

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 9, 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, Todd Reed, Ed Cashmere, Dave Smith, Scott Moore, Jim Straw, Bethany Williams, Moriah Longhurst, Brooke Williams, and Austin Carpenter.

FLAG SALUTE: Scott Moore led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – April 25, 2013

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

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

- Letter from the Dept. of Ecology regarding the water rights application
- Letter from parent Kelly Hicks regarding Mr. Rae's sixth grade class: "it was the best year my daughter has had at Freeman."
- Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce membership certificate
- Picture of Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar at Lunch Lady Day
- Board & Administrator newsletter

Dr. Russell reported the PTSA honored all staff members at a breakfast on the May late start day. Activities included student performances and recognition of "my favorite teacher."

BOARD RECOGNITION: Freeman FBLA advisor Scott Moore introduced Bethany Williams, Moriah Longhurst and Brooke Williams who presented "business luncheon etiquette" which won first place at the state conference. Austin Carpenter reported the Freeman Chapter received the Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: High School Principal Dave Smith reported ASB elections were held. Spokane County Elections Office Representative Mike McLaughlin spoke to students about the importance of voting. Mr. McLaughlin created ballots and county machines were used to count the results. FFA has been well represented at the Junior Livestock Show, and the FFA plant sale continues. Drama, choir, and band performances are scheduled, as well as the Art and Soul fundraiser. Guest speakers will speak to students about texting and driving.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported MSP testing continues. He reviewed upcoming events including Maple Bars with Mom, Donuts with Dad, ASB elections, and sports activities.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Mr. Zingg reported the WSSDA legislative committee continues its work, and he will attend a June meeting in Olympia. Funding remains the major issue at this point. Dr. Russell stated the difference between the House and Senate budget at this time is \$260,000 for Freeman.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT, AND INSTRUCTION: Dr. Russell reviewed the May enrollment report with an annual average of 856.68 FTE.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT: Mr. Zingg stated his concern with safety and security since the Sandy Hook incident. He would like to know where Board members, staff, and parents want to go in taking further security steps. After discussion, it was decided to place the topic at a Board retreat and perhaps have law enforcement representatives attend.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY: Dr. Russell reported the Freeman Focus will be mailed this week.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Dr. Russell reported a bond rating call is scheduled tomorrow for the bond refunding. He stated his evaluation, as well as evaluation of the board/superintendent goals is scheduled for June 13. Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reported the annual audit will begin next week, and two budget extensions will be presented May 28.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WELL PROJECT: Dr. Russell reported since the drilling of two test wells was unsuccessful, the district will proceed with water stripping treatment of the current well to remove carbon tetrachloride. The equipment cost is estimated at approximately \$32,000, which will come from the urgent repair grant. After discussion, Mr. Goldsmith

moved to authorize GeoEngineers to proceed with the water treatment process. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE MATH ADOPTION: Mr. Straw requested the math adoption for grades 6-8 be tabled as teachers continued to review algebra options. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the P-5 math adoption (MacMillan McGraw Hill My Math) as recommended. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE 2013-2016 TECHNOLOGY PLAN: Technology Director Todd Reed presented the Freeman Technology Plan for 2013-2016, which includes the three-year technology renewal of computers and equipment. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the plan as presented. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Davis reported financing is still being negotiated. The lowest lease rate was 1.88 percent, but the bond attorney indicated limited general obligation bonds could be used to finance the purchase at a rate of 1.75 percent.

APPROVE HIRING OF STAFF FOR 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the hiring of staff for 2013-2014 as presented. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

WIAA SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT APPROVAL: Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the WIAA School Membership Agreement as presented. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBERS TO PRESENT DIPLOMAS AT GRADUATION AND PROMOTION: It was determined that all Board members will be present at high school graduation and promotion.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer stated upcoming meetings are May 28, June 13, June 27, and July 25.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified:	Substitute teacher – Dustie Beierle
Classified:	Substitute bus driver – Lonny Kopp Leave of absence for 2013/2014 – Ebee Lally
Extracurricular:	HS Cheer Coach – Brenda Bauman Resignation: HS Girls Basketball Coach Ashlee Nimri

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair