



Freeman School District

Minutes

Freeman School District Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday October 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location

Palouse Regional Transportation Cooperative

Vision Statement

Continuing Our Tradition of Excellence in Education

Mission Statement

The Freeman School District is the center of a unique, rural community. With pride, commitment and caring, we provide a safe environment for all students to experience meaningful, rigorous learning opportunities that allow them to dream and develop into capable, confident and ethical members of the 21st Century.

Directors Present

A. Keebler, B. Morphy, D. Santman, D. Teague, N. Talbott

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

A. Steinolfson, Amy Hoyt, Chad Ripke, Everett Combs, Gena Hawk, Jeff Smith, Jim Straw, Joanna DePeralta, Jody Sweeney, Kellie Miner, Kirk Lally, L. Phelan, Mike Allen, R. Simon, T. Reed

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Teague called a meeting of the board of directors of Freeman School District to order on Wednesday Oct 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Gena Hawk led us in the flag salute

D. Establish Quorum

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes

A. Keebler made a motion to approve the minutes from Freeman School District Board Meeting on 09-23-24.

B. Morphy seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Consent Agenda Items

A. Keebler made a motion to approve the minutes from.

B. Morphy seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Pace Character Trait

A. Responsibility

RESPONSIBILITY – Being accountable, the pursuit of excellence, and the exercise of self-control

IV. Correspondence

A. Correspondence

- Dept of Ecology
- Annual request from Washington State Patrol.

As a follow up to the Board Work Session, Dr. Russell shared that it was good to have people attending, along with Gene Sementi and Cory Plager. There is a lot of information to digest.

V. Building Reports

A. Building Reports

B. Lisa Phelan

Overview

- During the 24-25 school year, FES will focus on Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, Professional Learning Communities and Freeman School District's three focus areas:

1. Embrace challenging and necessary conversations with students and staff;
2. Expect Civility and Respect from everyone; and
3. Enhance our MTSS grades TK-12.

Areas of Focus

- FES school counselor Stacey Rawson, Special Education Director Jody Sweeney, and I met with each teacher in grades 1-5 for Profile Meetings. During each meeting, the team reviewed data on every student in each class, interventions, and next steps as we prepared for conferences on October 24th and 25th.
- TK-12 Professional Development- The certificated staff reviewed CEE 23/24 survey data in preparation for the upcoming CEE survey window to align the focused MTSS work to meet the needs of all students.
- Field Trips—The 4th grade will attend the Symphony with fourth graders from Spokane on October 23. • Scottie Dash was very successful; a huge thank you to the community for the support of TK-8 ASB.

Enrollment

TK-44, K-41, 1-64, 2-57, 3-64, 4-57, 5-54 = 381 (-2) Total

C. Jim Straw

Overview

- During the 2024-25 school year, FMS staff and students are focused on our academic programs as we implement a seven-period day, incorporating social emotional learning into content classes and the consistent, constant growth of our positive learning community and culture.

Areas of Focus

- Educational opportunities for Students
 - WSU Fieldtrip for 7th graders- 9/23
 - Unlock Your Future for 8th graders @ The HUB- 10/2
- Professional Development for Staff
 - PLC's- Assessment- 9/25

- Freeman Strategic Plan, MTSS and CEE's EES Surveys: How do they all relate? - 10/7
- PTSG Partnership w/ FMS
 - Very Successful Scottie Dash
 - Guest Speakers for First Friday Lessons
 - After School Halloween Dance on Friday, 11/1 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Enrollment

6-70, 7-63, 8-68 = 201 Total

D. Jeff Smith

Overview

- FHS is continuing to improve. As a team, we are specifically focusing on Tier 1 MTSS Instruction, Assessment in PLCs (Professional Learning Communities), and PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Support).

Areas of Focus

- Great FHS Homecoming Week! Dress Participation, Competition Events, Dance (257) were all positive with more students involved than last year
- FHS completed AESD Accreditation 3-year review
- FHS hosted 4 North Palouse schools for North Palouse MoneyLive
- WSU Instant Decision Day: 7 accepted; PSAT: 40 testers
- Senior Summit, National College Fair, Construction Days
- FBLA: 49; SkillsUSA 13; FFA: 43; Knowledge Bowl: 15; NHS 43; Art Club 22; Conservation Club: 20
- Robotics Club; Unified Club

Enrollment

9-64 (-1), 10-75 (-1), 11-77 (+1), 12-80 = 296 Total

E. Chad Ripke, Dean of Students/HS Athletic Director:

Overview

- Fall sports are doing great at the HS. Football is 5-1 and ranked #4 in the RPI. Senior night game is on Friday October 25th
- Soccer is 9-0 and ranked #1 in the RPI. Play NWC tomorrow in a battle of the top 2 teams in the league.
- Volleyball 18-4 overall, and 10-1 according to the RPI and ranked #5. The VB team won the bronze bracket at the prestigious Linda Sheridan Tournament in September.

- Cross Country is doing great. Had a successful senior night meet on October 8th. League championship meet will be on October 18th

Areas of Focus

- Freeman youth flag football teams playing at halftime of the senior night football game; 6 freeman based teams.
- Winter sports right around the corner, gearing up for those.
- Shot put in, thank you to Kirk and Joel Reed for their work on that.
- Spring sports schedules and head tennis coach and JV softball jobs.
- Dinner/Auction fundraiser at CDA Casino on March 15th. Starting to plan for that event.

Enrollment

Football-55, Volleyball-31, Soccer-26, XC-25, Cheer-16

F. Mike Allen, K-8 TOSA/MS Athletic Director:

Overview

- Work to improve programs and support our student athletes.
 - Participate in partnership with the Greater Spokane County League (GSCL).
- Area of Focus
- FMS Football – Athletes worked hard, faced the challenge of one team head on, record was 1-4 on the season.
 - FMS Softball – Athletes worked hard, grew tremendously as individuals and a team. Their season record was 2-6
 - Cross Country – Finished off a great season with a fantastic showing at All-League.
 - Volleyball and wrestling kicked off October 17th

Enrollment

Volleyball-28, Wrestling 28

VI. Department Reports

A. Kent Bevers, Nutrition Services Director

Overview

- Freeman SD Nutrition Services supports the philosophy of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs and will provide wholesome and nutritious meals for children in the district's schools.

Areas of Focus

- Food Recall:
 - a. Bruce Pac Foods recalled approximately 9,986,245 pounds of ready-to-eat (RTE) meat and poultry products due to *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination. Bruce Pak primarily distributes to grocery stores and retail outlets.
 - b. Foods Distributed by USDA/Commodities & US Foods not affected
 - c. USDA Foods Press Release: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls-alerts/brucepac-recalls-ready-eatmeat-and-poultry-products-due-possible-listeria>
 - d. Here is a link to an article about the recall:
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2024/10/14/ten-million-pound-meat-recall-walmart-targettrader-joes-product/75673235007/>
- Adult Meal prices
 - a. As OSPI was reviewing our annual sponsor application, I was informed that our adult meal prices are too low.
 - b. This was not mentioned to me when I submitted the PLE to OSPI last spring.
 - c. We are only short on our adult meal pricing by \$0.02, so I am proposing a \$0.05 increase in adult lunch meal prices only.
 - d. OSPI has informed me that we can make this price change after winter break.

B. Everett Combs - Transportation Supervisor

Areas of Focus

- Mileage for September:
 - To/From – 17,838 miles
 - Field Trips – 116 miles
 - Extra-Curricular Trips – 1792 miles
 - Total miles – 19,746 miles
- Students transported in September:
 - To/From daily riders – 16,750
 - 2nd PM Route – 607
 - Total students – 17,357
- Our numbers for fall ridership is due to OSPI by October 31. So far, our high number was Tuesday, September 3 with 903 students. We have to count three days in a row with the median number being the ridership number submitted.
 - Having students attend study table prior to participating in sports has allowed us to run a second PM route and the ability to count those students as riders. Last years' fall ridership count was 848. This is an increase of 55 students.
 - Tuesday, September 3 = 903
 - Wednesday, September 4 = 921
 - Thursday, September 5 = 895

- We are excited to announce that we have an official new substitute bus driver – Ben Jamison.

C. Kirk Lally - Maintenance/Ground Director

Areas of Focus

- Sprinklers are scheduled to be blown out on October 24th; a no school day.
- Working on small projects around district.
- Gearing up for winter sports.

Safety

- Everett and I attended the SRHD self-inspection workshop in order to stay a part of the self inspections program.

D. Todd Reed - Director of Technology

Areas of Focus

- We successfully replaced and upgraded several faulty exterior parking lot cameras to improve surveillance coverage and reliability.
- We are currently working on transitioning EduPortal to BoardOnTrac to provide a more streamlined process for managing board agendas, minutes, and community outreach. This upgrade aims to enhance efficiency and improve communication with our community stakeholders.
- Our new website has successfully completed the design phase. We are now in the process of content migration, which involves transferring and organizing all necessary content to ensure a seamless transition to the new site.

E. Jody Sweeney - Special Ed Director / School Psychologist

Overview

- Focused on Special Education processes, legal and team expectations.
 - Communication and collaboration with Admin/Leadership Team and Special Ed Team.
 - ELL and Highly Capable work within the district.
- School Psychologist:
 - Initial evaluations and reevaluations within FSD – academic, cognitive, social/emotional, developmental, health, and adaptive assessments within a legal timeline.

Areas of Focus

- Managing and overseeing referrals for evaluations, MTSS process, interventions and collaborating with all staff regarding our students.

- Sharing MTSS resources, current law relating to Special Education and 504, and best practices related to student academic & behavioral interventions. Attending profile meetings, staff meetings, Eval/Reeval/IEP meetings and collaboration meetings.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Capital Projects Levy Discussion

B. Review Board Policy No. 2005

Review Board Policy No. 2005 – School Improvement Plans – Working on the Strategic Plan for all buildings – one master plan for the entire district.

C. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Discussed Skill Center and class options.

D. School Safety, Culture and Environment

E. Partnering with Parents and School/Community

F. Fiscal & Legal Accountability

- Per Chris Reykdal from OSPI, TK will be only be fully funded through February and partially for March.
- It is possible there will be no more funding for the rest of the year unless Emergency Provisions funding is ruled.
- Working on budget payments with annual vendor contracts to help with cash flow. The district is still on a budget freeze.
- Enrollment
- Cash flow

VIII. Board Comments

A. Board Comments

Annie Keebler has been involved in district walkthroughs. She is very impressed with how well all the classrooms are run.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Approval of Board Policy & Procedure No. 2410 - 2nd Reading

A. Keebler made a motion to approve Board Policy & Procedure No. 2410 – High School Graduation Requirements, as presented.

D. Santman seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Approval of Board Policy & Procedure No. 3246 - 2nd Reading

A. Keebler made a motion to approve Board Policy & Procedure No. 3246 – Restraint, Isolation and other Uses of Reasonable Force, as presented.

N. Talbott seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Approval of Board Policy No. 3432 - 2nd Reading

A. Keebler made a motion to approve Board Policy No. 3432 – Emergencies, as presented.

B. Morphy seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approval of Board Policy & Procedure No. 6220 - 2nd Reading

A. Keebler made a motion to approve Board Policy & Procedure No. 6220 – Bis or Request for Proposal Requirements, as presented.

D. Santman seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Approval of Board Policy No. 6690 - 2nd Reading

A. Keebler made a motion to approve Board Policy No. 6690 – Contracting for Transportation Services, as presented.

N. Talbott seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

X. New Business

A. Approval of FHS ASB Robotics Club

B. Morphy made a motion to approve the FHS ASB Robotics Club, as presented.

D. Santman seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Approval of FHS ASB Unified Club

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N. Talbott seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Approval of Board Policy & Procedure No. 3206 - 1st Reading

A. Keebler made a motion to approve Board Policy & Procedure No. 3206 (NEW) – Pregnant and Parenting Students, as presented.

N. Talbott seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approval of Board Policy & Procedure No. 4130 - 1st Reading

B. Morphy made a motion to approve Board Policy & Procedure No. 4130 – Title I, Part A Parent and Family Engagement, as presented.

D. Santman seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Approval of Board Policy & Procedure No. 5011 - 1st Reading

A. Keebler made a motion to approve Board Policy & Procedure No. 5011 – Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based harassment of District Staff Prohibited, as presented.

N. Talbott seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Approval of Board Policy & Procedure No. 5012 - 1st Reading

B. Morphy made a motion to approve Board Policy & Procedure No. 5012 – Parental, Family, or Marital Status, and Pregnancy or Related Conditions of Staff, as presented.

D. Santman seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

XI. Other Information

A. Future Board Meetings

- The November board meeting will be Wednesday, the 20th, 2024, at the PRTC building at 6:00 pm.
- A board work session is scheduled for Thursday, Nov 21st, 2024, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Location to be determined.
- The December 11th work session is scheduled for 2:00 pm followed by a regular board meeting at 6:00 pm.

XII. Personnel

A. Personnel Action

A. Keebler made a motion to approve the personnel action as presented.

N. Talbott seconded the motion.

Certified:

Eli Holm – Substitute Teacher

Rachel Hasbrouck – Long Term Substitute Teacher – FMS ELA

Melinda Kirschenmann – Substitute Teacher

Jessie Angle – Substitute Teacher

Classified:

Taylor Trantham – FMS Afterschool Study Table (1 day/wk.) Vicki Valente – Substitute Secretary

Extracurricular:

Brooke Forkner – 7th Grade Head Volleyball Coach

James Javier – 7th Grade Assistant Volleyball Coach

Quinlan Hopkins – Resignation - HS Basketball “C” Squad Coach

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

XIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Teague

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