

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
May 24, 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 PRESENT: Neil Fuchs, Annie Keebler, Randy Primmer, John Zingg, Randy Russell, and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Chad Goldsmith.

GUESTS: Todd Reed, Ellen Hawley, Raeann Ducar, Kirk Lally, Char Trejbal, Kevin Barron, Nathan Barron, Chris Barron, Tamara Barron, Owen Bryant, Abby Bryant, Liam Bland, Rob Bryant, Jenny Bryant, Sean Gilbert, Trudy Gilbert, Trista Gilbert, Bitz Willard, Thomas Willard, Dwayne Gady, Brian Parisotto, Erin Honeycutt, Dan Gordon, and Greg Stevens.

FLAG SALUTE: Kirk Lally led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – May 10, 2012	
General Fund AP #101727-101810	\$88,737.57
Capital Projects Fund AP #101811-101814	\$71,086.29
ASB Fund AP #101815-101843	\$27,392.87
May Payroll	\$589,417.04
Inland Power #101898	\$12,019.08
Treasurer's Statement	

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

GUESTS: Math is Cool Coach Erin Honeycutt introduced the fourth grade Freeman state champion team: Owen Bryant, Trista Gilbert, Thomas Willard, and Chris Barron. The team competed in individual, college bowl, relay, mental math, and team events.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Russell shared the following correspondence: letter from ESD 101 regarding next year's worker compensation rates.

REPORTS

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported he is working with the landscaper to make the grounds more user friendly and easier to maintain. He is seeking paint bids for the two buildings behind the high school. Staff is preparing the grounds for graduation.

Transportation Supervisor Char Trejbal reported the new bus has been delivered and will be on route next week. She is processing paperwork for the EPA grant.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported MSP testing has been completed. There is a \$140 million state grant to bring broadband to rural areas. Fiber connectivity will be brought to Freeman in August at no cost to the district. He is getting quotes for security cameras for the elementary and middle schools.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported on spring sports. Cheer advisor and soccer coach positions close next week. He hopes to have Freeman participate in a football kickoff classic at EWU next fall.

Nutrition Services Supervisor discussed the need to increase lunch prices. An average minimum is required since free and reduced meals cannot subsidize paid lunches. Price increases will be brought for Board approval at the next meeting. She recommends increasing elementary lunches five cents, middle school lunches ten cents, high school and adult lunches fifteen cents. "Food costs have increased, and we want our department to be self-supporting," she stated. There were 510 maple bars served at the recent Maple Bars for Moms event. Mrs. Ducar instructed third grade students about whole grains.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG Representative Dan Gordon reported the elementary school contractor is working on exterior painting. The east and north hillsides have been cleaned up, but part of the site is still too wet. There are only three or four punch list items remaining, however, the outside of the building and site have not been punch listed. The bird netting is up in the canopy of the Transportation Cooperative. Electricians will soon install lights in the canopies, and staff should be able to move into the building in June or July. Mr. Gordon stated he told the contractor that every parking spot will be needed during the graduation ceremony.

WELL PROJECT: CSG Representative Dan Gordon said the well project is out to bid, and two vendors attended the non-mandatory walk through today. Bids will be opened June 4 at 2:00, however, he asked for Board approval to accept bids as long as they were \$110,000 or lower. This will keep the project moving forward in a timely manner. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board allow Mr. Gordon to accept the lowest well project bid at \$110,000 or below. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - BUDGET: Director Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reported an improvement in ending cash for May. As reported at the last meeting, preliminary budget numbers based on fifteen fewer students projected a

shortfall of over \$200,000. She reviewed reductions made to date to close the gap. The official 2012-2013 budget will be adopted by the Board in July.

CCSS – COMMON CORE STATE STANDARD: Mr. Russell reported everything done in the district must be “research driven and data-based.” *Characteristics of an Effective School District* states “A school board needs a central and singular focus from which all other pieces can flow.” Teachers and administrators recently spent the day together at a Common Core Institute. The focus to move from standards as they are now in core subjects to the new common core standards will take the entire first half of next year, Mr. Russell stated. He and elementary teacher Dwayne Gady shared specific examples in several subjects.

TPEP – TEACHER & PRINCIPAL EVALUATION PILOT: Mr. Russell stated, “We are in partnership with teachers and administrators on both the Common Core Standards and the Teacher and Principal Evaluation Pilot.” The state allows districts to choose from three frameworks. A team has been created from each building that will work on the project. Both teacher and principal evaluations will look very different. Principals will be in teachers’ classrooms more than they ever have, and principals will be evaluated on the performance of their schools. Evaluations will be graded on a rubric with four categories: unsatisfactory, basic, proficient, or distinguished. Mr. Russell asked if one Board member wished to attend the first session next week.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

DECLARE SURPLUS ITEMS: Mr. Russell requested the Board declare the following as surplus property:

- 1992 Genesis 78-passenger bus DT466, MT653 Allison transmission 4-speed. Bus has approximately 260,000 miles. The engine is required to be destroyed as part of the Dept. of Ecology bus replacement grant.
- Railroad box car used for storage at middle school. Must be removed by successful bidder.
- Three commercial water booster pumps (two 7.5 hp, 220 volt) (one 5 hp, 220 volt)

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

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer asked if Board members could discuss the superintendent evaluation and contract at 4:00 p.m. on June 14.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Hire:	Debbie Morphy, Administrative Assistant
Resignation:	Wylie Rhoads, HS Cheer Advisor

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 7:24 p.m. for the purpose set forth in RCW 42.30.110, specifically the following: litigation that the district reasonably believes may be commenced, such session estimated to be approximately one hour in length. Mr. Primmer stated no action is anticipated after the session. At 8:30 p.m. Mr. Primmer returned to the multipurpose room and announced the executive session would be extended approximately 30 minutes. The Board returned to open session at 9:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair