

BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
September 27, 2022

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The work session of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order at 5:00 pm by Vice-Chair Annie Keebler. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Annie Keebler, Danielle Santman, Dave Teague, Nate Talbot, Randy Russell and Alan Steinolfson were present. Bill Morphy joined via zoom.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Lisa Phelan, Jim Straw, Jeff Smith, Chad Ripke, Jody Sweeney, Todd Reed, Kirk Lally, Char Trejbal, Everett Combs, Kent Bevers, Chuck Stocker, Jeff Jurgenson, Chad Goldsmith, Mark Albin, Jeremy Schmidt, Sandi Treccani, Tyler Dickerhoof, Cory Plager, Neil Fuchs, Tom Sherry, Mike Allen, and Kim Hamilton.

Thank you all for coming tonight.

FACILITIES & LONG RANGE PLANNING:

- a. FSD Water History – Chuck Stocker
 - Decommissioned wells
 - 2 current wells – water used from 1 well
- b. Water Rights – Sandi Treccani, DOE
 - Water right – 55 gallons/minute
 - A second source would not increase the water right
- c. Long-Range Facilities Planning – Dr. Randy Russell
 - ALSC – Study & Survey; facilities, square footage, growth
 - 25-year history – Levies and Bonds
 - Look at 2024 & 2027 Capital Projects levy
 - HVAC Project - \$1.75 M with Capital Projects money
 - Proposal to City of Rockford for 90 housing units to be added
- d. Financial Outlook – Cory Plager
 - Capital Projects
 - Short term challenges
 - Minimize water solution
 - Borrow money early
 - Financial Outlook
 - Bond matures 2028
 - Banks compete for loans
 - Limited obligation bonds
 - Borrow 3/8 of 1%
 - Not new construction but updates
- e. Freeman Facility Projects – Mark Albin
 - A.M. Landshaper partnering with Freeman grounds projects since 2018
- f. Multi-Use Facility Project – Mark Albin
 - Synthetic turf Progressive Design-Build schedule
- g. FSD Field Concept – Tom Sherry
 - Save 1.6 million gallons of water used each year for the football field
 - Maintenance reduction
 - Consistent playfield
 - Safety – concussion levels lower
 - Pumps running less
 - Longer playing season on field
 - Replaceable field over 10-12 years

Q & A SESSION:

- Balance need vs. want
- Keep kids on campus – look at infrastructure
- Finish tax collection cycle - \$2.5 M available – do not use all the funds

- Thank OAC Services – Project Manager on several successful projects
- Storage tanks are original – 3 100,00-gallon storage tanks
- How many wells drilled to get more water?
 - 4 wells decommissioned in last 12 years
 - 2 wells pump water
 - The issue is clean water not more water
- Seasonal flow limits? Limited by total quantity. Up to the district.
- Money used to maintain facilities that we have. \$30,000 - \$50,000 spent yearly to keep fields decent. Difficult to maintain. Lots of money and resources used each year. A continuing issue.
- Benefit to K-12 learning environment?
 - Expand access time
 - Expand PE time
 - Expand outside usage
- Multi-sport facility
 - Possible funding raised by renting facilities
- Three funding sources
 - Capital Projects
 - General Fund
 - Private Partnership

CLOSING COMMENTS: Thank you for giving us your time to be here.

ADJOURNMENT: The board work session concluded at 5:52 pm with no action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair