

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
November 27, 2012

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 Randy Primmer. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Fuchs, Chad Goldsmith, Randy Primmer, John Zingg, Randy Russell and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Annie Keebler.

GUESTS: Kathryn O'Connor, Todd Reed, Debbie Morphy, Brian Parisotto, Dave Smith, Anne-Marie Ophus, Dan Gordon, Everett Combs, Brad Van Dyne, Char Trejbal, Raeann Ducar, Jim Straw, and Micki Harnois.

FLAG SALUTE: Todd Reed led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – October 25, 2012

General Fund AP #102782-102894	\$128,609.85
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Capital Projects Fund AP #102895-102899	\$288,046.10
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ASB Fund AP #102900-102928	\$22,824.42
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November Payroll	\$588,918.45
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Treasurer's Statement

Mr. Zingg moved the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Dr. Russell reviewed the following correspondence:

- Letter from Apollo Solutions Group regarding energy services performance contracting with OSPI energy grants
- Letter from the Dept. of Ecology regarding draft permit and fact sheet
- OSPI letter stating the District has met all requirements in 2011-2012 for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- Letter from the State Dept. of Health in support of the EPA partnership to study Freeman water
- Letter from Eric Dickson, ESD industrial hygienist, regarding continued monitoring of moisture under the high school red gym floor
- Letter from the EPA regarding the Freeman School Groundwater Contamination Study
- Board and Administrator newsletter
- Copy of first edition of the Bagpiper
- Valleyford Clarion which will feature an article about the district each month

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported on the fundraiser, the K-8 talent show, winter sports, and upcoming concerts. The school improvement team has met with a representative from ESD 101 regarding cyber bullying. The goal is to educate students in the correct use of technology.

Principal Intern Brad Van Dyne reported on elementary activities. He is leading a staff book study on *Brain Rules* by John Medina. The focus is on “what are we doing to help our students grow?” The K-5 math adoption is piloting one program in second and fourth grades, and two other curriculums will be reviewed. All are consistent with Common Core state standards.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported the Veterans Day assembly was well attended. FBLA has 90 students participating. National Honor Society is working with the Christmas Bureau. The Leadership class project is the Freeman 15. FFA students are selling wreaths and centerpieces. There are 55 students participating in FFA. Mr. Hayter received a \$20,000 grant to purchase biology equipment for his agriculture classes. Cheerleaders performed at the University of Washington game. Art students entered a contest by creating a Trojan Holstein out of milk cartons. The new Spokane Valley Skill Center will offer such programs as biomedical, engineering, fire science, and cosmetics.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Transportation Supervisor Char Trejbal reported staff is applying for a federal bus replacement grant. Last year Freeman buses traveled a total of 196,784 miles.

Assistant Transportation Supervisor Everett Combs reported buses are on 13-year depreciation. All the route buses are on depreciation, but some of the spare buses are older and no longer generate funds. The emergency procedure manual is under review.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported a grant is bringing internet to rural schools and libraries. A company will build a tower on the old transportation building for internet access that is faster and costs less than what we currently have. He will be working on a district technology plan this year.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported she has submitted an application for meeting new meal pattern requirements which, if approved, will generate an additional six cents per lunch. RevTrak revenues were \$3,000 in September and \$5,000 in October. Students in Mr. Hayter’s horticulture class are growing red leaf lettuce and swiss chard among other things for the nutrition services program.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported Annie Henson is updating the high school website. “Numerous students made first and second teams,” he stated. There are 33 high school wrestlers, 30 boys in basketball, and 14 girls in basketball.

Dr. Russell reported the Spokane County Commissioners are holding a hearing on declaring no parking on the west side of Jackson Road.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT: CSG Representative Dan Gordon reported he and the superintendent back checked all the punch lists with the exception of mechanical and electrical, which will be done by consultants. Once everything is complete, the architect will issue a letter stating the Board is authorized to accept the project. After a 45-day waiting period for claims, public works project completion forms are sent to state agencies. Currently there is \$50,000 held on the elementary project and \$15,000 held on the transportation cooperative. Mr. Primmer inquired about leaks in the high school roof. Mr. Gordon stated a contractor is checking the roof under the roof membrane warranty.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT – ENROLLMENT: Dr. Russell reviewed November enrollment at 847.09 with an annual average of 843.29 FTE. Freeman CVA is 11.27 FTE.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT: Dr. Russell updated the Board on progress with the Teacher/Principal Evaluation Project. Administrators and teacher representatives have attended regional implementation grant meetings, and the Marzano framework has been selected. Late start days have focused on the Common Core standards and will transition to TPEP. Additional late start days may be required next year to complete this work, he stated.

Dr. Russell reminded the Board of the work session starting at 2:00 on December 13 prior to the Board meeting. Topics will focus on kindergarten and special education.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reviewed the cash flow projection. "Expenses ran high this month due to the purchase of \$30,000 of diesel fuel, but ending cash remains stronger than what was budgeted," she stated.

BOARD CONTINUING ED INTEREST SURVEY: Dr. Russell gave the Board an interest survey to review and provide feedback. The survey will determine direction for education and self-assessment.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Mayor of the Town of Rockford Micki Harnois stated the town is looking for activities for kids when they aren't in school or sports. She said they would welcome any ideas.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE CVA SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the CVA School Improvement Plan for 2012-2013 as presented. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE FCCLA INTER-DISTRICT AGREEMENT WITH CVSD: Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the FCCLA inter-district agreement with Central Valley School District as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY 3122 – EXCUSED AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy 3122 – Excused and Unexcused Absences. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board adopt the policy for second reading. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL AP LITERATURE NOVELS: Mr. Primmer stated he served on the committee to review novels adopted for the AP Literature course, and “it was very enlightening.” After review, the adoption committee recommended the following novels:

- *Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin
- *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller
- *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien

AP Teachers Kathryn O'Connor and Anne-Marie Ophus stated AP Literature is a college course and assumes students have the maturity to discuss controversial topics. Parent and West Valley AP Teacher Randy Carasco stated “students must be exposed to a variety of genres or approaches to prepare them for the AP test.” After discussion, Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the novel selection. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer reminded the Board of the December 13 work study session and meeting.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Classified: 30-day leave of absence – Bus Driver Kathryn Youngren
Resignation: Bus Driver John Westerman

Extracurricular: HS “C” Boys Basketball Coach – Taylor Vold
HS Asst Wrestling Coach – Greg Mitchell
HS JV Girls Basketball Coach – Megan McIntyre
Resignation: MS Asst Boys Basketball – Brad Van Dyne
Resignation: MS Boys Basketball – Cameron Wieber

Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve personnel action as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair