

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

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 Chad Goldsmith. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, John Zingg, Dave Teague, Raeann Ducar, Brian Parisotto, Dave Huotari, John Hjaltalin, Ashley Taylor, and Filip Cracuin,

FLAG SALUTE: Dave Teague led the audience in the flag salute.

Mr. Goldsmith reported the “visitors’ comments/concerns” section has been moved to later in the agenda so the audience can comment on anything that has occurred during the meeting. Also, the Board meeting operating principles will be placed on the back of each agenda.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto introduced two new head coaches: Ashley Taylor, the new girls basketball coach and Filip Cracuin, the new soccer coach.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	June 25 & July 2, 2008
General Fund Vouchers #5043-5151	\$ 96,328.43
July Payroll	\$ 507,907.10
ASB Vouchers #3969-3976	\$ 3,936.45
CPF Vouchers #715-716	\$ 56,142.12
Treasurer’s Statement	

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

BUDGET HEARING: Mrs. Davis reviewed the proposed 2008-2009 budget based on 885 FTE plus 14 Running Start students with the following appropriation levels:

General Fund	\$8,798,278
Transportation Vehicle Fund	104,000
Capital Projects Fund	7,167,450
Debt Service Fund	1,045,848
ASB Fund	335,000

The budget also includes the purchase of one new bus, significant work on the high school modernization, and debt service payments on the new bonds. Mrs. Woodman moved the Board adopt Resolution 11-2007/2008 to approve the 2008-2009 budget. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez shared a letter from OSPI regarding the successful completion of the inspection of school buses with exceptional results for the last two years. He thanked transportation supervisors Everett Combs and Charlotte Trejbal for their efforts.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

## REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Athletic Director Brian Parisotto requested changes in the athletic code to include the following:

- Upon second violation of possession of alcohol, tobacco products or drugs, a student would be ineligible for interscholastic competition for a calendar year (previously was school year)
- Regarding attendance, any student 15 minutes late will be considered absent for the day.
- Fees must be paid prior to the first league contest
- Students have until noon of the day following the end of the grading period to resolve any grade discrepancies with their teacher.

After some discussion, Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the revisions as proposed, with the addition of the ability to make minor waivers by the athletic director and/or principal under the attendance section. Mrs. Woodman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BUDGET UPDATE: Mrs. Davis reviewed the budget status report through June 30, including revenues, expenditures and ending cash projections.

WSSDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Mr. Hernandez reminded Board members the WSSDA annual conference is November 19-22 at the Spokane Convention Center. He requested they check their calendars for registration purposes.

PORTABLES: Mr. Hernandez reported he was contacted by district patron Don McKinney about the possible acquisition of ten surplus portable classrooms from Spokane Public Schools. He has learned that Spokane is willing to donate the portables to Freeman, but they must be moved on their schedule which will require accelerating planned site work across from the high school. In addition to the moving costs, the portables will require some paint and minor repairs. There is money in the construction budget for housing students during the project. Mr. Hernandez stated he learned that Mead School District may also have surplus portable classrooms available.

Architect Dave Huotari commented that Freeman's timing is perfect—there is currently a surplus of portable classrooms available.

BOARD MEETING DATES: The Board discussed whether to return to Thursday meetings or remain on Wednesdays. Mr. Goldsmith stated work travel makes Thursdays a better option. After discussion, Mr. Fetsch moved the Board meet on Thursdays for the 2008-2009 year. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: John Zingg commented he and Mr. Hernandez met with former Board member Bill Bell who shared a picture of the first school bus he rode in our area. The bus was owned by a local farmer who built it from plywood. They are planning a photo gallery to honor the history of our area and its schools as part of the renovation of the high school and elementary school.

### NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING BOARD POLICY #2022, 2022P and 2412: Mr. Hernandez requested the first reading of the electronic information systems policy and procedure and the diplomas for veterans policy. If there are no changes, the Board will officially adopt the policies at their August meeting. Mrs. Woodman moved to approve the first reading. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE 2008-2009 SALARY SCHEDULES: Mr. Hernandez requested approval of the classified, certificated, and administrative salary schedules. The classified staff and administrators received the state increase of 4.4%, while the state teachers salary schedule was improved 5.13%. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the salary schedules as presented. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE SURPLUS ITEMS: Mr. Hernandez requested the Board declare as surplus a kiln that needs some work, a pour table, slip, and 700 ceramic molds. The middle school ceramics crafts class has been replaced in recent years by electives that are more academic focused, such as the digital photography/journalism class. If approved, the items will be offered to area school districts first. If not taken, ceramics shops will be contacted. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board declare the ceramic items as surplus. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS: Mr. Hernandez recommended approval of the completed educational specifications, which will now be used to begin the schematic design process in August and early September. Mr. Huotari reported the conceptual plans will be brought to the community, staff and Board for input. "The goal is to achieve a building that serves our community for the next 50 years," he stated. After discussion, Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the educational specifications dated July 25, 2008 as presented. Mrs. Woodman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE TRAVEL/EXPENSE VOUCHER: Mr. Hernandez requested approval to change travel reimbursements to a per diem method, rather than individual receipts which will be easier for both staff members who travel as well as the central office staff who process claims. Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve the travel voucher form as presented. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Goldsmith reminded Board members the next meeting is August 26. The back-to-school BBQ is at 4:30 with the Board meeting following.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Hire: Elizabeth “Bitz” Willard - School Nurse (Part Time)  
Kim Antons - .80 non-continuing K-3 Music  
Michael Allen - 7-12 Math/Science Teacher  
Resignation: David Teague, Technology Director

Classified: Resignation: Jessica Bolt - Early Learning Center Para Educator  
Jodi Wells - Sp Ed Para Educator

Extracurricular: Resignation: Kelsey LaShaw, HS Asst Volleyball and Track  
  
Hire: Filip Cracuin – HS Head Girls Soccer Coach  
Ashlee Taylor – HS Head Girls Basketball Coach

Board members thanked Dave Teague for his seven years as technology director, during which time Freeman was a model in the quality of our technology. Mr. Hernandez stated, “He will be hard to replace, since Dave has administrative certification, a teaching degree, coaching experience, and a great relationship with students.” Mrs. Sellers moved the Board approve personnel action as presented, with regret for Mr. Teague. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. with no further action.

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Board Chair