

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
June 29, 2011

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 Brent Fetsch. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brent Fetsch, Randy Primmer, John Zingg, Sergio Hernandez, and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Chad Goldsmith.

GUESTS: Randy Russell, Neil Fuchs, Ellen Hawley, John Hjaltalin, Lisa Hjaltalin, Dan Gordon, Vicki Sellers, and Annie Keebler.

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	June 9, 2011
General Fund Vouchers #4407-4538	\$169,537.19
June Payroll	\$596,594.97
ASB Vouchers #4617-4649	\$ 26,174.93
CPF Vouchers #1094-1105	\$467,739.87
Treasurer's Statement	

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

GUESTS: John and Lisa Hjaltalin, on behalf of the Freeman Foundation, presented final drawings for the Kent Smith Field entryway. Pavers are still being sold, and volunteers are helping with the project: John Sellers is doing masonry work, Hal Ophus is building roof trusses, and football players will provide extra labor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Fetsch reported receipt of a letter from Spokane County Fire District 8 thanking Superintendent Hernandez for his service to the community.

REPORTS

WRITTEN BUILDING REPORTS: The Board was given written building reports.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG Representative Dan Gordon reported portables have been moved. Staff is in negotiations with Walker Construction regarding delay claims. Mr. Fetsch asked if the District will need to tap into interest earnings. Mr. Gordon said

yes, it will be necessary. Mr. Gordon reported the contractor is close to doing concrete work and sidewalks around the elementary school.

Mr. Hernandez introduced Justin Payne of Walker Construction. “Justin is a District patron and has three children in school,” he stated.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT--ENROLLMENT /PROJECTIONS: Mr. Hernandez reported fall enrollment is monitored on a daily basis and appears to be at 850 FTE.

2011-12 BUDGET UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez reported this has been the most difficult budget process in over 20 years due to state revenue cuts and budget shortfalls. The District has cut 1.84 FTE positions, resulting in approximately \$200,000 savings in salary. However, special education para-educator time has been added due to higher needs students. In addition, retirement contributions have increased over \$100,000, and utilities and property/liability insurance costs have risen dramatically. Non-salary items are being reduced 10 percent, and could be restored when final enrollment is known in the fall. He recommended a Board work-study session, which was set for July 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Hernandez thanked the Board and community for the opportunity to serve over the last five years.

VISITORS’ COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: Vicki Sellers asked if the Board knew whether subcontractors are getting their retainage on the high school project. Mr. Hernandez stated the District is concerned about all projects and all subcontractors, however, it is in Levernier’s hands. “It is very common to withhold five percent retainage until the project is completely closed.”

## NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE HIGHLY CAPABLE ASSURANCES: Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve the Highly Capable grant application and assurances as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE NEW SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORIZATIONS:

Resolution #4-2010-2011: Designation of District Agent  
Resolution #5-2010-2011: Designation of Auditing Officers  
Resolution #6-2010-2011: Authorization of Warrant Signature  
Resolution #7-2010-2011: Authorization to Invest Funds  
Resolution #8-2010-2011: Certified Signatures of District Personnel  
Authorized to Sign School Construction Project Documents

Mr. Zingg moved the Board adopt Resolutions 4 through 8 regarding the new superintendent authorizations as presented. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: None.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Hire: Carol Wichmann – 4-12 Music/Band/Drama Instructor

Classified: Hire: LaDonna Kelly – HS Ticket Taker  
Kimi Corbin – Back-up Ticket Taker

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

BOARD INTERVIEW: The Board interviewed candidate Neil Fuchs for the open Board seat. Mr. Primmer moved the Board seat Mr. Fuchs at the July 28 meeting. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into executive session at 6:58 p.m. for the purpose set forth in RCW 42.30.100, specifically the following: to review FEA negotiations, such session estimated to be approximately 15 minutes in length. Mr. Fetsch stated no action is anticipated after the session. The Board returned to open session at 7:18.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m. with no further action.

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Board Chair