

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
May 14, 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, Randy Primmer, Diane Woodman, Vicki Sellers, Sergio Hernandez and Jan Davis.

GUESTS: John Zingg, Ellen Hawley, Bill Bland, Lisa Phelan, Scott Oakshott, Dave Teague, Jim Straw, Dave Smith, Kirk Lally, Barb Gady, Raeann Ducar, Char Trejbal, Brian Parisotto, Megan Primmer, Rachel Kettenburg, Felicity Weathers, Taryn Wingett, Hannah Lally, Tyler Hjaltalin, Lisa Hjaltalin and Shane Miller.

FLAG SALUTE: Barb Gady led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:  
Approval of Minutes

April 23, 2008

Brent Fetsch requested a change in the minutes, first sentence, second paragraph under building reports: "Mr. Fetsch stated this is a good time to reach as many groups as possible, and the extra year will help that." Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Hernandez added future board meeting dates and Board members attending graduation to the agenda.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

## REPORTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported the SCAPCA retrofit of all our diesel buses is complete. Idling time has been reduced to further help eliminate pollutants. She shared school bus safety facts.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally thanked everyone who helped during Spring Bling. He reported the tractor is being repaired.

Honor Society Advisor Pia Longinotti introduced two students, Leah Willard and Felicity Weathers, who reported on their trip to Washington D.C. over spring break. Miss Willard stated, "Its good to see your nation's capital before you travel elsewhere." The group of 20 students and 15 adults visited the Lincoln Memorial, the Spy Museum, the Vietnam wall, Arlington Cemetery and other attractions.

Technology Director Dave Teague reported Avista donated five servers to Freeman. He is working with Avista to create a partnership with ESD 101. Surplus technology that Avista would have destroyed will now be donated to schools. He reported the golf team is headed to state competition in Bellingham.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar discussed the need to increase lunch prices next year in view of a ten percent food cost increase. Freeman's prices are low compared to other high schools. She also recommended a rollover in the Food Services of America bid. Freeman is part of a Spokane county consortium for nutrition services bids managed by Mead School District which provides volume pricing. Each school district holds individual contracts. Next year the group will go out for bid again. Mrs. Ducar reported participation in the breakfast and lunch programs remains strong.

CTE Director Scott Oakshott, reported Skill Center student Matt Lashaw won a \$25,000 scholarship to attend Wyoming Tech's diesel program. Next year 20 Freeman students will attend the Skill Center. Due to a law change last year, Skill Center students can be claimed for a total of 1.6 FTE between the resident district and the Skill Center, minimizing the financial impact of their attendance. He invited the Board to view the programs at the Skill Center. Mr. Oakshott reported Mr. Moore is taking FBLA students to compete in nationals in Atlanta this summer. Individual Freeman CTE advisory committees will be formed next year as the consortium structure wasn't working as well.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported 30 students will attend regional track, baseball and softball were first in districts, and two girls qualified for state tennis. All senior culminating projects have now been completed. Mr. Parisotto introduced Bill Bland, who is being recommended for boys basketball coach. Seventeen girls have committed to play soccer in the fall. Rachel Kattenburg stated the girls are willing to fundraise for the team. Mr. Hernandez requested a tentative budget that addresses uniforms, transportation issues, and potential games. Mr. Fetsch also asked for an assessment of the impact on cross country and volleyball participation. Mr. Hernandez stated there is a possibility of piloting soccer for a year since five of the girls are seniors now.

**BUILDING REPORTS:** High School Principal Dave Smith reported AP testing is wrapping up and preregistration is underway. A great number of kids turned out for Spring Bling, and participation was high for the recent blood drive. Math/science interviews are scheduled for May 22.

Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported overgrown shrubs were removed from the front of the elementary building and a picnic table donated for Spring Bling. Math is Cool teams are competing in masters competition this weekend. Four teachers will

attend math/science workshops this week, she stated. She thanked the Freeman PTSA for honoring teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Mrs. Ducar reported 588 maple bars were served for Maple Bars with Mom day.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported on ASB elections, the middle school career fair, and the final dance of the year which sixth graders can attend as incoming seventh graders. Staff is working to finalize next year’s schedule. Mrs. Woodman asked about the middle school graduation ceremony. Mr. Straw stated the ceremony will be less formal this year; it is being held the same day as Splashdown and shorts are acceptable.

Mr. Goldsmith reported he attended the Junior Livestock Show, and Freeman was well represented with 20 4H and FFA students.

BOND UPDATE: Bond Co-Chair John Zingg reported a little over 50 percent of yes voters have returned ballots. The committee will send out postcards to all supporters who have not yet cast their ballot. Volunteers will attend a phone bank on Sunday. The committee will be at the elections office Tuesday night, and he invited Board members to attend. Mr. Hernandez stated the key is to get the yes voters out. Only 19% of our voters have students in school. He reported the Washington School Public Relations Association gave a certificate of excellence for 2008 publications and electronic media awards to Melanie Rose and Kate Coomes for the bond brochure.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reported May enrollment at 899.48, with an annual average of 903.00. “While the numbers look good,” he stated, “keep in mind costs for fuel, snow removal and food have eaten up some additional revenues.”

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Hernandez shared a Spokane Public Schools study of unfunded mandates. He reported the Performing Arts dinner was a great success. Todd Beese was honored for his 30 years of service to the district.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE PRESCHOOL/DAYCARE RATE INCREASE: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following rate increases for preschool/daycare:

	Current Price	Proposed
Preschool	\$135	\$150
Full-time childcare	\$475	\$500
Preschool + 3 day childcare	\$285	\$300
Off-day kindergarten	\$265	\$280

Preschool teacher Barb Gady stated Freeman’s rates are still below Spokane county average rate. Mrs. Woodman asked if there was parent assistance available. Mrs. Gady reported Freeman has accepted state subsidies in the past, but haven’t had one

in a couple of years. If students qualify for special education, there is no fee for preschool, she stated. Next year's program is full, and there is a waiting list. Mr. Goldsmith stated he had two sons attend the program, and it was great. Mr. Hernandez stated the program is supplemented with I-728 - Student Achievement dollars. Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve the rate increase as presented. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE NUTRITION SERVICES RATE INCREASE: Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar recommended the following rate increases:

	Current Price	Proposed
Elementary lunch	\$1.95	\$2.05
Middle School lunch	\$2.15	\$2.25
High School lunch	\$2.25	\$2.40
Adult lunch	\$3.10	\$3.50
Elementary breakfast	\$1.20	\$1.30
Middle School breakfast	\$1.20	\$1.30
High School breakfast	\$1.25	\$1.35
Adult breakfast	\$1.50	\$1.75

Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the rate increase as presented. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE NUTRITION SERVICES BID ROLLOVER: Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar recommended approval of a bid rollover with Food Services of America. Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve the bid rollover request. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

AUDIT REPORT: Business Manager Jan Davis reviewed the 2006-2007 audit, which cost approximately \$6,000. The summary states, "The District complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures in the areas we examined." There were recommendations regarding securing quotes for contracted services (special education physical therapy and occupational therapy) paid for with federal funds, and ASB fundraiser recommendations. Solutions for those recommendations and lunch revenue transmittals are under study, she stated.

APPROVE HIRE OF STAFF FOR 2008-2009: Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve the rehire of certificated and classified staff as presented. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

GRADUATION: Board members discussed who would attend high school and middle school graduations.

OTHER INFORMATION: Legislative representative Randy Primmer reported WSSDA is asking school boards for legislative proposals by June 30.

FUTURE MEETING DATES: Mr. Goldsmith reviewed future Board meeting dates:  
May 28 – time changed to 5:30 due to Academic Awards night  
June 11  
June 25  
July 30  
August 27

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Classified: Summer Child Care – Summer Salinas

Extracurricular: HS Boys Varsity Basketball coach – Bill Bland

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

WORK STUDY SESSION: The Board moved into a work study session at 7:22 p.m. regarding superintendent/board evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with no further action.

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Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair