

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
APRIL 27, 2017

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

GUESTS: Jody Sweeney, Char Trejbal, Todd Reed, Debbie Morphy, Everett Combs, Kirk Lally, Lisa Phelan, Ben Ferney, Brian Parisotto, Harry Amend, Marci McGill, Paula Lally, Sandra Treccani, Dorothy Tibbetts, Jeremy Schmidt, Randy Primmer, Ed Parry, Josie Beck and Micki Harnois.

FLAG SALUTE: Randy Primmer led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Updated Personnel Report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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General Fund AP – 111396 - 111470	\$ 173,728.09
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General Fund AP – Direct Deposits	\$ 4,543.66
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ASB Fund AP – 111471 - 111499	\$ 32,495.65
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TVF AP – 111500	\$ 30,175.00
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Benefit Trust Fund AP – 111501	\$ 2,265.86
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April Payroll – 111502 – 111516	\$ 638,544.35
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First Quarter Comp Tax	\$ 525.73
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Treasurer's Statement/Budget Status

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

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – OFFICE OF DRINKING WATER:

Dr. Russell introduced Sandra Treccani and Jeremy Schmidt from the Department of Ecology and Ed Parry and Dorothy Tibbetts, from Department of Health – Office of Drinking Water. Sandra shared she is now the lead on the project at the grain handling facility as Patrick Cabbage has taken a new job within the Department of Ecology.

Dorothy Tibbetts shared since the Freeman School District is a public water source, the District is required to test its water on a set schedule to ensure the water is safe for consumption. In a routine test done late last year, two of the ten samples taken had slightly elevated levels of lead, which then triggered some required actions on the part of the district. This included distributing required educational materials around lead levels in the water, which was sent out via instant alert. The next steps include additional testing over the next year to see if the levels of lead continue to be elevated. In addition, the district is required to come up with a treatment plan in

case it is discovered the water is in fact corrosive. Dorothy then shared she has heard there are some concerns around the number of cancer cases in Freeman and the water issues. If a community member would like to provide their contact information to Dorothy, she would be happy to share information on the clustering of cancers in a community and the investigative process that can take place by community request.

John Zingg asked for clarification on the water treatment system that we have in place and the bearing that it might have on the corrosiveness of the water. Ed Parry shared the testing that has been performed thus far, shows the treatment system we have in place (the air stripper) actually makes our water less corrosive, and therefore does not play into a causing factor at this point. The process from this point could take approximately four years, before a treatment system for lead and copper would have to be implemented, if a system ends up being needed. During this process there are multiple opportunities to test out of the requirement for an additional treatment system.

Sandra Treccani shared the remedial investigation is still underway and within the next six to twelve months they hope to identify the source of the contamination. In this case, CH2M is performing the drilling, as hired by Union Pacific. Once the source is identified, the cleanup process can begin. Many testing techniques have been utilized; however, with the unique and variable soil types in the Freeman area the identification of the source has been difficult. The expectation is that additional testing will take place on the school campus over the summer when the students are gone.

Mr. Fuchs asked if the amount of rain we have received would affect the lead levels in our testing. Ed Parry shared the most recent testing showed the water into the District's Pump House had very low levels of lead, and therefore the amount of rain and run off does not appear to be an issue in Freeman's situation. The most common issue is usually fixtures or pipes. Other issues can include water sitting in pipes longer than normal, a water test taken using hot water rather than cold water or another anomaly that could have occurred. We will review the next set of water tests carefully and see if we continue to see elevated levels.

Mr. Campbell asked the question if the water coming into the building had levels of lead above acceptable ranges. Ed Peery shared, that no, water coming into the buildings does not have levels higher than acceptable.

Dr. Russell thanked both the Department of Ecology and the Department of Health for all of their help and great communication through these processes.

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

- Latest copy of the Board and Administrator
- Nice note from Learning Science Center

CEE SURVEY RESULTS – FREEMAN 2020:

Dr. Russell shared a copy of the summarized Center of Educational Effectiveness (CEE) Survey results with the board along with a copy of the areas of focus for the 2016-2017 school year. Dr. Russell reviewed the areas of focus with all those present as a reminder of what areas were identified at the beginning of the year.

Dr. Russell then shared summary results from the CEE survey with the board and all those present. He walked through a handful of the results provided and talked about what the different colors on the charts mean. This survey was given to all staff, families and students grades 4 – 12. The questions on this survey were created from the Freeman 2020 Strategic Plan along with some customized questions specific to information that we would like to know as a district. The results from the survey will be shared back out to buildings, staff, families, students and the community in multiple ways.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS:

Lisa Phelan, Elementary Principal, shared they are piloting a literacy skills program through the ESD for Kindergarten and First Grades. PBIS posters have been requested by staff and will be hung around the building to help remind kids of the expectations on a regular basis. Enrollment is holding steady and kindergarten enrollment for next year will support at least two classes.

Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal, shared all evaluations are due by May 15th so they have been working on wrapping those up. SBAC testing is starting up and will go throughout May and early June. Ben thanked Todd Reed for all his work on the getting computers setup and Laurie Flack for all her efforts on coordinating all of the assessments this spring. Advisory field trips for the seventh grade are coming up and they will be going to NIC. The 6th grade classes will be going to Big Rock for science and hiking on their field trip. Ben shared the conference numbers for the middle school, and over all we had great participation. Enrollment in the Middle School has continued to grow throughout the year and we have ended up with a large eighth grade class.

Harry Amend, Acting High School Principal, shared the prom is this Saturday, April 29th. The high school is in the middle of evaluations and conferences for the end of the year, which include information on the student growth goals for each teacher. The next few weeks will include a multitude of tests at the high school. The bus rodeo will take place on May 6th at the Freeman Transportation Cooperative. The senior class and baseball auctions were great successes and the PTSG will be hosting a Staff Appreciation Breakfast at the high school on May 3rd.

Brian Parisotto, Athletic Director, shared Scott Moore's leadership class put on a great assembly about distracted driving. ASB elections are this week and the group of kids is very strong. The penny drive for the Guild School has been this week, and the Spokane Scholar's Awards Dinner was last week, spring sport games have finally started and each of the teams have had a few games now. Brian thanked Char for her continued efforts on transportation for games and rescheduling on a regular basis due to weather.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Jody Sweeney, Special Education Director, shared the results from the 2016-2017 Special Education Audit. The results are excellent and really shows the great work put in over the past few years by our special education staff along with the support provided by the district and the board. Overall we have very few corrections to make and almost 90% of the corrections we did have are already complete. Now that OSPI has completed their work, ESD101 will be in charge of reviewing our corrections and signing off that we have made 100% compliance. The next steps include a continued working relationship with the ESD and the collaboration with the staff across the district. A continued focus will be for consistency with evaluations for all students.

Char Trejbal, Transportation Director, shared this spring has been one of the most challenging springs she has had at Freeman with weather and scheduling. Char shared she will be on vacation May 2 – 15, so Chari Conklin will be overseeing the trips in her absence. Our new bus is in town and we are working on the licensing and should be able to have it next week.

Todd Reed, Technology Director, shared we have implemented an anonymous tip line that can be used via text, e-mail, phone or web. He demonstrated what this looks like and confirmed it truly is anonymous, even when texting. Any tips submitted will go to administration for review. The month of May will consist of testing throughout the district and he is working on a surplus list to clean up his storage area.

Marci McGill, Nutrition Services Director, shared everything is going very well. Coming up is Maple Bars for Moms on May 5th and they are expecting 600 plus maple bars will be served. Breakfast participation has increased since the implementation of Scottie Break and we continue to see the numbers increase, which is great for the kids and the program.

Kirk Lally, Facilities Director, shared the spring has been rough with this wet weather. He has borrowed a small riding lawn mower to be able to mow some of the wet fields without putting to many ruts in. He has been working closely with the Department of Ecology and the Department of Health on the water testing and compliance. Both departments have been extremely helpful and very supportive throughout the processes we are in. In the month of May we will sample 20 sites for water as part of the increased testing requirements.

Everett Combs, Assistant Transportation Director, shared he has nothing to report.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Dr. Russell thanked Randy Primmer for joining us tonight.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

Dr. Russell shared the instructional materials committee has made a recommendation to set aside \$15,000 for curriculum for next year.

Dr. Russell shared we will start the hiring process very soon and new job postings will be put out tomorrow.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

Dr. Russell reviewed April enrollment and ending cash balances.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Randy Primmer shared it was good to see everyone and was happy to hear Jody's report on the improvement in special education.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 1320 – 2nd READING:

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 1320 – Suspension of a Policy, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 5201 – 2nd READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 5201 – Drug-Free Schools, Community and Workplace, as presented. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 6106 – 2nd READING:

Mr. Cashmere moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 6106 – Allowable Costs for Federal Programs, as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE 6700 – 2nd READING:

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve Board Policy and Procedure No. 6700 – Nutrition and Physical Fitness, as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Future Board Meeting Schedule

PERSONNEL:

Classified: Nancy McCathern – Retirement – Para Educator
Leslie Malloy – Resignation – Para Educator
Kay Kirkland – Retirement – High School ASB Bookkeeper
Karl Youngren – Substitute Custodian\Food Service

Extracurricular: David Reese – Resignation – HS XC Coach
Jessica McWilliams – LOA – HS “C” Squad Volleyball Coach
Jessica McWilliams – MS Overflow Track Coach

Mr. Campbell moved the Board approval the personnel action as presented. Mr. Cashmere seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair