

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
April 25, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District board of Directors was called to order at the Rockford City Hall at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Randy Primmer. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Todd Reed, Lisa Phelan, Debbie Morphy, Alan McGinnity, Micki Harnois, Dave Smith, Brian Parisotto, Everett Combs, Stan Primmer, Jennifer Cecil, Bobbi Jo Smith, Mariah Smith, Holly Smith, Bruce Williams, and Tom Richardson.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Primmer added "legislative update" to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2013

General Fund AP #103738-103821	\$126,541.75
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Capital Projects Fund AP #103822	13,358.70
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ASB Fund AP #103823-103838	\$7,710.54
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Benefit Trust Fund AP #103839	\$5,924.93
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April Payroll	\$531,564.23
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Treasurer's Statement

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Dr. Russell reviewed the following correspondence:

- Letter from the Dept. of Health regarding the water rights application
- Letter from the Dept. of Health stating the feasibility study is under review
- Letter from GeoEngineers outlining their role and pricing if the well project is approved
- Letter from University Legal Assistance representing Spokane River Keepers regarding discharge into Little Cottonwood Creek
- District's response letter to University Legal Assistance
- Notice to community regarding well project update
- Authorization from the Dept. of Ecology for a temporary water rights application change which allowed drilling of the well
- Approval of feasibility study by the Dept. of Health
- Letter from PSE stating the new representative is Terry Wells

- Certificate from the State Finance Committee for the school bond guarantee program
- Letter from ESD 101 regarding a petition for transfer of territory from Central Valley School District to Freeman School District
- Letter from Fulcrum Environmental stating that seven samples of soils moved from the high school to the Palouse Regional Transportation Cooperative site showed no contamination

## REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported both elementary and middle school conferences were very successful. The school improvement team is drafting a homework policy, and state assessments are underway. She has met with floor representatives to solve adhesion issues in the elementary entry.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported staff development has been focused on self-assessments with the new instructional framework. The school improvement team reviewed the strategic plan progress. He updated the Board on testing schedules and spring activities.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported summer maintenance lists are being prioritized. The damaged elementary light pole will be repaired in late summer due to wet soils.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported online testing has gone well. He is developing a plan for technology needs for the next three years.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported most districts are increasing meal prices to meet the required “meal price equity”. In addition, increased food costs have put pressure on the program’s finances. The department tested Skyward in the web environment but it slowed operating lines. All seven nutrition services employees will be certified by the School Nutrition Association. Review of the wellness policy is underway, she reported.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported on spring sports and WIAA amendments. League classifications could change.

Assistant Transportation Supervisor Everett Combs reported on driver training and the final proof for the emergency response plan flip chart.

WELL PROJECT: Dr. Russell reported the district, with assistance from GeoEngineers and H2O Well, has attempted to develop a new well. Drilling was stopped at 250 feet after hitting granite. H2O representative Tom Richardson stated “there was a lot of silt, mud and clay coming in. To continue would require a reduction to six inches, but there is not a lot of water in granite.” Dr. Russell stated it was disappointing but “we knew

there was risk.” Without a new well, the current well requires treatment for carbon tetrachloride. GeoEngineers Representative Bruce Williams stated a treatment system could be placed between the existing well and the three large storage tanks. Domestic water use is only 7 to 12 gallons per minute during the school year. Irrigation from June through September uses 40-50 gallons per minute. There is the possibility of using untreated water for irrigation, but it would require approval from regulating agencies, he stated.

Utilizing the Marlow well was discussed. Stanley Primmer asked why it wasn't looked at before construction. Randy Primmer stated the carbon tetrachloride readings were never high prior to construction. Stanley Primmer stated there were four wells when he served on the Board. Tom Richardson stated one was low producing and another was in the footprint of the building.

Mr. Williams recommended the air stripping method for treatment which requires a one-time purchase of equipment and regular maintenance. He will gather a more complete cost estimate for the air stripping method.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND

ASSESSMENT: Dr. Russell reviewed the April enrollment report with 846.96 Freeman FTE and 9.80 CVA FTE for a total annual average to date of 856.85 FTE.

Student Mariah Smith reviewed Rockford 2013 Youth Goals which include volleyball, archery, a bus shelter, litter pickup, a sledding hill and helping the elderly. Jennifer Cecil leads a team to pick up litter. Mariah stated “we want to help with all town activities.”

Dr. Russell reported he met with Dr. Alison Olzendam, a criteria instructional specialist, on the new principal evaluation.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT: Dr. Russell reported the technology plan identified the need to “take the next step with cameras and security at the elementary school.” The Spokane Valley Tech Center has enrollment of over 200 for next fall.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY: Dr. Russell read a thank you note from the North Palouse Community Food Bank regarding the recent food drive.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Dr. Russell reported enrollment is projected to be down slightly for the 2013-2014 school year, and the budget will begin with a projection of 830, five less than last year. As of now, no Choice students will be admitted in grades one through five, he stated. The first negotiations session with the Freeman Education Association was very productive, he said.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Stanley Primmer stated communication with Rockford residents needed improvement.

### NEW BUSINESS

REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL: Mr. Primmer stated the Board has received a petition to redistrict three parcels of Palomino Hills land from Central Valley School District to Freeman School District. The closest Central Valley bus stop is 5.3 miles away, and the Freeman bus turns around in Alan McGinnity's driveway. These parcels are adjacent to the annexation that occurred in 2008. After discussion, Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the petition pending validation by ESD 101. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve May 6 – 10 as Teacher Appreciation Week. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer reviewed upcoming Board meetings on May 9 and May 28.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Zingg reviewed legislative budget information from his WSSDA Legislative Committee.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Hire: Laurie Flack – long-term substitute para-educator

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with no further action.

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Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair