

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

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, Debbie Morphy, Raeann Ducar, Kirk Lally, Todd Reed, Everett Combs, and Char Trejbal.

FLAG SALUTE: Ellen Hawley led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – June 14, 2012

General Fund AP #101899-102013	\$134,823.93
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Capital Projects Fund AP #102014-102021	\$19,431.01
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ASB Fund AP #102022-102052	\$30,477.43
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May Payroll	\$580,738.58
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Compensating Tax #102102-102103	\$252.27
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Treasurer's Statement

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

HONOR RETIREE: The Board honored Ellen Hawley, who is retiring after 24 years as administrative assistant to the superintendent. Mr. Russell stated Mrs. Hawley was key to his transition as a new superintendent this year.

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

- Letter from ESD 101 Superintendent Mike Dunn regarding an open board position for ESD Director District 5 which includes the Freeman area.
- Letter from the Spokane Guild School Foundation regarding Freeman students' participation in the Kids for Kids Penny Drive. Freeman students raised \$1,243.91.
- E-mail from Shawn McGuire regarding available State Farm grants.

## REPORTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported the Freeman football team will play at the EWU Kickoff Classic on September 1. Sports practices begin August 20. Updated sports schedules are on the website, and the soccer team is playing North Central and Shadle High Schools this year. Ninety-five kids have turned out for the Apex weight training camp.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported fields have been aerated and fertilized. Parent Lonnie Aller has donated time and equipment to help spread sand on the fields. Staff removed old overgrown shrubs and trees in front of the middle school. Gyms will close July 18 for refinishing of floors.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported bids closed today for middle school and elementary security cameras. Teachers are eligible for an annual reimbursement of \$500 toward supplies/materials. The district asked if teachers wanted to use those funds to purchase I-pads as a group, and twenty have signed up.

Transportation Supervisor Char Trejbal reported the bus inspection went very well. Buses are parked under the new canopy. There were classes on the new funding formula at the Yakima transportation conference.

Assistant Transportation Supervisor Everett Combs reported the FCC requires bus radios to be “narrow banded”, and Freeman radios are being tested after the conversion.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported on successes this year including moving into a new elementary kitchen, setting up new systems, completing successful OSPI and health department reviews, starting a healthy ala cart program, implementing an on-line payment system, and completing a healthy schools grant application. Mrs. Ducar will ask for approval of vendor agreements in August, including continued participation in the interlocal Spokane Public School prime vendor agreement.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Mr. Russell reported only one issue remains with the high school project, moisture underneath the red gym. The transportation cooperative is 98 percent complete. Substantial completion is anticipated by July 13. Two wells have been decommissioned.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT –TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE: Mr. Russell reported staff will meet with Valley School District representatives in July to discuss the fuel cooperative.

STAFFING: Mr. Russell reported he received a letter from a teacher who withdrew her appeal for a statutory hearing. He will review the status of the middle school special education position as part of the budget process. Any teacher in the reduction in force pool who is highly qualified is eligible to be rehired.

TEACHING AND LEARNING: Mr. Russell reported the district will use the Marzano instructional framework. The principals and the superintendent will use the four-point rubric this fall as the district moves away from a generic evaluation.

BUDGET: Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reported the district continues to gradually increase cash reserves. The 2012-2013 budget is being drafted and, unlike last year, will not use cash reserves to balance. The Board will review the budget in a work session at 5:00 on July 26 prior to the budget hearing.

DISTRICT ALE REPORT: Mr. Russell reported state law and Board policy require an annual ALE report to the Board. Freeman has two alternative learning programs: the SOARS alternative school and the Columbia Virtual Academy partnership. These programs meet the Freeman Strategic 2020 Plan to personalize programs for all students. The SOARS (Supporting Our Alternative Resident Students) Alternative School serves students from Freeman, Liberty, Tekoa, Rosalia and Oakesale School Districts. Twenty-three students were served this year, and nine were from Freeman. The average FTE was 16.17.

The Freeman Columbia Virtual Academy is a partnership with Valley School District. This program served 46.57 FTE in 2011-2012 in on on-line program. The district is still awaiting audit results of the Freeman CVA files. The District has notified Valley School District that for 2012-2013, Freeman will serve only resident students.

BOARD "ADVANCE" WORK SESSION: The Board discussed setting a possible work session in August.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVE SECOND READING POLICY 2022 – ELECTRONIC RESOURCES: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy 2022 – Electronic Resources. Mr. Zingg moved the Board adopt the policy as read. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE SECOND READING POLICY 3122 – EXCUSED AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy 3122 – Excused and Unexcused Absences. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board adopt the policy as read. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT RESOLUTION 8-2011/2012 – VISION/DENTAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:

Freeman School District participates in a self-insured vision and dental pool with Nine Mile School District and Deer Park School District. Mrs. Keebler moved the Board adopt Resolution 8-2011/2012 – Vision/Dental Interlocal Agreement as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE HIGHLY CAPABLE GRANT: Mr. Russell requested approval of the Highly Capable grant in the amount of \$8,774 which funds Math is Cool and Knowledge Bowl programs. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the grant as presented. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer stated the next Board meetings are July 26 with a 5:00 p.m. work session followed by the 6:00 p.m. meeting and August 23 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Fuchs stated he plans to promote scholarships to get parents more involved.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Resignation: Tyler Zyph, Middle School Football Coach

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m. with no further action.

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Board Chair