

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 27, 2005

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 Sue Cronk. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kris Barnes, Sue Cronk, Joe Dahmen, Dave Koch, Kathleen Lundy, Bill Thurston and Jan Davis.

GUESTS: Patrick Kane, Gregg Mathews, Dave Smith, Jim Straw, Chad Goldsmith, and Kent Smith.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Koch moved the Board approve minutes of October 13, 2005. Mrs. Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: The Board received written reports.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE REPORT: Mrs. Barnes reported the recent legislative conference where a vote was taken to postpone the certificate of academic achievement requirement for graduation to allow districts more time to comply. She reported that after lengthy comment and discussion among districts, the vote failed.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT: Mrs. Davis reviewed the September treasurer's statement showing ending cash balances of: general fund - \$308,780.03; ASB fund - \$124,416.31; capital projects fund - \$52,799.92; and transportation vehicle fund - \$34,009.83.

LEVY REPORT: Dr. Thurston reported he solicited volunteers for the levy committee in a recent newsletter article. Three people have responded. Representatives from area school districts have met and are concerned about the present tax climate, the economy and the price of gas. Districts plan to pool resources and energy on signs and advertisements. He asked Board members to give him potential names for the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT VEBA RESOLUTION: Mrs. Davis reported the Freeman Education Association has voted to place one percent of their pre-tax gross pay into a VEBA I account to be used for future unreimbursed medical expenses such as post-retirement premiums. This plan requires the Board adopt Resolution 2-2005/2006. Mr. Koch moved the Board adopt the resolution as presented. Mrs. Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE MINIMUM BASIC EDUCATION REQUIREMENT COMPLIANCE (M808): Mr. Koch moved the Board approve the M808 as presented. Mrs. Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE STRATEGIC PLANNING BROCHURE: Mrs. Cronk reported many individuals volunteered a large amount of time on the strategic planning process, and “the approval of this plan becomes our goals as well.” Mr. Koch moved the Board approve the brochure as presented. Mrs. Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. “This plan will be used as a template during our Board retreat,” Mrs. Cronk stated. Copies will be printed and be available for the public.

RECOGNIZE AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK: Mr. Koch moved the Board approve November 13 – 19 as American Education Week. Mrs. Lundy seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE SURPLUS PROPERTY: Mr. Koch moved the Board declare as surplus the following:

- 1987 65-passenger International Bluebird bus (bus 7)
- 1988 65-passenger International Bluebird bus (bus 12)

Mrs. Lundy seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The buses will be taken to an auction house.

APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL COURSES: High School Principal Patrick Kane asked for Board approval of courses presently being offered at Freeman High School. Mrs. Barnes moved the Board approve the list. Mr. Koch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

In addition, Mr. Kane and Mr. Straw discussed having a drug dog come into the high school and middle school to search lockers while students are in class. It would assure the public and send a message to students. The high school ASB executive board is in favor of it; the Board concurred.

APPROVE VOUCHERS/PAYROLL: Mr. Koch moved the Board approve accounts payable vouchers #1161 – 1162 in the amount of \$80.00 and vouchers #1163 – 1290 in the amount of \$129,417.77. Mrs. Lundy seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Koch moved the Board approve October payroll in the amount of \$475,726.89. Mrs. Lundy seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE ASB VOUCHERS: Mr. Koch moved the Board approve ASB vouchers #3288 in the amount of \$495.00 and vouchers #3289 – 3314 in the amount of \$24,403.36. Mr. Dahmen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND VOUCHERS: Mr. Koch moved the Board approve capital projects fund vouchers #682 – 683 in the amount of \$39,060.52. Mrs. Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE FUND VOUCHERS: Mr. Koch moved the Board approve transportation vehicle fund vouchers #1033 – 1034 in the amount of \$3500.00. Mr. Dahmen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

- A. Newspaper article regarding home school program audits
- B. Parent thank you letter regarding how staff handled a student accident at the elementary
- C. District Administrator magazine article regarding the cost to educate students--Washington State scored below average.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Thurston recommended the following personnel action:

Dorthea Sausele – HS library para-educator, retiring at semester, 30 years
Diane Betzold, bus driver, resigning, 25 years
Whitney Cieslar, SOARS, leave of absence March – June to do student teaching
Josh Newton, assistant HS wrestling coach, resignation

Mrs. Barnes moved the Board approve personnel action as presented. Mrs. Lundy seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Board discussed attendance at the upcoming WSSDA conference.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into executive session at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose set forth in TCW 42.30.110, specifically the following: personnel,

such session anticipated to be approximately 60 minutes in length. No action is anticipated following executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board returned to open session at 8:17 p.m. and adjourned the meeting with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair