

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 29, 2010

WORK SESSION: The Board held a work session at 5:00 p.m. to discuss and review hiring procedures.

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 Diane Woodman. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brent Fetsch, Chad Goldsmith, Randy Primmer, Diane Woodman, John Zingg, Sergio Hernandez and Jan Davis.

GUESTS: Candy Fetsch, Dave Smith, Ellen Hawley, Everett Combs, Dan Gordon, Kirk Lally, Dalton Fetsch, Andy Coumont, Todd Reed, and Raeann Ducar,

FLAG SALUTE: Candy Fetsch led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

General Fund Vouchers #3005-3101	\$ 124,428.02
April Payroll	\$ 561,385.08
ASB Vouchers #4328-4350	\$ 24,496.09
CPF Vouchers #895-903	\$1,158,943.57
Treasurer's Statement	

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

REPORTS

STUDENT GUESTS: High School Senior Dalton Fetsch gave a report on his senior project, in which he converted a Geo Metro car from gasoline to electric.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported the elementary kitchen has been planned and equipment specifications have been finalized. She is searching for a used 60-qt. mixer to replace the current 1974 model. The new high school kitchen equipment has been delivered to Spokane Restaurant Supply. This

year's "Got Milk?" poster features Freeman senior softball players. Whole grains have been featured both in staff training and third grade student activities. A food bank drive will be held the last week of May.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported hydrant locks have been ordered for the new hydrants which will keep fire systems from being activated.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported he is working with Verizon to get the first phase of lines into the high school for phones and clocks. The new on-line testing program is being implemented.

Assistant Transportation Supervisor Everett Combs requested approval to surplus a 1992 Bluebird 59-passenger bus with over 235,000 miles. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the bus as surplus. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

AUDIT REPORT: Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reported on the recently completed single federal audit. The District received a good report, with a few minor recommendations. The Board thanked her and the staff for their hard work.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG Representative Dan Gordon gave the Board project cost tracking logs.

CHOICE: Mr. Hernandez reported the District estimates state budget cuts of \$140,000 as well as a declining enrollment condition which will result in another \$140,000 shortfall if projections materialize. There is a waiting list for Choice students by which the district manages and controls class size while increasing offerings. A ten percent buffer has been used in the past for resident students. Mr. Hernandez stated the freshman class could exceed that buffer. After discussion Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board authorize administration to deviate from the 10% rule if needed in order to optimize enrollment for 2010-2011. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ESSB 6444: Mr. Hernandez shared a resolution and letter from Valley School District regarding the Statewide School District Reorganization Commission which is studying the consolidation of small school districts. After discussion, Mr. Fetsch moved the Board send a similar letter and resolution to the Governor requesting a line item veto of ESSB 6444 which supports a consolidation study. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

2010-11 BUDGET OPTIONS: Mr. Hernandez reviewed budget cuts and the need to inform staff of any reduction in force prior to May 15. He requested the use of cash reserves to maintain present staff and keep class sizes small. After discussion, Mr. Fetsch authorized the use of up to \$165,000 in cash reserves which may cause a dip below the Board goal of five percent. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VISITORS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE RESOLUTION 10-2009/2010 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT-EMPLOYEE WELFARE BENEFITS:

Mrs. Davis reported Freeman has participated in a “school pool” cooperative for medical insurance benefits with Premera Blue Cross for nearly 30 years. Districts have been asked to restate their agreement for participation. Mr. Primmer moved the Board adopt the resolution as presented. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

RACE TO THE TOP: Mr. Hernandez reported districts have been asked to participate in Washington’s Race to the Top application by authorizing an interlocal agreement. If the state is successful, Freeman could receive \$48,000 per year over four years. After discussion, Mr. Fetsch moved the Board authorize participation in the interlocal agreement. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Substitute Teacher – Molly Callen

Extracurricular: Hire: MS Overflow Track – Andrew Godderz

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair