

BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
December 13, 2023
2:00 pm

WELCOME

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

GUESTS: Lisa Phelan, Jim Straw, Jeff Smith, Chad Ripke, Mike Allen, Jody Sweeney, and Debbie Morphy

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

FSD is in new territory regarding finances. There is a plan with options moving forward. Alan Steinolfson, Director of Finance, presented a power point outlining a budget discussion; "Why Are We Talking Finances in December".

- Enrollment and certificated staffing trend
- Enrollment and certificated FTE
 - Enrollment is down
 - Higher number of junior & seniors participating in Running Start
 - Increasing number of students transitioning to online school or homeschool
- Apportionment and Levy Revenue timing
- Cash flow trends
- Budget savings strategy: Phase 1, Phase 2, Phase 3
- Review
 - Loss of Local Effort Assistance (LEA) revenue & ESSER funding
 - Unprecedented increase in insurance costs
 - Higher staffing than generated by enrollment
 - Lower than anticipated enrollment growth
- Considerations
- Questions

LEVY DISCUSSION:

How the board will reach the public regarding the upcoming Renewal Levies on the February ballot were discussed.

WORK SESSION CLOSED at 3:45 p.m. with no action taken.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair