

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 26, 2009

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 Randy Primmer. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Raeann Ducar, John Zingg, Jon Gores, Everett Combs, Todd Reed, Kirk Lally, Charlotte Trejbal, Laura McAloon, Mike Ormsby and Art Randall,

FLAG SALUTE: Kirk Lally led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	February 12, 2009
General Fund Vouchers #1575-1685	\$128,952.26
February Payroll	\$603,935.09
ASB Vouchers #4088-4105	\$ 9,305.94
ASB Voucher #4106	\$ 509.50
CPF Vouchers #747-753	\$276,815.67
Treasurer's Statement	

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

SALE OF BONDS: D.A. Davidson Senior Vice-President Jon Gores reported the sale of the remaining \$4.5 million of the \$19.5 million approved by voters has been successfully completed. The District sought and received a favorable A3 bond rating from Moody's Investors Service and, along with the state guarantee, produced an even better return than on the last bond sale. "Having the A3 rating saved taxpayers \$137,000," he stated. Interest rates are 4.65 percent, which compares to the bonds sold in July at 4.68 percent. Tax rates will be \$2.41 per thousand assessed valuation with the completion of the sale. (Voters approved the bonds at \$2.50 per thousand.) The bonds were sold at a premium, which generates money to pay for the cost of issuance, including the underwriter's discount, bond counsel fees, and related costs.

K&L Gates bond counsels Mike Ormsby and Laura McAloon presented the resolution approving the sale of the bonds. After discussion, Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt Resolution 7-2008/2009 authorizing the sale of \$4.5 million in unlimited tax general obligation bonds. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez reported Spokane County Elections sent the official notification of the levy election, which passed with 63.54% yes votes. He thanked the community for their support in these tough economic times. He also reported the Washington State Board of Education sent a letter certifying the District is in compliance with basic education minimum requirements.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported on the recent Caribbean Cruise Day, free and reduced numbers are up, and that she is looking at new bread products.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported a recent power outage caused the failure of a switch on one of the servers. Mr. Fetsch asked whether the District should invest in a diesel generator given all the power issues. Mr. Hernandez stated the construction committee has discussed it, but it is expensive (\$50,000) and the location of it is an issue. Mr. Reed said he's working on the new VOIP telephone system which will have wired "fail-over" lines should the network go down.

Safety Coordinator Everett Combs reported our insurance company recently inspected the wood shop and science room for hazards. They recommended the dumpsters be moved away from the building, which will be solved during construction. Staff, fire department and law enforcement representatives just completed a required crisis response tabletop exercise.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported tests have been completed on well capacity, and since the existing pump was 15 years old, it was replaced. Well capacity was determined to be sufficient, however, the next tests determine fire suppression requirements and our ability to maintain it. Mr. Lally's staff is in the process of moving classroom items into storage in preparation for the move into portables.

Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported the price of diesel is dropping. She is researching another Dept. of Ecology grant for future bus purchase. She reviewed a recent lost child incident, and the rules in place to protect students.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez shared final drawings on the gym expansion. The bleachers will seat 1,130 people, up from the current 550 capacity. He also reviewed drawings for the portable classrooms. He is working with the County to vacate part of Prospect Road.

BUDGET UPDATE: Mrs. Davis reviewed the cash flow projection, showing an ending cash balance of approximately \$100,000 greater than budgeted. This will be needed in view of upcoming state budget cuts. She also reviewed the role of the Spokane County Treasurer as the district's bank and deposit of funds at Banner Bank.

ELECTRICAL/CIVIL BID PACKAGE: Mr. Hernandez reported the bid package for site work for the portables is now available. He requested authorization to negotiate with low bidders on the project as recommended by the construction managers in order to meet the tight project timelines. Formal approval will be requested at the March 12th meeting. Mrs. Woodman moved the Board authorize the superintendent to enter into negotiations with low bidders for electrical and civil packages. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

STATE BUDGET/FED STIMULUS: Mr. Hernandez reviewed legislative action to date, including a bill which would eliminate unfunded mandates. He stated one bill maintains levy equalization but reduces I-728 Student Achievement funding from \$450 per FTE to \$275. Freeman would lose approximately \$155,000 if that were to pass. Mr. Hernandez reviewed the federal stimulus act which would help backfill some of the state's shortfall. Freeman could receive \$19,500 in Title I funds, \$82,000 in special education funds, and a potential of \$56,000 for construction which is not certain.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND READING – AED POLICY: Mr. Hernandez reminded the Board that Resource Officer Ron Nye received a grant for two automated external defibrillators, and a policy is required for their use. Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy #3420 and Procedure #3420P – Automated External Defibrillator. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt the policy after second reading. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT RACIAL IMBALANCE RESOLUTION: Mr. Hernandez reported two resolutions are required as a part of the D5 construction form process. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board adopt Resolution No. 5-2008/2009 – Racial Imbalance. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADOPT AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES RESOLUTION: Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board adopt Resolution No. 6-2008/2009 – Authorization of Signatures. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer noted future Board meetings of March 12 and 26, and April 9 and 29.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Intern Substitute Teacher: Danielle Guthrie

Request for Half-Time Contract 2009/10: Lindy Moyer
Jennifer Fees

Classified: Substitute Para Educator: Art Randall

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair