APPROVED

Freeman School District

Minutes

FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Date and Time
Monday March 24, 2025 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

Directors Absent
D. Teague, N. Talbott

Guests Present
A. Steinolfson, Aimee Hoyt, Brad Boswell, Chad Ripke, D. Morphy, David Funk, Everett Combs, Jeff Smith, Jill Morphy, Jim Straw, Jody Opheim, Jody Sweeney, Kent Bevers, Kirk Lally, L. Phelan, Lance Melin, Mike Allen, T. Reed

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Morphy called a meeting of the board of directors of Freeman School District to order on Monday Mar 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Bill Morphy led us in the flag salute.

D. Establish Quorum

There was a quorum present.

E. Approve Minutes

A. Keebler made a motion to approve the minutes from FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING on 02-27-25.
D. Santman seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Consent Agenda

A. March 2025 Consent Agenda Items

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve the March 24, 2025, consent agenda, as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. Board Recognition

A. Above and Beyond Award

Jill Morphy was awarded the Above and Beyond Award. She was recognized for all the hard work she has done purchasing for the Booster Club concession stand and organizing workers from each sport team.

B. Partners for Rural Washington (PRWA)

David Funk, Zero Emissions Northwest, and Jody Opheim, PRWA, in partnership with each other, presented a possible Community Solar Project. This project could be a possible option for energy savings. They requested permission from the board to move forward and continue working on the project. The first step would be to secure the incentive.

IV. Pace Character Trait

A. DILIGENCE

Persistence, dedication and hard work.

V. Correspondence

A. Correspondence

Fire District #8 - Upcoming Levy Flyer

VI. Building Reports

A. Lisa Phelan, Elementary Principal/Assistant Superintendent

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, 3. Enhance our MTSS grades TK-12

Areas of Focus
Profile Meetings wrapped up last week. The winter student data shows significant growth in reading and math.

Math is Cool. The 4th-grade team took first place and qualified for the state competition in May. Cole Sherwood took 1st place (individual). The 5th grade team also qualified for state. The 4th and 5th-grade teams will compete at State “Masters” Math is Cool in May.

Upcoming events -

- Pages w/Principal Anxious Generation Book Study, Tuesday, February 25th
- 3-5 Musical - March 27-29 6:00 p.m. FHS MPR
- STEAM Fair - April 2nd, TK-8 MPR
- TTK/K round-up - April 24th 1-6 p.m.
- Math is Cool State Competition - May 17th, Moses Lake

Enrollment
TK-46, K-42, 1st-64, 2nd-58, 3rd-65, 4th-57, 5th-52 = 384

B. Jim Straw, Middle School Principal

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

>Began planning for year-end events and processes.
*Academic Units
*Elections
*Registration
>Student Building Transitions are in process.
*Information Activities
*Assessment
*Tours
>ASB enjoyed a product tasting w/ Mr. Bevers and Wilson Diaz, Schwan's Territory Sales Manager.
>The FMS students are currently preparing to present to their families during Student-Led conferences April 3rd & 4th.
>Student Activities - 6th Grade Ski Trip on 2/19, WSU 8th Grade Field Trip on 3/17, WSU 7th Grade Engagement on 3/21

Enrollment

6th- 71 7th- 61 8th- 69 Total- 201

C. Jeff Smith, High School Principal

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

- ASB elections are scheduled for April 1
- 25-26 Master Schedule is in process
- Applying for 1 new CTE course: Business & Marketing
- Conferences and communicating with parents
- End of Year planning is nearing completion

Enrollment

9th = 61, 10th = 75, 11th = 76, 12th = 78. Total: 290

D. Chad Ripke, HS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

Overview

- Boys basketball 2nd in state. Great to see the student, family and community support at the arena during the tournament.

- Spring sports off and running with games/jamborees.
- Softball is 2-0, 21-6 over Ridgeline and 23-5 over Riverside.
- Baseball 2-0 with 13-1 wins over Warden and Tonasket
- Track had a very successful jamboree on Wednesday
- Tennis has competed twice so far. 16 girls out, but only 2 boys
- Golf kids have been indoors with the course not being open yet, but girls went down to Clarkston and competed well and the boys were at Esmeralda on Wednesday.
- Very successful dinner/auction fundraiser. Thanks to all that supported.

Areas of Focus

- Wrapping up winter sports coaching evaluations
- Finding JV games for baseball and softball

Enrollment

- Spring Sports – 159 kids out for spring sports
- Baseball - 21
- Golf – Boys 18, Girls 13,
- Tennis – Boys 2, Girls 14
- Track – Boys 40, Girls 24
- Softball - 27

E. Mike Allen, K-8 TOSA/Athletic Director

Overview

Work to improve programs and support our student athletes. Participate in partnership with the Greater Spokane County League (GSCL).

Areas of Focus

FMS Girls Basketball off to a great start! Several dominant outings and some great close games. Baseball and Track Start April 14th

Enrollment

Girls' Basketball 34 with four teams. Final Forms currently – Baseball 37 and Track 39

VII. 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

1. Audit Update
    1. All corrective actions have been completed and approved by OSPI
2. Started working on a $1000.00 Special Donation (K5) disbursement this week.
3. Will be adding Stromboli as a choice for the middle school lunches
4. Met with K8 Student ASB March 12 – sampled three new items:
    1. Fiestada Beef Pocket (most popular item)
    2. Fried Rice
    3. Vegetable dumplings

B. Everett Combs, Transportation Supervisor

• We have 2 new buses that are done being built but still at the factory. I don't anticipate them being delivered to us until the end of April or beginning of May.
• Mileage for February:
  o To/From – 16,369 miles
  o Field Trips – 79 miles
  o Club Trips – 526 miles
  o Extra-Curricular Trips – 1,856 miles
  Total – 18,830 miles
• Students transported in February:
  o Morning riders – 7,888
  o Afternoon riders – 8,040
  o 2nd PM Route – 287
  Total – 16,215 students – an increase of 786 students from January
• We are currently operating:
  o Regular ED bus routes 12
  o Program Bus routes 2
  o After school 2nd PM Route 2
  o McKinney-Vento Route 2
  TOTAL ROUTES: 18

C. Kirk Lally, Maintenance/Grounds Director

Areas of Focus:

1. Working with Chad and Mike on spring sports needs.
2. Getting summer equipment ready for the season.
3. Working with Randy and Alan on summer items.

Safety:

1. Nothing to report at this time.

D. Todd Reed, Technology Director

Areas of Focus

- We collaborated with the production team for the elementary musical to integrate and test eight newly purchased microphones funded by PTSG. We ensured proper wiring and functionality to enhance audio quality and support a seamless performance experience.
- We supported the technology needs of the career fair by setting up booths with power, providing vendors with Wi-Fi access and using the new Digital Video Display to showcase the event and sponsors.
- All District backup generators passed their biannual maintenance and inspections. Each generator is exercising and running as designed.

E. Jody Sweeney, Special Ed Director/School Psychologist

Overview

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

Areas of Focus

1. Profile Meetings in FES
    a. AIMSWEB January results
    b. Data-Based Decision-Making - MTSS
2. Conferences
    a. Communication with parents/teachers regarding interventions & evaluations
3. Dyslexia Screener K-3 results
4. Planning for next school year

VIII. Superintendent's Report

A. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

The Instructional Materials Committee will meet on Monday. A movie list for a new class that is going to be taught at the high school next year was brought to the committee. They will be researching if materials will need to be purchased.

B. School Safety, Culture and Environment

A table-top exercise was conducted on Tuesday, March 25th. Evacuations and emergency procedures were discussed. Deputy Felvarg presented an informational drug power-point.

C.

Partnering with Parents and School/Community

The CEE survey will be sent out to parents. We will use this information to let us know areas for improvement and areas we are doing well. The next professional development day will be spent going over the responses of the survey. The link to the survey is also in the Friday Flyers.

D. Fiscal & Legal Accountability

Enrollment is slightly down this month.

It is looking like TTK will be fully funded for the remainder of this school year with a delay in funding for school districts. For those schools that already have a program in place, it is looking like it will be funded for next year with limitations.

IX. Visitor Comments & Concerns

A. Visitors

No visitor comments or concerns.

X. New Business

A. Approval of $10,000 Band Donation

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve the band donation of $10,000, as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Board Policy & Procedure No. 3210 - 1st Reading

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Board Policy & Procedure No. 3210 - Nondiscrimination, as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Board Policy & Procedure No. 5010 - 1st Reading

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Board Policy & Procedure No. 5010 - Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action, as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

D. Approval of Board Policy No. 5400 - 1st Reading

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve Board Policy No. 5400 - Personnel Leaves, as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

XI. Other Information

A. Future Board Meetings

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28th at 6:00 pm at the PRTC.

XII. Personnel

A. Personnel Action

Certified: Jennifer Croskrey – Substitute Teacher

Classified: Craige Pannell – Substitute Bus Driver – Pending OSPI Approval and Training Completion

Extracurricular: Volunteer Coaching –
Baseball – Aaron McLean, Branden Florence, Bryan Braley
Softball – Chad Ripke
Tennis – Brooke Forkner
Track – Erik Cole
Natalie Randolph - High School Head JV Softball Coach
Makenna Svelmoe - High School Overflow Track Coach

Annie Keebler moved the Board approve the personnel action as presented. Danielle Santman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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 7:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Morphy
Recording Secretary _____

Board Secretary _____

Board Chair _____