

BOARD MEETING AGENDA
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, November 10, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Randy Primmer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chad Goldsmith, Randy Primmer, Diane Woodman, Sergio Hernandez and Ellen Hawley. Excused Absence: Brent Fetsch.

GUESTS: Darl Vander Linden, Shirley Carlson, Nate Bartlett, John Zingg, Mike Dunn, Dave Smith, Lisa Phelan, Jim Straw, Dax Logsdon and Dan Gordon.

FLAG SALUTE: Nate Bartlett led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

October 29, 2009

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

AWARD PRESENTATION: Mike Dunn, ESD 101 superintendent, presented the Board with a "Great School" certificate and banner awarded to Freeman High School. The award is given to the top 5% of schools showing a consistent improvement in Reading and Math over a five year period. Only 24 high schools received this award, 14 out of ESD 101. Mr. Dunn congratulated the high school for a sensational job in terms of academic achievement. He was honored to be here to present this award to great staff and students at Freeman. The Center for Educational Effectiveness and Phi Delta Kappa of Washington State are co-sponsors of this award.

CORRESPONDENCE: Superintendent Hernandez gave the Board an update on our Veterans Day breakfast. We have received several letters thanking us for holding this event. They enjoyed the opportunity to speak to active duty guards and WWII veterans. Mr. Hernandez thanked Frankie Browning and her leadership class, Danette Garcia and Casey McNett for the music performance, and Kim Antons for her help with the program.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: There were no additions to the agenda.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Elementary School Principal Lisa Phelan reported that the Veteran's Day breakfast was well attended. The K-8 students gave a short concert performance and the Leadership Class were servers. The annual Hoedown was also well attended. The money brought in supports the Missoula Children's Theater. Pickup for the cookie dough is Wednesday, November 18th. The students sold \$29,800. The school makes \$12,000. K-5 conferences were held the week of October 26th and had 98% attendance. There is a fall choir concert tonight, November 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported that fall sports ended for football, softball and cross country. The Math is Cool 8th grade team finished 4th and qualified for the Masters. Seventh grade won it all and also goes to Masters. Winter sports just started at the middle school with wrestling turning out 19 athletes and volleyball with 68. Conferences Grades 6-8 at the middle school had a 97% attendance. Staff likes new conference week schedule.

Superintendent Hernandez reported the high school students are adjusting well through the construction process. Nate Bartlett is our guest tonight, attending School Board meetings as part of his principal credential requirements. In sports, the girl's volleyball team plays Royal on Thursday. Cross Country did not place at the state tournament but several individuals ran well. The football team lost their game last weekend at Regionals in Moses Lake, so they are done for the season. Basketball and wrestling start next Monday.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG Representative Dax Logsdon reported the Transportation Cooperative Application was submitted to the Office of Public Instruction. Final approval will be given by OSPI around the middle of January. Cooperatives are at the bottom of the funded list, so we may need to wait an additional year. The design and permit must be complete by June for funding by mid July of 2010. The state will appropriate approximately \$2.9 million (90% of the project cost) to accomplish this project. There will be a work study session Nov 24, 2009 with the Board to discuss the options available for the safe crossing of Jackson Road.

CGS Representative Dan Gordon reported block work is going well, steel supports are up, slabs are being poured, rebar is being placed, columns are standing and underground electrical on 1A is in. The B gym roof should be done the end of this week with the A gym to follow.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ENROLLMENT: Superintendent Hernandez reported enrollment for November is as we expected. We budgeted for 895 and we are at 895.24 FTE.

BOARD ELECTION UPDATE: Superintendent Hernandez reported that we have two great community leaders running for our Board position. At this time, John Zingg is 42 votes ahead of Allan Crist, with approximately 250 ballots yet to be counted in the county. The next count will be Nov 23rd and hope to certify the election November 24th. Superintendent Hernandez stated he would like to seat the new candidate at the School Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 24th.

Superintendent Hernandez reported that he received notification of a parcel in tax foreclosure next to our district property. He feels it might be worth purchasing if the price is right. There is a garage and house on the property. The property is scheduled to be sold at a public auction on Friday, Dec 11.

VISITORS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: John Zingg stated he was leading in votes by 42 against his opponent, Allan Crist, for school board position #1. Next count is November 23rd.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE #4260 – USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES:

Superintendent Hernandez reported changes to the school facilities policy regarding fees may be charged instead of the policy reading, shall be charged, to recoup costs incurred by the District for usage. Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the policy for first reading. Mrs. Woodman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE #6220 – BID REQUIREMENTS:

Superintendent Hernandez reported the need to update our policy to bring us current with the law on bids. Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences. Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve the policy for first reading. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: There will be a Board work session on November 24th to discuss site work, and the safe crossing of Jackson Rd. Time to be determined.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Substitute Teacher – Barbara Mitchell, Doug Wolfe

Classified: Early Learning Center Para Educator – Jamie Holt
Sub Nutrition Services – Linda Lewis

Extracurricular: HS Trap Shoot Advisor – Scott Gerwitz

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair

