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
MAY 9, 2019

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 Vice-Chair Ed Cashmere. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Cashmere, Annie Keebler, Bill Morphy, Jim Tippett, Randy Russell and Brendon Myers. Neil Fuchs was excused.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Lisa Phelan, Jim Straw, Renee Bailey, Kris Herda, Todd Reuter, Jeremy Schmidt, Bill Fees, Pia Longinotti, Mike Allen, Barb Gady, Gena Hawk, Olivia Bergman, Lexi Varela, Morgan Eberle, Laryssa Kann, Kristen Schweiger, Dustin Reed, Joe Branon, Jessica Robb, Courtney Setter, Kim Davey, Chris Cochrane, Jen Jensen, Cherie Dexter, Liz Gass, Angie Smith, Kelley Neely, Kristi Hatch, Mindy Poindexter, Nate Garner, Sue Yandt, Denise Conrad, Linda Mega and Amber Dunn.

FLAG SALUTE: Lisa Phelan led us in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: No additions to the agenda were presented.

CONSENT AGENDA:

April 25th, 2019 Board Minutes

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Bill Morphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PACE CHARACTER TRAIT: COURAGE – Displaying integrity in spite of obstacles and challenges.

BOARD RECOGNITION: Ed Cashmere recognized our teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week. A Proclamation from Governor Jay Inslee was read.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Board and Administrator
- *the Current* – Article highlighting the PACE character – Courage.
- Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

DRINKING WATER UPDATE:

Representatives from the Department of Ecology were in attendance to update the board on the process of the long and short term plan for drinking water. The air stripper is doing well, however, this is a short term fix. The Potentially Liable Persons (PLP) submitted a plan to the DOE. No action has been taken on this proposal. The DOE is not comfortable with the length of time taken for the PLP's to submit an action plan. The PLP has asked for an extension to submit their action plan. The district will need information and alternative plans in order to make a decision. A feasibility study is due at the end of the year.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS:

Kris Herda, High School Asst. Principal/Athletic Director, shared the hats the athletic department is selling as a fund-raiser. Kris had a parent night, May 8th, to share information on Final Forms and Weights. Follow-up emails will be sent to parents. Kris will be finalizing coaching evaluations. The May/June coaches meeting will review Final Forms and summer planning. Summer weights will be Mon – Thurs. 2 or 3 sessions will be offered. There is the possibility of a 6-12, all girls' session. Fall planning is underway. ASB elections are coming up. A new model will be implemented. Everyone was reminded of the Athletic Golf Tournament. Spring sports will be finishing followed by spring banquets. Kris will be hiring to fill the current coaching vacancies. He will be looking at next year budget and expenditures. And will be looking into some fund raising opportunities. High school sports are in post season and MS sports will be done in about 2 ½ weeks.

Renee Bailey, High School Principal, reported they are halfway through spring testing. Renee is looking into some CTE conditional certifications in Health, Art and Yearbook being a fine art credit. The HS is continuing to Champion students. The band and choir concerts this week were amazing. Academic Awards night is May 29th. The yearbook BBQ will be June 5th. The student led career fair is coming up on May 29th. The JOYA (Guild School) penny drive across the district netted over \$3,300. Students just finished up at the Jr. Livestock Show and the highway cleanup. Renee is working on budgets and master schedules. No enrollment change.

Jim Straw, Middle School Principal, reported testing is in progress and finishing up in some subjects. The final evaluations will be completed by the 15th. The middle school is preparing for year-end projects: 6th grade rockets, 7th grade mouse trap cars and 8th grade roller coasters. ASB elections were held; 42 candidates for 6 positions. Students did a great job presenting their speeches. The new officers will do a great job for the middle school. Congratulations!

- President – Barrett Poulsen
- Vice-President – Annie Schiene
- Secretary – Abigail Achenbach
- Treasurer – Emma Hollen
- Parliamentarian – Jaeger Emtman
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Aiden Davidson

The Leadership Class will kick off the “Dude. Be Nice.” Week May 13th – 17th. The elementary and middle school teamed up with the high school to support the JOYA Change Drive. They collected \$1,140 which was included in the total. The water fountain with bottle filler will be completed by the end of the week. Thanks to the PTSG and ASB. Enrollment is down 1 student.

Lisa Phelan, Elementary Principal, reported the elementary is finishing up student growth goals and shared what that looked like for the teachers. Lisa and Jody, along with Liberty SD and EWU, presented at the MTSS Conference, May 6th and 7th. Lisa acknowledged the appreciation of our teachers. The scheduled fire drill was rescheduled because of testing. Jaeger Emtman will represent Freeman Elementary at the annual PACE Awards Banquet along with teacher Angie Smith. Maple Bars with Moms is tomorrow and Donuts with Dads will be June 7th. Elementary enrollment is up 2 students.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Russell invited the Board to the Staff Appreciation Breakfast next Wednesday, the 15th, hosted by our Freeman PTSG.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

The High School is recommending that Yearbook be offered as a Fine Art course. Annie Keebler moved the Board approve the recommendation to offer Yearbook as a Fine Art Class, as presented. Bill Morphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT:

Dr. Russell asked the board to look at their calendars and see what date would work for them to set up a Board Work Session in August.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY:

The Spokane Prosecuting Attorney’s office will be providing an update at the Valleyford Church, May 13th, sharing the status of the case and information of how current laws are changing regarding juvenile cases.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell shared the implications of SEBB, the community forum and timeline. SEBB was approved by the WA State Legislature. Randy asked for insight from the board; look at enrollment to offset costs, increase FTE budget, increase activity fees and look at revenue. The pivot numbers will hopefully be in by the 13th. RIF notices will need to be distributed by the 15th, if needed. We continue to “stay the course”. Enrollment holds steady.

BOARD COMMENTS: Annie Keebler traveled to Disneyland with the band. It's nice to part of such a successful group of kids.

VISITORS COMMENTS & CONCERNS: Mike Allen, FEA President, on behalf of the association, read a letter to the board stating the teachers stand in solidarity to support education, each other and our financial situation.

Linda Mega shared her thoughts on our current fiscal situation.

Kristi Hatch hoped for a budget that will not affect students.

Mindy Poindexter hoped the health insurance costs would not affect staff hours.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY & PROCEDURE NO. 3414 – 2ND READING:

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Board Policy & Procedure No. 3414 – Infectious Diseases, as presented. Bill Morphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 6000 – 2ND READING:

Jim Tippett moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 6000 – Program Planning, Budget Preparation, Adoption and Implementation, as presented. Bill Morphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE NO. 6500 – 2ND READING:

Jim Tippett moved the Board approve Board Policy and Procedure No. 6000 – Risk Management, as presented. Annie Keebler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 6610 – 2ND READING:

Jim Tippett moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 6610 – Video Surveillance, as presented. Annie Keebler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY:

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve the surplus of the 2002 IC School Bus #6, as presented. Bill Morphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 4-2018/2019:

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Resolution 4-2018/2019 – Requesting a Waiver of the Minimum 180-Day School Year for Grades K-12, as presented. Jim Tippett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF OSPI INFORMATION AND CONDITION OF SCHOOLS (ICOS) REPORT:

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve the Asset Preservation Program Annual Board Report, as presented. Bill Morphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE NO. 2190 – 1ST READING:

Bill Morphy moved the Board approve Board Policy and Procedure No. 2190 – Highly Capable Programs, as presented. Annie Keebler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE NO. 3144 – 1ST READING:

Bill Morphy moved the Board approve Board Policy and Procedure No. 3144 – Release of Information Concerning Student Sex and Kidnapping Offenders, as presented. Annie Keebler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 6210 – 1ST READING:

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 6210 – Purchasing: Authorization and Control, as presented. Jim Tippett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

The future board meeting schedule was presented. The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 30th, at 6:00 pm in the K-8 Multi-Purpose Room. The following board meeting will be June 27th at 6:00 pm in the K-8 Multi-Purpose Room.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular board meeting adjourned at 12:52 pm with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair