

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
September 27, 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: Todd Reed, Char Trejbal, Everett Combs, Kirk Lally, Brian Parisotto, Debbie Morphy, Raeann Ducar, Jim Straw, and Sergio Hernandez.

FLAG SALUTE: Everett Combs led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – September 13, 2012

General Fund AP #102352-102483	\$89,599.89
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Capital Projects Fund AP #102484-102496	\$58,922.68
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ASB Fund AP #102497-102512	\$9,056.44
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Compensating Tax AP #102567	\$489.64
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September Payroll	\$562,763.99
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Treasurer's Statement

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

BOARD RECOGNITION: Mr. Russell and the Board recognized Sergio Hernandez for "all the hard work that went into the development of this beautiful campus. It could not have been done without Sergio," he stated. Mr. Hernandez was presented with a framed dedication ceremony Spokesman-Review article.

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

- Letter from Spokane County regarding available community development block grants. He will investigate whether grant funds might be available for the well project or internet connectivity.
- Publication from Evergreen Rural Water regarding new well drilling requirements. Currently the district has an OSPI \$100,000 grant, as well as a Dept. of Ecology \$30,000 feasibility study grant to address district water needs.

REPORTS

CONSTRUCTION REPORT: The Board was given a CSG update report. Mr. Fuchs inquired about the D-11 project closeout process. Mr. Russell stated that the district is still in the final phase of the punch list process which must be completed first.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Technology Director Todd Reed reported there are 25 new i-Pads in the district, and staff is learning how to use them in the classroom. Staff can now access their Windows 7 desktop on each i-Pad. District e-mail is now housed at Microsoft rather than local servers. Mr. Reed showed the Board pictures taken from security cameras. Sixty-five cameras were added at the middle school, for a total of 123 district security cameras. Cameras can view license plate numbers from cars as they turn on Jackson Road.

Assistant Transportation Supervisor Everett Combs reported a student assistant is helping with MSDS requirements, safety bulletin boards, and creating escape route charts for classrooms. Valley School District has borrowed the fuel truck this week as theirs needed major repairs. He reported VL Transport staff is still negotiating the fuel truck lease details.

Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported a smooth start to the school year “considering the number of changes that were made in routes.” She stated everyone is very pleased with the new facility. Bus evacuation drills are scheduled next week, and the ridership reporting process will begin.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported the new USDA meal pattern requires a focus on fruits, vegetables and legumes. This week’s Taste Washington Day showcased Washington grown foods, including lentils from the Palouse which were made into lentil chili and hummus. Mr. Hayter’s horticulture class will grow vegetables and herbs in the greenhouse this winter. The nation’s drought will affect food prices this year, she stated. The on-line lunch account payment process is working very well.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported Freeman will host the regional volleyball tournament again. Sports are off to a great start, with football and volleyball faring well. Volleyball is ranked seventh in the state. Pia Longinotti’s journalism class will do the sports posters this year, he stated.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported the Spokane Regional Health inspection of the new elementary wing went very well. All fire and burglary alarm systems are now housed through EVCO Sound with the exception of the middle school burglary alarm, which remains with Stanley Security. The goal is to have the entire campus on one system so all coding in and out is the same for staff. ESD 101 is conducting a custodial audit next week to see if the district is staffed appropriately for all the new space.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported two incidents have already been caught on the new security camera system. ESD 101 provided an expert to assist Freeman in

developing cyber bullying programs in middle school which teach our students to be “productive digital citizens.” “This generation is more likely to send a text or an e-mail that offends someone. Our generation is considered ‘digital immigrants’ while these students who have grown up in the technology are considered ‘digital natives’.” Eighth grade students will attend a high ropes course at Eastern Washington University followed by a campus tour. Seventh grade students will experience a Whitman County ropes course. Missoula Children’s Theater will be on campus next week.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND

ASSESSMENT: Mr. Russell reported principals have met to discuss mathematics. The discussion included how to develop funds for curriculum in the future. Second and fourth grade classrooms are currently piloting a new math program.

Mr. Russell reported work continues on the new teacher/principal evaluation criteria with the assistance of the Regional Implementation grant and the Washington State Leadership Academy. It is hoped that all teachers will volunteer to be evaluated on the new criteria, and the Board will be asked to consider a one year “no harm, no foul” for teachers as the new tools are developed.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT: Mr. Russell reported staff placed rope and cones along the west side of Jackson Road to eliminate parking during home football games for safety reasons. A formal request will be placed with Spokane County to use the same 1700 foot no parking strip as currently exists on the east side of Jackson Road.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY: Mr. Russell reported staff continues to keep the website up to date, and a newsletter will be sent next week to our community.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reviewed the cash flow projection, which is positive. However, with enrollment exactly at budget “we need to be very cautious,” she stated. Mr. Russell stated a continual conversation this year has been, “How do we look at being more efficient?”

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Sergio Hernandez stated, “The stars were aligned during Freeman’s bond campaign. Construction costs have rebounded from the low point during Freeman’s project. Walla Walla’s recent bids for a new skill center have come in way over architect’s estimates and bids may be rejected.”

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE BASIC EDUCATION REQUIREMENT COMPLIANCE: Mrs. Keebler moved the Board approve the Basic Education Requirement Compliance report as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Upcoming Board meetings are October 11 and 25.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Hire: Jennifer Lucas – substitute teacher

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair