

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
January 12, 2012

WORK STUDY SESSION: The Board of Directors held a work study session with CSG Representative Dan Gordon at 5:00 to review the construction budget and progress.

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.

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, Dave Smith, Jim Straw, Lisa Phelan, and Audra White.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	December 15, 2011
General Fund AP #100778-100886	\$184,643.58
December Payroll	\$594,374.90
ASB Fund AP #100887-100910	\$14,677.47
Capital Projects Fund AP #100766-100777	\$388,779.86
Comp Tax #100911-100913	\$256.28
Treasurer's Statement	

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

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

- Thank you from ESD Superintendent Mike Dunn regarding the work session
- Note from Rep. Joe Schmick about Mr. Russell and Mr. Zingg visiting Olympia
- Letter from All Wall Contracting regarding labor dispute and response from Pacific NW Council of Carpenters
- U.S. Dept. of Education letter regarding Civil Rights data collection
- Letter from OSPI releasing district from transportation reporting issue

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported staff will score math as part of the Aimsweb screenings. Teachers will use common prep time to review data. Construction is going quickly. Fourth and fifth grade students will plant trout eggs in an aquarium in the elementary lobby as part of a science project.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported his staff is also organizing for Aimsweb testing. The end of semester is January 26, and most middle school students will have a schedule change. Teachers have been training on how to improve their website pages.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported the band will perform at EWU's jazz festival this weekend. Staff is working with students on preventing cyber-bullying. Reverend Happy Watkins will present a Martin Luther King program on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Mr. Primmer reported the Board spent a work session with CSG Representative Dan Gordon regarding the construction budget and progress. Mr. Gordon recommended moving some of the interest earnings and unspent contingencies into individual projects to balance costs:

- High School Project: Return unused \$55,000 to interest earnings of the \$75,000 previously transferred
- Portables: Transfer \$7000 from remaining budget to the elementary project
- Elementary: Transfer \$323,000 from interest earnings and \$7,000 from portable project into contingency
- Transportation Coop: Transfer \$110,000 from interest earnings into contingency

Remaining projects unchanged are the middle school security grant matching funds and the well project grant matching funds. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board accept the recommendations from CSG. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION: Mr. Russell read a proclamation from the Governor declaring January as School Board Appreciation Month. He thanked the Board for their tireless service.

LEVY DISCUSSION/UPDATE: Mr. Russell reported an informational flyer was mailed to every district patron. "I've been to a couple of community chats, and the public is very appreciative that it is simply a replacement levy." It will be interesting to see what the Legislature does since the recent McCleary decision that mandates they fund education, he stated. Mr. Primmer stated patrons he spoke with weren't aware of the cuts the district has made over the past three years.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Russell reported January enrollment was 909.06 with an annual average of 904.56 FTE. He reminded the Board that any enrollment above budget is earmarked to increase cash reserves from three percent toward five percent.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Mr. Russell stated there are currently five major initiatives everyone in Freeman is focused on: construction; curriculum, instruction and assessment; Freeman 2020 strategic plan; principal/teacher evaluation; and common core standards.

The Freeman 2020 strategic plan components are:

- Curriculum, instruction and assessment
- School safety, culture and environment
- Partnering with parents and school/community
- Fiscal and legal accountability

The strategic plan committee meets again next week.

FACILITY USE AND FEES: Mr. Russell reported the district has a three-tier policy regarding facility use but a procedure to develop a fee structure for outside groups must be developed. Athletic Director Brian Parisotto will coordinate a committee to develop the procedure and fee structure. Mr. Goldsmith volunteered to serve as the Board representative on that committee.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Mr. Smith said he is part of the WIAA Strategic Planning Committee and asked the Board to participate in a survey.

OTHER INFORMATION: Future board meeting dates are January 26, February 9 and February 28.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Hire: Substitute Teacher Darcy Swartout

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m. with no further action.

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Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair