

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
June 13, 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, Annie Keebler, Randy Primmer, John Zingg, Randy Russell and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Chad Goldsmith.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Dave Smith, Lisa Phelan, and Jim Straw,

FLAG SALUTE: Dave Smith led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – May 28, 2013

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

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

1. NEWEC letter regarding the PACE banquet.
2. Letter from the Spokane Guild School Foundation thanking Freeman High School students for raising \$796 in the penny drive.
3. Letter from the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency stating a permit is not needed for the air stripper installation to remove carbon tetrachloride from our water source.
4. Letter from the Dept. of Health regarding their review of the air stripper installation.
5. Copy of Board and Administrator newsletter.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported there have been 31 applicants for the PE/Health position, and interviews will be held next week. Rough sketches are being developed to relocate the middle school office to the front of the building. Old overgrown shrubs have been removed from in front of the middle school, and future landscaping will be similar to other campus buildings.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported “graduation went very well with a great group of kids.” There are seven applicants for the basketball position.

Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported a great year was wrapped up with play day. The math inservice is being finalized. Fourth grade teacher Brad VanDyne has accepted a principal position at Loon Lake Elementary. His Freeman position will be opened internally. The defective hallway floor tiles in the elementary will be replaced over the summer.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND

ASSESSMENT: Dr. Russell thanked the principals for their leadership this year on the new math curriculum, teacher/principal evaluation project, and Common Core standards. Dr. Russell reviewed the June enrollment report at 848.76 Freeman FTE and an annual average of 846.62. With CVA, the annual average is 856.75.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT: Dr. Russell shared the Freeman Elementary security survey results which will be reviewed along with the other security surveys.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Dr. Russell reported the 2011-2012 audit has been completed with no issues at all. Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reported Moody's Investors Service has changed Freeman's bond rating from A1 to A2 based on size of tax base and slower growth. The district still uses the underlying state rating of Aa1 under the bond guarantee program, she stated.

2012-2013 BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT GOALS: Dr. Russell briefly reviewed progress on board/superintendent goals of student achievement, communication, construction/facilities management, financial, and personal/professional growth for both the board and superintendent. Mr. Primmer reported goals for 2013-2014 will be developed in August.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE SURPLUS PROPERTY: Dr. Russell asked the Board to declare as surplus the desk top computers that are being replaced through the technology bond. Mrs. Keebler moved the Board approve the surplus property as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY 6570 – PROPERTY, DATA AND RECORDS

MANAGEMENT: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy 6570 – Property, Data and Records Management for first reading. Mr. Zingg moved the Board approve the policy for first reading. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION

LGO BOND PROCEDURE: The sale of the LGO bonds for technology requires the district to have a procedure in place stating the district will comply with all rules and regulations for the bonds. Dr. Russell approved Procedure 6910P – Post-Issuance Compliance Procedure for Tax-Exempt Bonds for Board information.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE: The Board was given a schedule of meetings for the 2013-2014 year. Mrs. Keebler moved the Board approve the schedule as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE: Dr. Russell reported he has met twice with PSE representatives and “conversations are off to a good start.” Some items have already been tentatively agreed to, and a couple were rejected by the district.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Hire Kathryn Hawley – 6-8 special education teacher
(one year, non-continuing)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into executive session at 6:57 p.m. for the purpose set forth in RCW 42.30.110, specifically the following: to evaluate a public employee (the superintendent), such session estimated to be approximately one hour in length. Mr. Primmer stated there is action anticipated after the session.

The Board returned to open session at 8:49 p.m. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve successful completion of 2012-2013 board/superintendent goals. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Zingg moved the Board approve the superintendent contract renewal for 2013-2016. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair