

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

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

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

GUESTS: Laura Hamma, Kirk Lally, Dave Huotari, Dan Gordon, Kris Jeske, Bob Buck, Todd Reed, Charlotte Trejbal, Dave Smith, Pia Longinotti, Everett Combs, Ellen Hawley, Raeann Ducar, and Chris Comstock.

FLAG SALUTE: Bob Buck led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	September 10, 2009
General Fund Vouchers #2283-2386	\$164,287.08
September Payroll	\$597,651.24
ASB Vouchers #4205-4216	\$ 13,690.04
CPF Vouchers #835-842	\$978,539.64
Treasurer's Statement	

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

HONOR RETIREE: Robert Buck was honored for his 26 years of service as music/band/drama teacher at Freeman School District. He is retiring September 28, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Mr. Hernandez reported one addition to personnel action.

REPORTS

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported on a great start. Hand sanitizers have been placed in buildings due to H1N1 flu recommendations. One staff member is out due to neck surgery. Mr. Fetsch acknowledged Mr. Lally and his team for their efforts during construction.

Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported a good start to the year, even though two bus drivers are out. Ridership begins next week. Bus evacuation will be done verbally due to lack of space.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported feeding all students at the elementary is working well, especially after adding a second payment line to get middle school students through quickly. Students are designing the candidates for Vote for School Lunch. There is the same number of free/reduced applications this year, however, in this economy more families are qualifying for free lunch. Mr. Primmer complimented her staff on how well the back-to-school BBQ went.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported placing 30 new machines in Mr. Neely's classroom which freed up laptops to go into the high school portable classrooms. New bells have been installed at the portables, and staff is working to install security cameras. Rosetta Stone software has been installed for the middle school Spanish class. Mr. Reed stated he continues to work with Verizon to secure a circuit that would make the telephone system fully functional. Verizon has had the district on temporary circuits for over eight months now, and many student homes refuse our "unidentified" calls. Unfortunately, we have no other option for telephone service. Mr. Reed continues to seek resolution with Verizon.

Safety Manager Everett Combs reported on the scheduling of evacuation drills, lockdowns, and fire drills for each of the buildings. Fire extinguishers have now been placed in the portable classrooms.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported the kids are doing a great job. Homecoming week is next week with many fun activities. He stated the hiring committee is recommending Casey McNett for the one-year music position.

SAT/ACT/AP REPORT: High School Counselor Laura Hamma reported on SAT, ACT, and AP testing. Freeman offers more AP classes than many schools twice our size, she stated. Last year 15 percent of the Freeman High School student body enrolled in AP courses. As a result, 49 students took 71 AP exams.

BUDGET UPDATE: Business Manager Jan Davis reported the 2008-2009 fiscal year ended higher than anticipated at \$586,284. This positions the district well for 2009-2010 in view of budget cuts and enrollment close to budget. There are many unknowns ahead, she stated, due to the federal stimulus money.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG representative Dan Gordon reviewed cost tracking of the project to date. Board members discussed use of contingency funds, which are now 50.15% utilized. Strata soils engineer Chris Comstock reviewed the soils process. "Every footing must be cast on native soil or appropriate surface," he stated, "or it will cause problems later." There was some soil contamination, but not as bad as initially thought.

ALSC Architect Dave Huotari gave the Board questions/answers on “hot topics of the day” such as soil issues, project timelines, damaged water and utility lines, and timing of the track replacement. During the October 8 Board meeting, the public will be shown the preliminary design of the elementary school at a work study session. Board approval of the schematic design will be requested at that time.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Superintendent Hernandez reported Harlow’s Bus has a new bus available for \$90,000 including tax. Add-ons such as radio, camera, and chains could add an additional \$10,000. There is money in transportation vehicle fund for the purchase, he stated, and the bus would generate additional depreciation money in 2009-2010. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the bus purchase not to exceed \$100,000. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE: Mr. Fetsch reported he spoke with superintendents at other districts currently in such cooperatives and received favorable reports. Should such a cooperative be funded by the state, it would allow for the relocation of the existing facility, add additional parking, allow room for future expansion of the high school, and enhance both the aesthetics and safety of the high school. After discussion, Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt Resolution 3-2009/2010 – Joint Resolution for Transportation Cooperative Services. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Hernandez reported he has already received the adopted resolution from Tekoa School District. Liberty and Rosalia District boards are also meeting tonight to review the matter.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reported September enrollment was 894.65, while the budget was built on 895 FTE. He anticipates an increase in October.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT GOALS Mr. Hernandez gave the Board proposed Board/Superintendent goals for 2009-2010. After discussion, the Board decided to table the item until the next meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT RESOLUTION 1-2009/2010: SMALL REPAIR GRANT: Mr. Hernandez requested approval of a resolution regarding the small repair grant to drill a new well. The resolution authorizes signatures and states that all public requirements will be met. Mrs. Woodman moved the Board adopt Resolution 1-2009/2010 – Small Repair Grant as presented. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADOPT RESOLUTION 2-2009/2010: INTERFUND LOAN: Mrs. Davis requested approval of a resolution to repay the \$76,000 interfund loan from capital projects fund to transportation vehicle fund for bus purchase. The six-month interest rate according to the Spokane County Treasurer is 1.43% or \$543.40. Money for the loan repayment comes from bus depreciation funds. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board adopt Resolution 2-2009/2010 – Interfund Loan Repayment. Mrs. Woodman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer reminded members of upcoming meetings:

October 8 – Board meeting

October 14 – Strategic Planning meeting

October 29 – Board meeting at the Valleyford Fire Station

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Casey McNett, music, one-year contract  
Substitute Teacher – Steve Boosinger

Classified: Substitute Bus Driver – Kathryn Youngren

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with no further action.

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Board Chair