

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
July 25, 2013

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: Debbie Morphy, Brian Parisotto, Micky Harnois, Annie Henson, Jim Straw, Ben Ferney, Staci Ferney, Isabel Ferney, Sami Ferney and Tony Nielsen.

FLAG SALUTE: Ben Ferney led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – June 27 and July 15, 2013

General Fund AP #104307-104382	\$394,548.85
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Capital Projects Fund AP #104383-104388	\$16,337.94
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ASB Fund AP #104389-104395	\$15,729.80
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Benefit Trust Fund AP #104396-104397	\$9,409.98
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July Payroll	\$497,213.39
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Treasurer's Statement

General Fund AP#104430-104438	\$10,847.63
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Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BOARD RECOGNITION: Mr. Primmer welcomed new Middle School Principal Ben Ferney, his wife Staci and daughters Isabel and Sami. He also congratulated new High School Principal Jim Straw.

CORRESPONDENCE: Dr. Russell shared the following:

- Letter from the Dept. of Ecology acknowledging the withdrawal of the water rights application
- Spokesman-Review article about Newport Superintendent Dave Smith
- July Board and Administrator

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Dr. Russell reported maintenance and custodial work has continued all summer. Gym floors are being refinished.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND

ASSESSMENT: Dr. Russell reported Freeman Cheerleaders were chosen All American at summer camp this year.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT – MIDDLE SCHOOL

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Dr. Russell reported 10 percent of remaining project funds will be set aside for future projects. The middle school office remodel, identified as a priority, is underway at an estimated cost of \$38,000. Completion is estimated for August 16. A masonry company addressed stress fractures in the middle school building. Specialty Asphalt is completing wheelchair accessible parking and paths on the ball field. The elementary tile floors will be fixed before the start of school.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY: Dr. Russell reported the property swap with Central Valley School District is in the final stages. A settlement is underway in the lawsuit between Walker Construction and HP construction. The attorney is reviewing a proposed agreement.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY – PSE NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE: Dr. Russell reported a final agreement is close with the Freeman PSE unit, and “the process has been very positive and collaborative.” An agreed-to contract should be complete by the August Board meeting.

ALE AUDIT RESOLUTION DISCUSSION: Dr. Russell reported OSPI's Audit Resolution Team has examined the CVA alternative learning audit finding and reduced questioned costs from \$213,000 down to \$38,000. “We met with CVA staff, and they have recommended requesting additional reductions based on documents they provided.”

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Rockford Mayor Micki Harnois reported on development of a “Cougar Corridor” during five home football games that will hopefully reduce congestion on Highway 195. The town has been approved for a grant to install sidewalks, she reported.

Tony Nielsen, newly appointed fire chief for Fire District 8, introduced himself and thanked the district for the “cooperative relationship. We hope to partner together to teach CPR training at Freeman High School with donations,” he stated.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING OF POLICY 2414 – COMMUNITY SERVICE: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy 2414 – Community Service. Dr. Russell stated a new state law requires every district to have such a policy. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the policy for first reading. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE 2013-2014 SALARY SCHEDULES: Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the certificated and administrative salary schedules as presented. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADOPT 2013-2014 BUDGET: Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services reviewed the 2013-2014 budget with the following appropriation level:

General Fund	\$8,583,049
Transportation Vehicle Fund	170,000
Capital Projects Fund	490,000
Debt Service Fund	1,498,409
ASB Fund	350,000

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board adopt Resolution 10-2012/2013 – 2013-2014 Budget. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer reminded members of the scheduled Board work session on August 16. The next Board meeting is August 22. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve 2013-2014 proposed Board meeting dates. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Jim Straw, High School Principal
 Ben Ferney, Middle School Principal
 Jennifer Jensen, .50 Kindergarten for a total of 1.0 FTE

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

LEGISLATIVE: Mr. Zingg reviewed WSSDA legislative activities, and stated “school board sovereignty will be a major item.”

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair