

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
August 23, 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: Debbie Morphy, Maddie Keebler, Tiffany Riddle, and Deborah Zingg.

FLAG SALUTE: John Zingg led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Russell added items to personnel.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2012

General Fund AP #102229-102308	\$89,599.89
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Capital Projects Fund AP #102309-102315	\$58,922.68
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ASB Fund AP #102316-102321	\$9,056.44
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August Payroll	\$501,862.34
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Treasurer's Statement

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

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

- Letter from the Dept. of Ecology regarding a draft permit
- Letter from Spokane County regarding removal of some school bus stop signs
- Information from WSSDA regarding the legislative assembly
- Letter from PSE local representative Joe Fuxa regarding notice to bargain
- Property and liability insurance invoice which shows a 23% increase

REPORTS

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: The Board was given a construction update from CSG Representative Dan Gordon at its work session yesterday.

MEDICAL/DENTAL/VISION INSURANCE UPDATE: Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reviewed K-12 health care changes, including the need to offer a high deductible health plan option with a health savings account.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND

ASSESSMENT: Mr. Russell reported four Freeman students earned the AP Scholar rating, and two earned AP Scholar with Honor. He reviewed a five-year trend in ACT scores showing continued improvement.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT: Mr. Russell reported that many of the site safety issues have been addressed during construction. The swale is almost complete, and Jackson Road parking will be the next issue addressed, he stated.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY: Mr. Russell stated there will be a dedication of the Freeman Elementary School and the Palouse Transportation Cooperative on Monday. The welcome back BBQ starts at 4:30, followed by the dedication ceremonies.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Mrs. Davis reviewed the cash flow projection which anticipates ending cash at the end of the 2011-2012 fiscal year higher than the new beginning budget which is good news.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Tiffany Riddle shared how successful her children have been at Freeman schools, including her pre-med college student who felt well prepared at Freeman High School.

Deborah Zingg stated the construction updates were an excellent tool for outreach to community members with no ties to the school. She suggested the use of bold bullet points with some detail so readers can “get the essence quickly.” They want to know, “Are my tax dollars used wisely? Who can I contact when I have an issue? What are success stories of student achievement?” She felt a quarterly mailing would be sufficient, but also urged use of Facebook or other digital media.

Maddie Keebler reported cheerleaders recently raised \$500 in cash and much needed supplies for the Vanessa Behan Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVE SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY 2255: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy 2255 – Alternative Learning Experience Programs. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board adopt the policy at second reading. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE NUTRITION SERVICES BIDS: Mr. Russell presented bid approval requests from Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar:

- Continue with Food Services of America as prime vendor as part of an interlocal agreement with Spokane Public Schools
- Approve Terry's Dairy as dairy vendor

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

APPROVE PRINCIPAL AND SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION FORMS: Mrs. Keebler moved the Board approve the principal and superintendent evaluation forms as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE HEAD COACH EVALUATION FORM: Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the head coach evaluation form as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADOPT SELF-INSURED BENEFITS RESOLUTION: Mrs. Davis reported the district has self-insured vision and dental coverage for several years in cooperation with Nine Mile and Deer Park School Districts. Districts are now required to report those funds separately. The resolution authorizes the superintendent to establish a trust fund with the Spokane County Treasurer to report those funds. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board adopt Resolution 10-2011/2012 – To Establish a Trust Fund for Accounting for District Self-Insurance Program as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE REVISED PSE SALARY SCHEDULE: Mrs. Davis explained the state's increase in minimum wage increased four cells of the previously approved PSE salary schedule. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the revision as presented. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: The Board was given a list of future Board meetings.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Rehire Danielle Boyd, 5-8 Learning Center

Extracurricular: Resignations: Tim Smetana, MS Football
Peggy Wells, HS "C" Volleyball

Hire:
Bree Riddle, HS "C" Volleyball
John Hays, MS Head Football
Scott Ferguson, MS Assistant Football

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair