

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
February 28, 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: Neil Fuchs, Chad Goldsmith, Randy Primmer, John Zingg, Randy Russell, and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Annie Keebler.

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, Todd Reed, Barb Gady, Everett Combs, Brette Schmidlkofer, Barb Gady, Char Trejbal, Jennifer Fees, Dan Gordon, Dave Smith, Brian Parisotto, Carol Wichmann, Raeann Ducar, Lexi Saeger, Joshua Saeger, Michael Saeger, and Janna Saeger.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2012	
General Fund AP #101162-101257	\$117,179.26
Capital Projects Fund AP#101258-101266	\$538,392.35
ASB Fund AP #101267-101292	\$13,519.79
February Payroll	\$601,376.61
Treasurer’s Statement	

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

GUESTS – NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS: Mr. Primmer stated Freeman is honored to have three teachers who have completed their national board certification: Barb Gady, Carol Wichmann, and Kathryn O’Connor. It is a challenging process to complete national board certification. Mrs. Wichmann stated “it has brought me to a sharper focus and made me more intentional about goals in the classroom.”

FCCLA PRESENTATION: Family and Consumer Science Teacher Jennifer Fees introduced two students who are preparing for state FCCLA competition. Brette Schmidlkofer presented her IZZY fashion designs. Lexi Saeger demonstrated her “recycle to upcycle” garments.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Russell gave the Board:

- Article in Valley Voice about the second grade President’s Wax Museum

- Letter from the Dept. of Ecology regarding a new permit and discharge monitoring report requirements
- Letter from Spokane Regional Health District regarding pre-occupancy inspection of the elementary school
- Letter from Spokane Regional Health District regarding the 2011-2012 health and safety reinspections which includes recommendations and required changes. Required changes include: improved lighting in the woodshop, weekly testing of emergency showers and eye wash units, and installation of GFI devices in the middle school.

REPORTS

WRITTEN BUILDING REPORTS: The Board was given written building reports.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Technology Director Todd Read reported new digital reader boards have been installed at the elementary and high school. He has added potential technology items to the E-Rate application for 2012-2013. The second phase of the elementary is ready.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar requested Board approval of a program called RevTrak where parents can make food service payments on line in Skyward using debit/credit cards without cost to the district. The system fully integrates into Skyward, and several area school districts have been using it. The vendor charges 3.49 percent of the total transactions made each month, which is covered by a \$2.00 transaction fee paid by the parent. The fee will be displayed prominently so that users are aware of it. Parents will still have the option to pay lunch accounts with cash or checks. There is no start-up cost and the system is month-to-month, she stated. A demonstration of the system was shown to the Board.

APPROVE ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM – REVTRAK: After discussion, Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the RevTrak program for food service lunch account payments, including a \$2.00 per transaction fee, as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Ducar reported there were no violations found during the recent health department inspection. Upcoming nutrition services activities include parent breakfast day, beach day, and breakfast week featuring “go for the gold” activities with prizes.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported Taylor Glidewell and Avery Smetana finished third and seventh in the Mat Classic. In NEA awards Chad Ripke and John Graham received coach of the year. Alyssa Maine was girls basketball most valuable player. Senior culminating projects are March 13-15. The alumni basketball tournament is March 15-17. Spring sports are underway with snow on the ground, he stated.

Transportation Supervisor Char Trejbal reported the new bus is scheduled to arrive mid-April. She has contacted the fire department about destroying bus 20, a requirement of the Dept. of Energy grant which provides districts funds to remove an old polluting vehicle.

Assistant Transportation Supervisor Everett Combs reported the health inspection is done on a three-year rotation. The lighting in the metal and wood shop have never met the requirements. CSG Representative Dan Gordon stated he thought the issue had been taken care of by the electrical engineer. He will contact them.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG Representative Dan Gordon reported phase two is complete and students are using the gym. The tile floor has not been placed waiting for the slab to dry out. “We are waiting for the weather to break so that site work can be completed,” he stated. The Palouse Transportation Cooperative work is moving quickly now, he reported.

BUDGET: Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reported that both February accounts payable and payroll exceeded estimates due to the purchase of a load of fuel, extra sick leave bought back by employees, and higher long-term substitute costs. “We are monitoring the bottom line very closely,” she stated.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – LEVY UPDATE: Mr. Russell reported Spokane County Elections has certified the February 14 election results. The three-year levy passed with 54.55% yes votes. There were a total of 1,771 votes cast. Mr. Russell thanked the community for their support, as well as levy co-chairs Lisa Paternoster and Kate Coomes. Mr. Zingg reported the committee intends to put together an action plan now so that the district is prepared for the levy campaign three years from now.

FREEMAN STRATEGIC 2020 PLAN: Mr. Russell reported the strategic plan committee is putting the final touches on the working draft which will be complete this week. Community input will be sought and the plan will be posted on the website. After community input, the plan will be presented to the Board for their review in March. Formal adoption is anticipated in April.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Russell reported the leadership team, FEA leadership, and teachers will meet March 6 to discuss the development of a K-12 philosophy regarding professional development.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE LICENSE AGREEMENT: Mr. Russell requested approval of a license agreement with adjacent property owners Scott and Priscilla Marlow regarding an area

