

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 16, 2009

WORK STUDY SESSION: The Board began a work study session at 5:00 p.m. Superintendent Hernandez stated three goals for the work session: (1) discuss the site plan and safe crossing of Jackson Road, (2) review construction budgets, and (3) seek direction from the Board on how to proceed with Jackson Road crossing plans.

Ken Geibal, civil engineer consultant, reviewed three options: overhead which was eliminated due to high cost, a tunnel under the road, and improvements for a safer surface crossing. The walking surface of the tunnel would be 11 feet below the road surface and is estimated to cost \$644,134. Mr. Fetsch asked the principals their opinion. Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan stated elementary students are always monitored by staff the infrequent times they need to cross. High School Principal Dave Smith stated student parking will be located on the north side of the high school, so they do not need to cross. "After hours activities are the most difficult to monitor," he said. Mr. Hernandez said the construction committee has been meeting with Spokane County officials, and there will be no parking on either side of Jackson Road which will improve visibility for drivers.

Mr. Geibal listed options that could raise awareness of drivers for a surface crossing, including additional signage, a different road surface, and lighting. The road can also be narrowed at the crossing point. Mr. Hernandez stated the current speed limit of 25 will likely be reduced to 20 miles per hour. Mr. Fetsch asked if fencing could also be used to direct pedestrians to the appropriate crossing point.

CSG representative Dax Logsdon reviewed the project budget. The site work category has been moved to the transportation cooperative. Mr. Logsdon reported he has received word from OSPI that a D-4 will be issued for the transportation cooperative. Mr. Hernandez asked what would be cut from the budget if \$644,000 was spent on the tunnel. Mr. Logsdon said "some of the new square footage at the elementary would need to be eliminated." Mr. Primmer said "the choice becomes cutting educational space or creating a safer tunnel crossing." After considerable discussion, the work study session was closed.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:22 p.m. by Chair Randy Primmer. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Dave Huotari, Kris Jeske, Dan Gordon, Ken Geibel, Ellen Hawley, Dax Logsdon, Dave Smith, Raeann Ducar, Everett Combs, Char Trejbal, Lisa Phelan, Jim

Straw, Rachel Fricke, Kevin Fricke, Mandy Mittler, Mariah Longhurst, Brayden Aller, Lonnie Aller, Michelle Aller, and Barry Baker.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	November 24, 2009
General Fund Vouchers not to exceed	\$ 200,000
December Payroll not to exceed	\$ 625,000
ASB Vouchers #4257-4258	\$ 300
ASB Vouchers not to exceed	\$ 50,000
CPF Vouchers not to exceed	\$1,900,000
Treasurer's Statement	

Mr. Primmer stated the capital projects fund vouchers not to exceed amount is changed to \$1.9 million due to additional construction invoices received. Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

MATH IS COOL: Math is Cool team coach Mandy Mittler reported the seventh grade team placed first in state in their division. Team member Brayden Aller shared his experiences at state. Mr. Straw introduced Rachel Fricke and Mariah Longhurst, two more members of the Freeman state championship Math is Cool team.

BUILDING REPORTS: Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported a math inservice was held for K-12 teachers on the late start date. Title I students are being assessed, and classroom parties are on Friday. Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported volleyball teams are league champions, and there are five league champions in wrestling. The choir performed at Riverfront Park, and there is a middle school dance on Friday, as well as a competition assembly.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported students are doing well in the portables. He appreciates his teachers who keep portables open at lunch so students have supervised places to go. He said the custodians are doing a great job keeping the ramps clear of snow and ice. The high school math team placed second in state.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG representative Dan Gordon reported concrete pads are down, plumbing and electrical is being roughed in, and roof trusses are going on the new gym.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

WRITTEN DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The Board was given written department reports.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reviewed December enrollment at 895.17 FTE.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS FOR 2010-11: Mr. Hernandez reported the first estimate of potential budget cuts for Freeman in 2010-2011 is estimated at \$630,000. The Governor's budget will be released in January, which will give the district further guidance. "We are looking at retirements and some program changes," he stated.

VISITORS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: None.

DIRECTION ON CROSSING JACKSON ROAD: Mr. Primmer stated the Board has reviewed much information on the crossing of Jackson Road and needs to give guidance on the tunnel option versus an improved surface crossing. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board direct the design team to develop a proposal for a safe surface crossing subject to a fence and reduce the number of crossings from three to two. Mrs. Woodman seconded the motion. During discussion, it was decided if a third crossing was needed, the team could come back for Board approval. Mr. Primmer stated the Board took serious consideration of the option of a tunnel under Jackson Road but due to the cost which would take away from square footage at the elementary educational facility, a much improved safe surface crossing was chosen. He called for the vote, and it passed unanimously.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE BOARD: Mr. Primmer called for nominations for Board chair. Mr. Fetsch nominated Mrs. Woodman. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Woodman nominated Mr. Fetsch as vice-chair. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Woodman nominated Mr. Zingg as legislative representative. Mr. Fetch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Woodman assumed the gavel as chair. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board appoint Mr. Goldsmith as WIAA representative. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Fetsch moved the Board appoint Mr. Primmer as PSE negotiations representative. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Barry Baker shared his concerns with the Board about the girls basketball coach.

OTHER INFORMATION: None.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Substitute Teacher: Rebekah Stranberg

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair