

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
November 24, 2009

WORK STUDY SESSION: The Board held a work study session at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the Jackson Road crossing. Architects Dave Huotari and Kris Jeske reviewed several site options. Three options have been identified for crossing Jackson Road: (1) surface crossing with improved safety enhancements at an approximate cost of \$50,000; (2) a tunnel estimated to cost approximately \$640,000; and (3) an overhead crossing with an approximate cost of \$1 million. Architects and staff have met once with Spokane County to review potential Jackson Road options, and have another meeting scheduled for early December.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Chair Randy Primmer. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Deborah Zingg, John Zingg, Dave Huotari, Everett Combs, Dan Gordon, Dax Logdson, Kris Jeske, Lisa Phelan. Dave Smith, Jim Straw, Ellen Hawley, Todd Reed, Scott Oakshott, Darl Vander Linden, Melanie Rose, and Lisa Paternoster.

FLAG SALUTE: Melanie Rose led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	November 10, 2009
General Fund Vouchers #2504-2602	\$ 103,482.90
November Payroll	\$ 593,996.70
ASB Vouchers #4242-4256	\$ 25,121.93
CPF Vouchers #855-860	\$1,041,725.27
Treasurer's Statement	

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

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION RECOGNITION: Superintendent Hernandez administered the oath of office to newly elected Board member, John Zingg, who took his place at the Board table.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

## REPORTS

WRITTEN BUILDING REPORTS: The Board was given written building reports. Mr. Fetsch reported on cross country results from the state cross country meet.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Mr. Hernandez reviewed Athletic Director Brian Parisotto's report on cross country, soccer, volleyball and football. Basketball players are practicing at the Spokane Valley HUB where home games will be held during construction.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported a crane accidentally hit overhead telephone lines which have since been repaired. Verizon finally installed the PRI circuit which fully activates all the telephone features. The Honeywell instant alert system as been programmed. Mr. Fetsch asked if Kindle could be used to replace expensive textbooks. Mr. Hernandez stated on-line textbooks are presently being used in health and some history classes. Mr. Reed stated students are also scanning some textbook sections in a PDF file carried on thumb drives.

Assistant Transportation Supervisor Everett Combs reported transportation of students to the Spokane Valley HUB for sports practice at 3:05 is working well. Approximately 40 – 50 students ride the bus there. Mr. Hernandez stated students can drive but cannot take anyone with them except siblings. A coach stays at the HUB until 6:30 to make sure all students are picked up. Mr. Combs reported the new bus is here and will be on route soon. The department is getting quotes for diesel fuel.

Career/Technical Education Director Scott Oakshott reported he is sharing duties with High School Principal Dave Smith this year. His focus is grants and continued development of advisory committees.

PERKINS GRANT: Mr. Oakshott requested approval of the Perkins grant which is less than \$3,000. The grant will be used to purchase CAD program software and pay for substitutes while staff continues their work on curriculum. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the Perkins grant as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG Construction Manager Dan Gordon stated the high school project is moving along nicely. Eighty percent of the slab for the classroom deck is done. Sheathing is going on the gym roof. There has been some water on the gym floor, but the contractor is vigilant about removing it and keeping fans running. The thick coat of finish is protecting the floor. Mr. Goldsmith asked if Phase 1A and B were still on schedule for completion. Mr. Gordon stated Phase 1A is scheduled to be completed on February 19, 2010, Phase 1B on March 22, 2009, and Phase 2 on the original schedule date of August 19, 2010

Mr. Gordon reviewed cost tracking which shows \$151,000 remaining available in contingency funds. He also stated that there is an additional \$150,000 that will be

moved into contingency from unspent funds. Mr. Fetsch stated his concerns that the constructability review did not pick up the issue with ag shop heat. Mr. Hernandez stated the Board is asking the same questions he asks in each construction meeting regarding proposed change orders and who is responsible for payment.

BUDGET UPDATE: Business Manager Jan Davis gave a brief budget update, including how the monthly budget status form is reconciled to the Spokane County Treasurer's statement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Zingg reported on their attendance at the WSSDA conference, including budget concerns and proposed math/science testing delays.

VISITORS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: Darl Vander Linden stated the bus service for athletes to the Spokane Valley HUB is working well.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE #4260-USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy 4260. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board adopt the policy for second reading. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE #6220 – BID REQUIREMENTS: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy 6220. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt the policy for second reading. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

OTHER INFORMATION: Since two members would be absent, the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting was changed to December 15.

Mrs. Woodman expressed her concern at the cost for a tunnel under Jackson Road. Mr. Primmer suggested members discuss the options with their constituents to "see if they feel spending \$650,000 vs. \$65,000 is a good use of funds." Mr. Goldsmith stated, "I and many of my neighbors make multiple trips down this road. The bond campaign objective was safety, and a tunnel would completely remove students from traffic." Mr. Hernandez stated that crossing guards could be used if surface crossing is the final decision. He stated the issue will be on the December 15 agenda, and more information from Spokane County will be available then.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez requested approval of the following personnel action:

Extracurricular: MS Girls Head Assistant/7<sup>th</sup> Basketball Coach – Brad Van Dyne  
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Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve personnel action as presented. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. with no further action.

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Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair