

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 29, 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: Ellen Hawley, Jim Straw, Dave Smith, Lisa Phelan, Jon Gores, Todd Reed, Kirk Lally, Andrew Coumont, John Zingg, Brian Parisotto, Raeann Ducar, Tom Maine, Shawn Barrong, Charlotte Trejbal, John Hays, Dave Huotari, Kris Jeske, Dax Logsdon, Esther Larson, Kathy Dresback and Garold Steed,

FLAG SALUTE: John Hays led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	January 8, 2009
General Fund Vouchers #1493-1574	\$121,712.07
January Payroll	\$562,745.89
ASB Vouchers #4071-4087	\$ 18,389.84
CPF Vouchers #741-746	\$102,371.55
Treasurer's Statement	

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

SALE OF BONDS: Jon Gores of D.A. Davidson & Company reported the economy "has resulted in extraordinary events in the bond market, providing an opportunity to sell bonds earlier than originally scheduled." The first \$15,000,000 in bonds were sold in July, 2008 at interest rate of 4.68%. If the remaining \$4.5 million bonds were sold today, the rate is about 4.4%. After discussion, Mr. Fetsch moved the Board authorize the superintendent and Mr. Gores to move forward with the sale of the remaining \$4.5 million bonds. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION: Mr. Hernandez stated he wanted to “recognize the great work that you do and the tremendous amount of time you spend working on behalf of our students, staff and the community.”

SECURE OUR SCHOOLS GRANT: Esther Larson of the Spokane County Sheriff’s Dept. reported on the Dept. of Justice Secure Our Schools grant for security cameras at the high school. The total cost of the cameras is estimated at \$52,200, with half from district capital project funds. The project will be completed during the modernization of the high school. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board accept the grant. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion. Mr. Fetsch commented on the video monitoring article in the American School Board Journal and Freeman’s need to develop a policy that addresses security cameras.

AP BIOLOGY TRIP: John Hays requested approval of the annual AP Biology class trip to the Olympic Peninsula May 17, 18, and 19th to learn more about the natural history and organisms of Washington State’s coastal waters. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the trip as presented. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

READING PROGRAM REPORT: Lisa Phelan, Jim Straw and Tracy Edwards talked about the success of the new reading program. The program offers both systematic instruction and intervention while providing data to guide teaching. A trainer will work with kindergarten classes on February 25. The writing piece will be emphasized next year, beginning with an inservice at the beginning of school. Social studies and science are embedded in the program in first and second grades, Mrs. Phelan stated.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported they’ve experienced no school days, drying-out-the-floor days, and no electricity days. An efficient kitchen is being planned for the high school. She is working with PE teacher Mrs. Zinkgraf on nutrition and exercise programs. Freeman had no peanut butter recall items, she stated.

Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported “roads are clear, there is no flooding, and life is good.” The new bus should be delivered by the end of June, qualifying for the \$20,000 Dept. of Ecology grant.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported the last home game is Friday, and coaches will distribute a “lot of items we don’t want to store.” The girls basketball team is ranked third in the state; the boys are ranked fourth. Mr. Hernandez recognized Mr. Parisotto as Northeast “A” League Athletic Director of the Year.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported the recent power issues have been challenging. He is working with Resource Officer Ron Nye to secure bids on security cameras for the high school. He is also researching a new telephone system, since the district-wide telephone system is controlled from the high school and will go down once the modernization begins. A voice over IP solution is being considered as the District already has Cisco switches. The phones, which also integrate bells, paging and

intercoms, can be used in the portables and migrated back to the buildings later. A firm proposal for the system should be available by February 11. After discussion, Mr. Fetsch moved the Board authorize administration to negotiate voice over IP hardware, software, and related items for the school district. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally thanked community members, board members, staff, and friends who volunteered to shovel snow from roofs. The cost for snow removal to date is estimated at \$14,000 - \$15,000. The recent power outages created some havoc with HVAC systems.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG Construction Manager Dax Logsdon introduced Rick Alexander of CSG who leads a team that conducts both constructability reviews and commissioning, tasks required for state funded projects over 50,000 square feet. The constructability review examines the drawings and the site itself prior to bidding. This examination has been proven to significantly reduce change orders. After discussion, Mrs. Sellers moved the Board proceed with the constructability review with CSG as presented. Mrs. Woodman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioning process tests everything in the building—they make sure the dampers open when they are supposed to, that all the duct work is installed correctly, that the mechanical and electrical systems function appropriately, etc. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the commissioning process with CSG. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VISITORS COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Shawn Barrong stated the new high school gym is planned at 84 feet. Most new gyms in the area have been built to a larger 94 foot court. “Tom Maine and I would like the opportunity to raise private funds to expand the gym to 94 feet.” Mr. Hernandez stated the WIAA standard is 84 feet, and the majority of area high school gyms are 84 feet especially in our league. ALSC Architects Dave Huotari and Kris Jeske drew three options to lengthen the gym. The first option created an “L” shape that could be a safety hazard at a cost of \$65,000. The second option slightly decreases each classroom size and costs \$72,000. The third option extends the footprint of the building by seven feet and costs \$110,000. After lengthy discussion, the Board directed the architects to continue as originally planned. Mr. Barrong and Mr. Maine will return at the next meeting with their fundraising results and a decision will be made at that time whether to enlarge the gym.

PORTABLE BIDS: Mr. Logsdon reported two of the three vendors on the small works roster submitted two bids each which will require that they be resubmitted on Monday. He requested Board authorization for an award ceiling of \$211,236.05 for the 24-month lease and installation of six portable classrooms. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the request. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PURCHASE YMCA PORTABLE: Mr. Hernandez reported he negotiated a price of \$8,000 for the purchase of the YMCA portable. The YMCA no longer has programs at Freeman and has no need for the building. Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve

the purchase of the portable for \$8,000. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TEMPORARY STORAGE CONTAINERS: Mr. Logsdon reported the purchase of temporary storage containers proved less expensive than leasing. Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve the purchase of two 8x8x40' storage units including delivery for \$10,067. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BUDGET UPDATE: Mrs. Davis reviewed the district cash flow projection. With enrollment 23 over budget, projected ending cash is approximately \$100,000 higher than budgeted, she stated. It is hoped to retain that balance in anticipation of next year's budget cuts. Mr. Hernandez scheduled a budget work study session at 5:30 on February 12 to discuss potential budget cuts for 2009-2010.

M&O UPDATE: John Zingg reported he, Kate Coomes, and Lisa Paternoster are working on the levy campaign to get the vote out. Validation is no longer a concern with the simple majority requirement for levies.

MAN-LIFT: Mr. Hernandez reported the district has purchased a used man-lift as the old one is dangerous and could not be repaired.

APPROVE SNOW MAKE-UP DAY: Mr. Hernandez recommended March 13 as a snow make-up day for the one of the four days missed due to weather. The district may look at waiving the other three days as students have 68 hours of instruction over the 1000 hour minimum and construction is planned. However, winter is not over yet, he reminded everyone. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve March 13 as a snow make-up day. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE REVISED POLICY 1210: Mr. Hernandez recommended the revision of Policy 1210 - Annual Organization Meeting, Election of Officers. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the policy change as presented. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPOINT WIAA REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Fetsch nominated Chad Goldsmith as WIAA representative. Mrs. Woodman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: HS Math Long Term sub (for Lindy Moyer-Maternity Leave)-Annie
Sears

Substitute Teacher – Kristin Olson

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair