

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
October 30, 2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Chad Goldsmith. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, Everett Combs, John Zingg, Garold Steed, Todd Reed, Kirk Lally, Raeann Ducar, Dan Gordon, and Brian Parisotto.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	October 9, 2008
General Fund Vouchers #1121-1263	\$183,028.10
October Payroll	\$602,384.12
ASB Fund Vouchers #3994-4017	\$ 23,507.04
CPF Vouchers #725-729	\$ 30,109.85
Treasurer's Statement	

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez shared a letter from OSPI thanking the district for supporting Mindy Poindexter in her role as part of the state's Science Assessment Leadership Team.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

WRITTEN BUILDING REPORTS: Written reports were provided to the Board. Mr. Primmer commented it appeared participation in conferences was strong.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Assistant Transportation Supervisor Everett Combs reported driver Dick McBournie has announced his retirement in December. He has driven bus for the district since 1991. Mr. Combs reported on ridership week, and discussion was held on proposed changes in the transportation funding formula. The new amounts should be posted next week, and legislators will make the final decision. There is discussion about a hold-harmless clause for those small districts losing funds.

Mr. Combs also reported the district is looking at purchasing an automatic defibrillator which will require adoption of a Board policy governing its use.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported the sprinkler systems have been blown out and plows are ready for winter. He stated he is researching the purchase of a new man lift as the old one is in need of repair and parts are unavailable.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported he just completed a test on the instant alert system. He's also changing the look of the website and integrating a solution for students to post assignments on line. Both the intercom system and the telephone system are getting older and will be addressed during construction of the high school. Mr. Reed is also visiting other schools to determine how best to plan for future technology needs during construction.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported boys cross country finished fourth, the girls will go to state next week, and soccer completed a successful season. "It is senior night at tonight's football game, and they are playing well," he reported.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported 8-10 "grab and go" cold breakfasts are being served at the high school each morning. High school participation continues to grow, and 195 lunches are being served each day. She stated she is continually assessing costs, trying to cut expenses wherever possible. The account, Brenda's Helping Hand, is assisting students in our district who are in need.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER REPORT: Construction Manager Dan Gordon updated the Board on inspections of the modular classrooms at Rogers High School. Some are in four pieces, not two as originally thought. He has requested estimates to move and install the portables. Mead School District also has three portables available.

Mr. Gordon is working on SEPA checklists for the portables, and will ask an ESD employee to inspect them for asbestos. The geotechnical group is drilling holes on site. Mr. Hernandez reported the construction committee has determined if the gym and locker room areas were vacated by May 1, that area could be available for use again by the end of November. Mr. Primmer discussed the meeting with the State Dept. of Transportation and Spokane County about the potential of relocating Jackson Road.

LEVY UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez reviewed options for the maintenance and operation levy, which includes combining it with the \$130,000 technology levy, and keeping the tax rate flat at its current amount of \$2.58 - \$2.60 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The election is February 3, and the resolution must be filed by December 12. Ballots will be mailed out around January 14. Board members will review the information and discuss further options at the next meeting, which was set for Monday, November 10 at 5:00 for goal setting, and 6:00 for the regular meeting.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: John Zingg suggested adding the two cent difference between \$2.58 and \$2.60 to help increase reserves.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND READING POLICY 1105 – DIRECTOR DISTRICTS: Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve the Policy 1105 – Director Districts as amended. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE MINIMUM BASIC EDUCATION COMPLIANCE: Mr. Hernandez recommended approval of the Minimum Basic Education Requirement Compliance report which states that the district meets or exceeds instructional hour offerings, minimum school day requirements, student/teacher ratios and high school graduation minimum requirements. Mrs. Sellers moved the Board approve the compliance form as presented. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously..

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Goldsmith reviewed upcoming meetings: November 10 at 5:00 and November 25 at 6:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Substitute Teacher – Julie Hands

Classified: Nutritionist II – Kris Anderson, Elementary School  
Substitute Bus Driver – Richard Wilbourn

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. with no further action.

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Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair