

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
February 26, 2013

WORK STUDY SESSION: The Board held a work study session at 5:00 p.m. with GeoEngineers representatives to review results of the feasibility study to identify and evaluate alternatives for addressing carbon tetrachloride contamination in a groundwater production well.

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

GUESTS: Ken Spiering, Brian Parisotto, Jim Straw, Charlotte Trejbal, Todd Reed, Everett Combs, Debbie Morphy, Brette Schmidlkofer, Carissa Perry, Mindy Hanson, Bruce Williams, Jonathan Rudders, Kirk Lally, Dave Huotari, Justin Payne, and Lisa Phelan.

FLAG SALUTE: Dave Huotari led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – January 29, 2013

General Fund AP #103372-103462	\$86,828.45
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Capital Projects Fund AP #103463-103475	\$89,073.03
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ASB Fund AP #103476-103502	\$16,962.31
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Benefit Trust Fund AP #103503-103504	\$10,885.91
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February Payroll	\$582,116.53
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Treasurer's Statement

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

BOARD RECOGNITION: Freeman High School Art Teacher Ken Spiering introduced Carissa Perry, Brette Schmidlkofer, and Mindy Hanson who showed their artwork in various mediums. They will be participants in the upcoming regional student art show.

CORRESPONDENCE: Dr. Russell gave the Board the following correspondence:

1. Spokane Valley Tech Center brochure
2. Letter from OSPI regarding conclusion of the citizens complaint
3. Board and Administrator newsletter

## REPORTS

**BUILDING REPORTS:** Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan shared two potential student math books. “We hope to make a purchase decision by March and schedule professional development before school starts in the fall,” she stated. Board members enjoyed Cherie Dexter’s class writing project on “the moose on the playground.”

Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported on upcoming science fairs, student-led conferences, heart gram fundraising, state assessments, and middle school sports activities.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported students attended the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, and participated in Burgers with a Heart. Reading and writing assessments will be held in March. Staff is working on next year’s schedule, and students will take a survey on courses of interest. A new math course is scheduled for students who don’t pass the geometry end-of-course exam. Nineteen students attended the Running Start meeting.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported the purchase of two new buses is being planned, which will result in 19 out of 20 buses on the depreciation schedule. Bids for a 41-passenger bus and a 24-passenger special needs bus with a wheelchair lift will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported gym floors will be refinished again this year by an outside contractor, which costs less and saves time rather than having staff do the work. He is also exploring the maintenance of perennials and grasses with a landscaper. Principals are preparing summer maintenance lists.

Technology Director Todd Reed demonstrated the new employee intranet website. The first E-Rate application has been submitted for internet, basic phones and cellular service.

Assistant Transportation Supervisor Everett Combs reported on the recent Rapid Responder training. The new safety manual is being printed.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported on winter sports. Coach Chad Ripke is NEA Coach of the Year and Region 4 Coach of the Year. Senior project presentations have been scheduled. Sign-up is underway for the Alumni Tournament, which is the longest running alumni tournament in the state at 32 years. There are 190 high school students turned out for sports, he stated. Of course, it snowed on the first day of spring sports.

Dr. Russell reported nutrition services was successful in the recent surprise health department inspection.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT: The Board received the project management report from Construction Services Group. Walker Construction is dealing with one lien on the project.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT: Dr. Russell reviewed the February enrollment report with an annual average of 856.65 FTE.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT: Dr. Russell reported administrators met with Jamie Pavlischak, a parent and 20-year veteran of the Spokane Police Department, about workplace violence.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Dir. Fiscal/Administrative Services reviewed the monthly cash flow projection. Fund balance is inching toward the Board's goal of five percent even after planning for the math adoption. Dr. Russell said a future conversation might be about maintaining a five percent reserve versus much needed additional special education staffing. Dr. Russell stated a review is being conducted of maintenance/custodial/grounds, as well as a review of job descriptions. Some contracted services such as refinishing gym floors, summer grounds help, and landscaping assistance may cost less than staff time.

VISITORS COMMENTS/CONCERNS: ALSC Architect Dave Huotari presented the Board a panoramic photo of entire campus.

## NEW BUSINESS

GEOENGINEERS FEASIBILITY STUDY: Mr. Primmer reported the Board completed a work study session with Ken Geibel of David Evans & Associates and GeoEngineers representatives Bruce Williams and Jonathon Rudders. Their work was part of a feasibility study to identify and evaluate alternatives for addressing carbon tetrachloride contamination in a groundwater production. The study was funded by a Dept. of Health grant. Potential options include drilling a new well, drilling a test well, and/or managing water by filtering out carbon tetrachloride in the current well. Dr. Russell stated the District has a \$100,000 OSPI grant to solve water issues that expires June 30. It was decided to seek answers to a number of unanswered questions regarding the grant and schedule a special Board meeting next week to make a final determination.

CVA PARTNERSHIP: Dr. Russell stated the agreement with Valley School District and Columbia Virtual Academy requires all districts to move to a "Level 2" form of the partnership. Administration feels there may be better options to serve our high school students with OSPI approved on-line courses. After discussion, Mrs. Keebler moved the Board terminate the Columbia Virtual Academy agreement. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BOND REFINANCE PROPOSAL: Dr. Russell stated our bond representative, Jon Gores of D.A. Davidson has reported there are potential interest savings of over \$600,000 due to historically low interest rates if the District refinanced some of the 2008 bonds. Mr. Gores will be at the March 14 meeting to explore this further, he stated.

APPROVE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE WEEK: Mr. Primmer read the Classified Employee Week proclamation. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve March 11-15 as Classified Employee Week. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE VALLEY TECH LEGISLATIVE FUNDING RESOLUTION: Mr. Fuchs moved the Board adopt Resolution 4-2012/2013 – Support Legislative Funding for Spokane Valley Tech Center. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE FREEMAN/LIBERTY COMBINED GOLF PROGRAM: Dr. Russell stated a student from Liberty wishes to play on the Freeman golf team since the sport is not offered at Liberty. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the request as presented. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: The Board will schedule a special meeting regarding the well project either March 5 or 6 depending on members' schedules. The March 14 meeting has been moved to 4:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Hire: Substitute teachers:                      Melissa A. Goodner  
   Peter J. Mills  
   Will Fridinger

Extracurricular:                                      Rob Rowe – Head Golf Coach

Mrs. Keebler moved the Board approve personnel action as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. with no further action.

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Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair