

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

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 Neil Fuchs. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Fuchs, Annie Keebler, Bill Morphy, Randy Russell, and Brendon Myers.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Ellen Arguinchona, Char Trejbal, Everett Combs, Kirk Lally, Todd Reed, Jody Sweeney, Jim Straw, Paula Lally, Dylan Oja, Jackson Whitaker, Linda Mega, Jack Schneider and Carl Saiyed.

FLAG SALUTE: Dylan Oja led us in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: A revised personnel report was presented.

CONSENT AGENDA:

September 6th, 2018 Board Minutes	
September GF AP - 113785-113876 & 113916-113919	\$196,991.08
September ASB AP - 113879-113894	\$16,509.53
September CP AP - 113877-113878	\$23,767.82
September Employee Benefit Trust Fund AP - 113895-113896	\$22,923.17
September Accounts Payable Direct Deposits	\$2,471.37
September Payroll -113897-113915	\$744,062.56
August's Treasurer's Statement/Budget Status	

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

PACE CHARACTER TRAIT: RESPECT – Recognizing, considering and properly honoring the worth of one's self and others.

BOARD RECOGNITION: Jack Schneider, middle school ASB President, gave the board an update on the middle school start of the year. The ASB has had two meeting so far this year; 8/23 and 9/5. The officers and representatives decided on four dances for the year: Halloween, Winter, Valentine and End of the Year. They will be held on early release days or on days before a break. They are going to work with the high school on Homecoming week and make it a K-12 activity. They have adopted Robotics as an ASB Club. Jack also reported the Scottie Dash fund raiser was a success raising \$13,400 in donations and \$5,200 in sponsorships before expenses. Student participation in athletics has 11 students in X-Country, 32 in football and 22 participating in softball.

Jackson Whitaker, high school ASB President and Dylan Oja, ASB Spirit Commissioner, shared with the board that school this year is off to a good start. September 13th went smoothly. Students are happy to see the memorial stone. The school is working towards an upbeat atmosphere. The football team is young and looking forward to progress. Volleyball is doing well as is X-Country (even with a low number). The soccer team is heading to Seattle. FBLA Fall Conference is going with FFA to Greenbluff. The Conservation Club will be heading to Harrison on a bike ride. The drama class is working on a performance of "Robin Hood". The band has been invited to kick off the "Coats for Kids" drive at Albertson's on 32nd and Highway 27. Lit Circle has started. The homecoming theme for this year is "Home Sweet Homecoming":

- Monday – HOMERun – Sports Day (Green)
- Tuesday – Make yourself at HOME – Pajama Day (Yellow)
- Wednesday – Take me back HOME – Throwback Day (Red)
- Thursday – Honey, I'm HOME – Career Day (Orange)
- Friday – There's no place like HOME – Spirit Day (Blue)
- Saturday – HOMEcoming Dance

CORRESPONDENCE: Dr. Russell shared a thank you note and donation from Sarah Sanchez, a couple of newspaper clippings featuring Freeman and WIAA District #7 passes.

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Transportation Supervisor, Char Trejbal, reported she has two new sub drivers coming on board with one more to follow after testing along with a new bus aide. School bus evacuations will be conducted next week; Monday – Thursday, 3 each morning in the upper lot. Bus Safety Week is October 22 – 26. The drivers are working on ideas for handouts for good bus behavior rewards as food is not an option. Nurse Dena shared with the drivers' reasons for not giving food on the bus. Jody and her Special Ed team presented to the drivers last week. Renee B. and Kris H. have been invited to meet the drivers. Transportation will need to order diesel fuel, soon.

Special Education Director, Jody Sweeney, shared that at the late start professional development on Sept. 27th, an Executive Functioning presentation was given by Andrew Thurber, LMHC, from Neurotherapy NW. His presentation outlined understanding and teaching brain wiring and learning in the classroom. Threat Assessment training is scheduled for October 24th with a Freeman team along with a Liberty team. Right Response training will be October 29th & 30th. Jody will be meeting with Brendon to discuss the Special Ed budget. Jody will be presenting, along with Susan Ruby, at the Washington State School Psych Conference in October.

Nutrition Services Director, Ellen Arguinchona, is working with the coaches regarding the Sports Nutrition Education Program. She has been working on the allergy audit this week and will get the information updated on the website. Ellen has been making parent phone calls; building trust and relationships. National School Lunch Week is October 15-19. She is looking forward to rewarding one of the classrooms a field trip to the kitchen depending on who brings in the most box tops that week. An internal menu audit is in process. And the high school staff is getting prepared for an onsite audit of the kitchen and coffee shop.

Maintenance & Grounds Director, Kirk Lally, reported that the sprinkler blowout will be completed October 16th. Kirk and Everett attended a Safety Self-Inspection workshop and training at the ESD. The grounds department is helping Kris with the sports fields.

Mechanic, Everett Combs, is applying for an EPA grant. He has also been working on the paperwork required for the bus replacement federal grant; lots of paperwork and pictures required. \$20,000 grant was received towards the new bus. A newer Suburban was purchased to replace the old one. Thank you Everett for your diligence in finding the Suburban. The Safety Committee is in the process of picking some new members for the new year.

Todd Reed, Technology Director, reports the new security is installed and working. He has received good feedback from staff and has made some adjustments. Todd is looking to order a cart of 30 chrome books to try and get feedback from students and staff. They could eventually be used as a 1 to 1 education piece for online searching for research papers. Our wireless system would be able to handle the chrome books. Todd is comparing prices and will be bringing additional information to the board at the December work session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT: The State Board of Education sets the graduation requirements. There has been a change each year for the last 4 to 5 years. The state has settled on 24 credits which also includes credits, assessments and a HS and Beyond Plan. The requirements have moved from the policy to procedure. Students will need 24 credits to graduate. There is a 2 credit safety net that has been left in for those students that would not be able to achieve the 24 credits. The new procedure outlines the different paths to earn the credits, i.e. Running Start & CTE classes.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT: The Spokane County Commissioner has approved a second SRO to share with Liberty School District. Three individuals are interested in applying. The process is expected to be finalized by November 1st. “What’s Next?” in the recovery process. We will work on getting through this month and evaluate how to proceed.

The United Way would like to hand the money over to the Freeman Foundation. What does that look like? The Recovery Fund Committee is working on that process. The committee plans to have the funds spent by the year 2021. The money is there to support the students. Information will be shared in the Friday Update.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY: Dr. Russell went on a field trip to the Portland ESD #112, which is in the Vancouver area. Kyle Rydell and Randy drove to Wenatchee to visit ESD #171. It was good to connect with colleagues and discuss collective bargaining. The open school board position is posted and will close Friday, Oct. 19th. Interviews will be conducted at a board meeting, TBD.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Good News! Enrollment by FTE and head count is up a few students from the September count: 877 students/861 FTE. The ending cash balance for the fiscal year ended in good shape. A conservative projection was shared and will be reevaluated midway through the year.

BOARD COMMENTS: Annie Keebler reported that John Zingg is doing well. There is a School Safety Forum at Gonzaga on October 8th that Annie is planning on attending.

VISITORS COMMENTS & CONCERNS: No comments were shared by visitors.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 1111 – 2ND READING:

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 1111 – Oath of Office, as presented. Bill Morphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 4130 – 2ND READING:

Bill Morphy moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 4130 – Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement, as presented. Annie Keebler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY NO. 5050 – 2ND READING:

Bill Morphy moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 5050 – Contracts, as presented. Annie Keebler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion: There will be a second contract issued in January with the adjusted income, as long as the district’s enrollment meets the agreed upon threshold. The district office will be making some contract procedure changes in the Spring.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT GOALS 2018/2019:

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve the Board/Superintendent Goals for 2018/2019 as presented. Bill Morphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FEA AND ADMIN CONTRACTS:

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve the FEA and Admin contracts for 2018/2019 as presented. Bill Morphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY & PROCEDURE No. 2410 – 1ST READING:

Bill Morphy moved the Board approve Board Policy & Procedure No. 2410 – High School Graduation Requirements, as presented. Annie Keebler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY & PROCEDURE NO. 4200 – 1ST READING:

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve the Board Policy & Procedure No. 4200 – Safe and Orderly Learning Environment, as presented. Bill Morphy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION:

The future board meeting schedule was presented. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11th @ 6:00 pm in the Freeman K-8 Multi-purpose Room. Future meetings are Oct. 30th (previously Oct. 25th) at Hangman Valley Golf Course @ 6:00 pm and the November 29th meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, November 26th @ 6:00 pm in the K-8 Multi-purpose Room.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Marci Dunavan – Resignation – Speech Language Pathologist
 Alexis Varela – New Hire – K-2 Movement & Motion Teacher
 Christa Heiser – New Hire – HS Math Teacher
 Stefan Norris – Substitute Teacher

Classified: Amy Dryden – Substitute Para Educator
 Kieran Harpine-Bissell – Substitute Para Educator
 Lisa Morris – Special Needs Bus Aide
 Aaron McNally – Substitute School Bus Driver
 TyAnna Higgins – Substitute School Bus Driver

Extracurricular: Bill Wigen – MS Assistant Football Coach – 7th grade
 Joel Heiser – HS Assistant Soccer Coach
 Nate Garner – Resignation – MS Baseball Coach

Bill Morphy moved the Board approve the personnel action as presented. Annie Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular board meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair