

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 29, 2009

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: Brent Fetsch, Chad Goldsmith, Randy Primmer, Vicki Sellers, Diane Woodman, Sergio Hernandez and Jan Davis.

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, Raeann Ducar, Dan Gordon, Dave Smith, Todd Reed, Brian Parisotto, John Zingg, Kirk Lally, Mickey Utter, Samantha Utter, Dave Huotari, and Garold Steed.

FLAG SALUTE: Brian Parisotto led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	April 9, 2009
General Fund Vouchers #1792-1903	\$119,161.27
April Payroll	\$579,610.06
ASB Vouchers #4123-4144	\$ 14,368.69
CPF Vouchers #765-776	\$396,196.50
TVF Vouchers #1039	\$106,051.17
Treasurer's Statement	

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez shared the Journal of Business article regarding the high school modernization. Mr. Fetsch commented on the excellent swine flu information posted on the District's website.

I-728 HEARING 2009/10: Mr. Hernandez reviewed I-728 - Student Achievement funding, a voter-approved initiative to reduce class size, provide extended learning for students, professional development for educators, early assistance for pre-kindergarten, and facility improvement related to class size or extended learning opportunities. State law requires the district to hold a public hearing on these funds prior to May 1, however, the district is still learning of budget cuts including severe ones to Student Achievement funding. Funding intended at \$459.93 per FTE has been cut to \$131.16 per FTE, a substantial reduction for our district. After discussion, Mrs. Woodman moved the Board authorize administration to continue to develop I-728 Student Achievement plans within the prescribed areas which will be reviewed and approved at the July budget meeting. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: ALSC Architect Dave Huotari reviewed the progress of the D-form process with OSPI. Bids will be opened on May 5, and the Board will award the contract on May 6. He stated the Legislature has increased the area cost allowance by 3.2 percent each in 2009 and 2010, which will increase state match for both the high school and elementary modernizations.

CSG representative Dan Gordon reported portables are in place and everyone is waiting for dial tone from Verizon. Fire systems will be provided, and inspections will be requested for certificates of occupancy.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Hernandez requested an executive session to review the performance of a public employee.

REPORTS

WRITTEN BUILDING REPORTS: The Board was given written building reports.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: High School Principal Dave Smith reported staff toured the portables today and are preparing for the move. The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for May 6 with a BBQ “so students can commemorate the end of their time at the high school.”

APPROVE LEA JANSEN REQUEST: Mr. Smith reported student Lea Jansen has received a full tennis scholarship at Washington State University. Her scholarship is contingent on graduating early so she can begin attendance second semester at WSU and play tennis for them in the spring. She will complete the required coursework and credits prior to early graduation. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the request for Ms. Jansen’s early graduation. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE: Mr. Smith requested Board approval to move to a six period day in 2009-2010. “It has been a two year process,” he stated. “Staff is on board, and parents have been informed.” Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve the high school six period day. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Technology Director Todd Reed reported servers were moved from the high school into the SOARS portable over the weekend, thanks to assistance from students Dalton Fetsch and Andy Coumont. Most of the phone system is up, and new handsets will be deployed soon. The Honeywell instant alert system should now accommodate mass e-mail of newsletters and flyers.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported fields were fertilized during a snowstorm, and CSN moved technology air conditioners to the portable to protect the servers. He thanked volunteers for their participation in Spring Bling.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported spring sports are still struggling with weather conditions, and plans are underway for how to handle sports activities during construction.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported Spring Bling volunteers donated over 200 pounds of food for the North Palouse Community Food Bank. She will begin working with architects for the design of the elementary kitchen, which is unique because it serves students in grades K through 8.

BUDGET UPDATE: Business Manager Jan Davis reviewed the district's cash flow. She and the superintendent will attend an OSPI videoconference outlining budget reductions for 2009-2010.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Sergio Hernandez invited Board members to the groundbreaking ceremony May 6 at 2:00. All students will join the celebration.

Mr. Hernandez reviewed preliminary 2009-2010 budget information. State funding reductions amount to \$245,000, and another \$122,000 will need to be cut due to enrollment. The administrative team has met regularly for weeks to identify reductions. Some fees may be increased. The Board discussed the concern about using some of cash reserves to balance the budget.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: PSE President Garold Steed thanked the Board for Classified Appreciation Week. He reported the PSE has two scholarships for seniors and two for eighth grade students which will be awarded at graduation. Mr. Hernandez added that the PSE regularly contributes to the district's bond and levy campaigns.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE 1st READING POLICY #2410 – HS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: Mr. Hernandez recommended a revision in Policy 2410 due to State Board of Education requirements. "It does not change our credit requirements," he stated. "Our policy will simply be in line with the State Board of Education." Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of the policy. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the policy for first reading. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE 1st READING POLICY #4000 SERIES: Mr. Hernandez recommended approval of the 4000 series with a couple of minor changes recommended by Mr. Fetsch. Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of the series. Mrs. Sellers moved the Board approve the policies for first reading. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EMERGENCY ADOPTION POLICY #6881 – DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND/OR MATERIALS: Mr. Hernandez reported the original policy regarding surplus

property stated the Board must approve all surplus over \$100. Most other districts use a threshold of \$5000 with a combined item total value of \$10,000. He requested emergency adoption due to construction and the need to surplus and dispose of outdated items. After discussion, Mr. Fetch moved the Board emergency adopt revisions to Policy 6881 – Disposal of Surplus Equipment and/or Materials, changing Board approval at \$5,000 and a combined value of \$10,000. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE COPS GRANT: Mr. Hernandez reported the Spokane County Sheriff's Office has an additional grant available to fund security cameras for the elementary and middle schools in the amount of \$82,000, with the District providing 50% match from bond funds. Mrs. Sellers moved the Board approve the grant as presented. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into executive session at 7:58 p.m. for the purpose set forth in RCW 42.30.100, specifically the following: to review the performance of a public employee, such session estimated to be approximately 15 minutes in length. No action is anticipated after executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board returned to open session at 8:17 p.m. and adjourned with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair