

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
January 13, 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, Chad Goldsmith, Randy Primmer, Diane Woodman, John Zingg, Sergio Hernandez, and Jan Davis.

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, Lisa Phelan, Dan Gordon, Jim Straw, and Dave Smith.

FLAG SALUTE: Brent Fetsch led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	December 15, 2010
General Vouchers #3811-3925	\$ 201,352.49
December Payroll	\$ 591,440.40
ASB Vouchers #4470-4493	\$ 17,895.34
CPF Vouchers #1034-1044	\$1,113,020.13

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez reviewed a Spokesman-Review article honoring Randy Primmer for his award from the Washington Farm Service Agency. "Mr. Primmer was recognized for his sacrifice of time and energy that has greatly benefited the Freeman School District," the article stated.

Mr. Hernandez read a proclamation from Governor Christine Gregoire declaring January as School Board Recognition Month. Students in several grade levels made posters for Board members.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Mr. Fetsch recommended moving the item "additions to the agenda" under Section 1, Item D of the Board agenda.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: High School Principal Dave Smith reported on winter fest activities and sports. Students are being surveyed for next year's classes prior to building the class schedule. Math teacher Lindy Moyer has begun her maternity leave. The food and gift drive over the holidays was a huge success, he reported.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported staff is working on scheduling for next year and “fine tuning second semester courses.” Over 4,000 items were collected in the K-12 canned food drive. The middle school play is January 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school multipurpose room.

Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported AIMSWEB screening is beginning for reading, writing and math. Valentine’s Day parties are February 11, and the President’s Wax Museum presentations will be held February 14. The meetings to select furniture for the remodeled elementary are going well, she reported.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG Representative Dan Gordon reported CSG staff is in the process of reconciling every expenditure for the high school project. There are issues with the concrete entry floor, and a letter is being sent to the contractor requesting a credit. The District would then hire another entity to clean, strip, etch and seal the floor. There have been some leaks in the new roof, but they are being taken care of by the contractor.

Mr. Gordon reported the Palouse Transportation Cooperative construction is still shut down due to inclement weather. The elementary project is proceeding well, and the interior framing for the most part is complete.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Hernandez stated maintenance and transportation staffs have done an excellent job during recent difficult weather conditions.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reported January enrollment is 889.05 FTE for an annual average of 880.99.

BUDGET UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez reviewed state budget concerns and their potential impact on the Freeman budget:

#### Current Budget Year

- Loss of K-4 enhancement for seven months - \$41,713
- Medicaid - \$1,500
- Federal EduJobs funding - OSPI captured grant of \$184,000
- Delay of June apportionment by one day
- Possible loss of Highly Capable funds - \$8,293
- Variety of other minor cuts

#### Next Budget Year – Governor has proposed the following

- Loss of K-4 enhancement - \$70,628
- Loss of LEA under 4-tier model - \$19,224
- Loss of Highly Capable - \$8,300
- Unfunded increase in employer portion of pension rates - \$12,000
- Freeze COLA (I-732) and step/experience increases

- Suspend National Board Certification bonus
- Variety of other minor cuts

In addition to those proposed cuts, the federal stimulus funding that has helped districts the last two years ends. OSPI is changing the depreciation funding method, and Freeman loses \$118,000 for bus purchases. The Board will review how to deal with these cuts at their Board retreat on January 24 at 5:00 p.m.

VISITORS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: None.

### NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY #3207 – PROHIBITION OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING: Mr. Fetsch read the first and last sentences of the policy. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve Policy 3207 for first reading. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY #4215 – USE OF TOBACCO AND NICOTINE SUBSTANCES: Mr. Fetsch read the first and last sentences for first reading. Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve Policy 4215 for first reading. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Fetsch recommended the second to the last paragraph of Policy 3207 be changed to read: "The superintendent will **act as** compliance officer . . ." Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the recommended change. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE MARCH 4, 2011 AS SNOW MAKEUP DAY: Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve March 4, 2011 as snow make-up day for November 23. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Fetsch reminded the Board of the January 24 work session beginning at 5:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: HS Long Term Math – Dan Schmidt

Classified: Substitute Nutrition Services: Barb Lang

Extracurricular: Resignation – Jerry King, HS Asst Football

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. with no further action.

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Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair