

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
November 25, 2008

WORK STUDY SESSION: The Board held a work study session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss a \$13,512 cut in levy equalization funding, the state budget shortfall, CORE 24, and the full funding coalition.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chair Chad Goldsmith. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: John Zingg, Kirk Lally, Everett Combs, Ellen Hawley, Charlotte Trejbal, and Todd Reed.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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| Approval of Minutes              | November 10, 2008 |
| General Fund Vouchers #1264-1382 | \$116,559.47      |
| November Payroll                 | \$613,976.74      |
| ASB Fund Vouchers #4018-4041     | \$ 34,354.06      |
| CPF Vouchers #730-735            | \$268,891.59      |
| Treasurer's Statement            |                   |

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez shared correspondence from a Granger parent and the Gonzaga Prep athletic director complimenting our students and fans. Mrs. Sellers said, "This is a testament to our community," and asked if it could be included in the North Palouse Journal. Mr. Hernandez shared a report from Jim Phinney that he and other staff members raised \$425 for the Union Gospel Mission. Mr. Hernandez read three letters from students in Mrs. Moberg's class regarding a Thanksgiving project.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Hernandez gave the Board a written report from Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar since she could not attend the meeting.

REPORTS

WRITTEN BUILDING REPORTS: The Board was given written building reports. Mr. Hernandez reported the Spokane County Sheriff drug dogs swept the high school and middle school, and no drugs were found.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Technology Director Todd Reed reported he is developing a new website. He's researching the purchase of additional AirLiner digital pens, where the teacher can take a tablet to the student's desk which is broadcast on a screen at the front of the room. The system works especially well in math classes. Mr. Fetsch and the Board thanked Todd for his hard work during the transition after Mr. Teague's resignation.

Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported on proposed transportation funding changes. She announced that long-time bus driver Dick McBournie will retire December 31.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported custodial staff will refinish floors during winter break. There was a crack in a water main that was repaired. Staff is prepared for winter weather conditions. Safety officer Everett Combs reported the Spokane County Health safety re-inspection went well.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Hernandez reported he met with two parents regarding the possible addition of boys soccer. A survey will be completed to determine student interest and whether we can find games to schedule. Mr. Hernandez also expressed the need to make sure costs are minimal.

Mr. Hernandez reported that representatives from Liberty, Rosalia, Tekoa and Freeman visited the transportation cooperative between Valley and Loon Lake School Districts. "The districts met again today to explore the option for us." The state provides a 90/10 match for transportation cooperatives.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez thanked the Board for agreeing to meet on December 4 to review the value engineering report. "The construction team will review the recommendations and report back to you," he stated. Mr. Hernandez stated they are waiting for the hazardous materials report from Fulcrum. He discussed progress on portable classrooms.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: John Zingg stated he is optimistic about the work that Kate Coomes and Melanie Rose are doing on the levy. "They will communicate that the school board has done a good job being conservative," he said.

## NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT RESERVE FOR TECHNOLOGY RESOLUTION: The Board decided to include the technology levy inside the maintenance and operations levy, and requested a resolution to reserve the technology funds inside the general fund. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt Resolution 3-2008/2009 – Reserve for Technology. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION AGREEMENT: Mr. Hernandez reported the district has been a member of the Valley Alternative Education Cooperative for many years, and requested approval of the annual agreement. Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve the agreement as presented. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT GOALS: Mr. Hernandez presented the 2008-2009 Board/Superintendent goals:

