

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
May 10, 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, Annie Keebler, Randy Primmer, John Zingg, Randy Russell, and Jan Davis.

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, Pia Longinotti, Jim Straw, Lisa Paternoster, Megan Paternoster, Trevor Paternoster, and Lisa Phelan.

FLAG SALUTE: Pia Longinotti led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Primmer called for an executive session at the end of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2012

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

GUEST: High school teacher Pia Longinotti requested Board approval of her National Honor Society Smithsonian Student Travel trip to Washington, D.C. The trip is planned every two years, and families pay student expenses for the trip. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the trip as presented. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Russell shared a thank you card from Lisa Paternoster, a recent WASA Community Service Award winner, along with Tim Smetana. The Board thanked her for her efforts. Mr. Russell also shared correspondence from WIAA regarding coaches' school.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported on MSP testing, field trips to the MAC, teacher appreciation week, and class placements for next year. "Math is high on the priority list next year," she stated.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw reviewed testing issues, the career fair, eighth grade picnic, and eighth grade promotion on June 14. "Kids are busy, active and staying on task," he said.

Mr. Russell reported high school graduation is June 9 at 1:00. He thanked the building principals for their work as test coordinators. The high school is focused on AP testing, end-of-year concerts, and scholarship announcements.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Mr. Russell reported the elementary punch list is down to one page. Technology Director Todd Reed is reviewing security grant camera bids. Bids are being sought to install metal pieces on the elementary concrete platforms to deter skateboarders. Roof line fixes will be installed to prevent water run-off.

WELL PROJECT: Mr. Russell reported the Department of Health has reviewed and approved the well project plans. Well company H2O will conduct well testing. Dan Gordon has developed a project timeline.

BUDGET: Dir. Fiscal/Admin Services Jan Davis reported that preliminary budget numbers are being developed on a reduced enrollment of 835. At the same time, costs for utilities and insurance have increased. The first run of the numbers shows a shortfall of nearly \$200,000. Mr. Russell reported the administrative team is looking at staffing, and one leave of absence will not be replaced at this time. He reviewed FEA contract language regarding both program cuts and reduction in force. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board provide administration the authority to notify staff of any program cut or reduction in force as required by the contract. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Davis stated it may take two budget cycles to reach the Board's five percent cash reserve goal.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Russell reviewed May 1 enrollment at 891.25 FTE with an annual average of 900.57.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Russell thanked the Board for their support of professional development. He attended the recent state superintendent's conference and found the discussion of how to close the achievement gap with dwindling resources very helpful. Staff will attend the upcoming Common Core Standards workshop. Freeman has also been accepted into the Washington State Leadership Academy where staff will receive coaching on TPEP (Teacher/Principal Evaluation Pilot) and Common Core Standards.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVE SECOND READING OF POLICY 4260 – USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES:

Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy 4260 – Use of School Facilities. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board adopt the policy for final reading. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT RESOLUTION 7-2011/2012 – URGENT REPAIR GRANT WELL PROJECT:

Mrs. Keebler moved the Board adopt Resolution 7-2011/2012 – Urgent Repair Grant Well Project as presented. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE WIAA MEMBERSHIP: Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve continued participation in WIAA. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer recommended the June 14 meeting be moved to 5:00 due to eighth grade promotion. Mr. Russell reminded the Board a work session will be planned after June 1.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Retirements:	Nancy Hawley, 4 th grade teacher Ellen Hawley, administrative assistant
Leave of absence:	Nicki Moberg
Resignation:	Kari McBournie, bus driver
Hire:	Connie Jackson, substitute nutrition services

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into executive session at 7:19 p.m. for the purpose set forth in RCW 42.30.110, specifically the following: to hear a complaint or charge against a public officer or employee, such session estimated to be approximately 60 minutes in length. Mr. Primmer stated no action is anticipated after the session. The Board returned to open session at 8:19 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair