

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 27, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order by Vice-Chair Diane Woodman at 6:00 p.m. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS: Brent Fetsch, Chad Goldsmith, Diane Woodman, Sergio Hernandez, and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Randy Primmer

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, John Zingg, Shane Miller, Dave Smith, Jim Straw, Darl Vander Linden, Kris Jeske, Lisa Phelan, John Hjaltalin, Dax Lodgson, and Dan Gordon.

FLAG SALUTE: Lisa Phelan led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	July 30, 2009
General Fund Vouchers #2202-2282	\$ 104,807.40
July Payroll	\$ 516,455.13
CPF Vouchers #827-834	\$ 695,491.42
Treasurer's Statement	

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez gave the Board a letter from OSPI regarding the award of a small repair grant in the amount of \$65,000 to help with the water system project. It will be used to drill a second well to help supply three tanks used for fire suppression.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported teachers are in the building, interviews were held for the Math is Cool position, and everyone is getting ready to greet parents and students at the Back-to-School BBQ Monday night. He reported that Central Valley School District has decided to leave the middle school athletics league. Athletic directors met from East Valley, West Valley and Freeman and determined they will continue the league for 2009-2010 and explore adding Cheney, Medical Lake, Mead, and perhaps Lakeside in the future.

Elementary School Principal Lisa Phelan reported schedules are being refined for music, physical education, library and recess. The interview committee selected Staci Nees for the non-continuing first grade position. There were 42 completed applications that were reviewed. Mr. Fetsch asked about the hiring process. Mrs. Phelan explained the process that includes advertisements, scoring by a screening committee to select the top four candidates, reference checks, and then interviews done by a team.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported work is being done on a temporary parking lot for students, and staff is making sure pathways are safe for students. The track should be completed by September 18. "Flexibility and patience will be needed," he stated.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG representative Dan Gordon reported the temporary student parking lot should be done by Friday and will be ready for use on Monday. Construction fences are going up, and there is one pile of contaminated soil that should be removed before school starts. They are waiting for final tests to determine the contamination and how it can be disposed of, he stated. On Monday, paving should be complete on the north end of the new high school parking lot. Vermiculite in the "B" gym has been vacuumed out. Even though a month has been lost on the project due to unanticipated events, he stated the overall project is still on track. Mr. Hernandez stated this year's seniors will be able to occupy part of the building.

CSG representative Dax Logsdon gave the Board a budget update and cost tracking of contingency funds. Mr. Hernandez stated a fence will be placed from the home bleachers to the press box to funnel crowds away from the new track surface.

TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE DISCUSSION: Mr. Hernandez reported legal counsel has drafted agreements for participating member districts to take to their respective boards. Rosalia, Tekoa and Liberty have indicated an interest in the cooperative which could include fuel purchase, parts, driver training, and possible bus maintenance. The cooperative could be eligible for 90 percent state match of \$2.9 million on construction of a bus facility. Construction would not begin unless a July commitment for funding was received from the state. Mr. Fetsch inquired about language on page four, and Mr. Goldsmith asked for clarification on exhibits A and B. Mr. Hernandez will review those concerns and bring the documents back to the next meeting.

BUDGET UPDATE: Business Manager Jan Davis updated the Board on budget. Ending cash is higher than projected, she stated, but "we remain cautious due to uncertainty about how the state is handling stimulus dollars."

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Hernandez reported enrollment is looking good and will be known at the official count date on September 8. Fewer new choice students have been accepted this year. Fourteen new resident students have been registered this past week.

Mr. Hernandez thanked Facilities Manager Kirk Lally and the custodial crew for their hard work during all the construction. He reported Nurse Dena Olson is attending training on H1N1 flu and will have the latest information for parents and students.

VISITORS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY #3142: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE: Mrs. Woodman read the first and last sentences of Policy 3142 – International Student Exchange. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt the policy for second reading. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Hernandez reported a student from Germany will attend Freeman High School this year.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 15-2008/2009: TRANSFER TO TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE FUND: Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board adopt Resolution 15-2008/2009 to transfer \$10,000 from general fund to transportation vehicle fund toward bus purchase. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 16-2008/2009: TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND: Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt resolution 16-2008/2009 to transfer \$37,371 from capital projects fund to general fund. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE FIRST READING POLICY #3422: STUDENT SPORTS – CONCUSSION & HEAD INJURIES: Mr. Hernandez reported this is a new policy required by a change in state law. Student athletes must sign off, and coaches must be trained. Mrs. Woodman read the first and last sentences of Policy 3422. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the policy for first reading. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE FIRST READING POLICY #4600: SPECTATOR CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP: Mrs. Woodman read the first and last sentences of Policy 4600. Mr. Fetsch asked about the word “mature” in the sentence “*Spectators, like the student participants, are expected to display mature behavior and sportsmanship.*” He suggested “appropriate behavior and sportsmanship.” Mr. Hernandez will review the wording prior to second reading. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the policy for first reading. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mrs. Woodman reviewed future Board meeting dates of September 10 and 24.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: First Grade Teacher, 2009/10 only – Staci Nees

Extracurricular: HS JV Volleyball Coach – Kelicia Shorts
MS Overflow Football – Josh Rhoads

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair