

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 15, 2010

WORK STUDY SESSION: The Board began a work study session at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the use of bond interest earnings. Mr. Hernandez stated some bid alternates were removed from the project and interest earnings could be used to complete those projects. Projects to be considered are:

Budgeted:

- Remodel current district office into a classroom and computer lab for which \$150,000 is budgeted. This would move all staff and students from portables into secure buildings.

Removed:

- Remodel current middle school office area so it is located by the front doors, thus providing additional security.
- Relocate tennis courts to provide much needed additional parking for the middle school.

Other Needs:

- Complete the elementary playground area on both sides of the building.
- Landscape the corner of Highway 27 and Jackson Road
- Possibly pave the area around the concession stands.

Mr. Fetsch and Mr. Primmer reported most of the patrons they spoke with felt completing the entire project was more important than returning small amounts to taxpayers given the fact another bond opportunity would not happen for many years.

Mr. Hernandez requested the Board consider approving design and development costs for the projects which could be \$70,000. Mr. Primmer stated the original projects must be completed prior to any additional improvements. After further discussion, the Board went into their regular meeting.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Chair Diane Woodman. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Dolly Ramminger, Dan Gordon, Ellen Hawley, Charlotte Trejbal, Kirk Lally, Brian Parisotto, Raeann Ducar, Todd Reed, Everett Combs, Irv Zakheim, Sarah Panzeri, Scott Barkley and Chris Barkley.

FLAG SALUTE: Irv Zakheim led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	November 29, 2010
General Fund Vouchers not to exceed	\$ 200,000
December Payroll not to exceed	\$ 650,000
ASB Vouchers not to exceed	\$ 50,000
CPF Vouchers not to exceed	\$1,250,000
Treasurer's Statement	

Mr. Hernandez reminded the Board that since there is only one meeting in December, payroll and accounts payable are approved "not to exceed". The Board will review actual vouchers at their first meeting in January. Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VOC AG SHOP – BASEBALL COMMITTEE: Irv Zakheim and Sarah Panzeri presented plans to convert the old vo-ag shop into an indoor baseball/softball facility which is needed for indoor pitching and batting practice during inclement weather. After the District repairs the roof, parents will be responsible for fundraising for renovations and equipment. The plan is to make sure the exterior of the refurbished building blends with the new high school. The group requested Board approval so they can form a committee and begin fundraising. Athletic Director Brian Parisotto offered to serve on the committee as a liaison to the Board. Mr. Hernandez reminded the group that the District will need to retain some storage areas in the building. After discussion, Mr. Fetsch moved the Board authorize design development for the project. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The Board requested the group return with detailed costs and designs.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez gave the Board a Seattle Times editorial regarding education innovations.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported record snow caused "a couple of really difficult days" for transportation. She is refining the use of Honeywell Instant Alert system for specific route and road closures. Mr. Hernandez thanked transportation staff for keeping students safe.

Safety Coordinator Everett Combs reported buildings are conducting their required lockdowns and fire drills. Staff members have been issued foot traction devices for those who travel with students in snow and ice.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported the new Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act will provide an increase of six cents per meal for Freeman students. The fruit/vegetable cart at the elementary/middle school and the salad bar at the high school have proved a healthy popular choice. She completed a “think your drink” lesson with seventh grade students, raising their awareness of energy drink contents.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally thanked Mr. Hernandez and the Board for the “nice equipment to handle snow.” He thanked the custodians for their work. Staff has worked weekends to clear snow and ice. He is hoping to connect the high school roof heat tape into the automatic temperature control system.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported the Honeywell Instant Alert system relies on Skyward data, and “you never know its faults until you test it.” There are now 45 security cameras throughout the high school which are monitored from a screen in the principal’s office. Installation of clocks and bells in the middle school has been completed. The District has requested additional T1 lines.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported area schools “have enjoyed our new facilities, and we will be hosting several tournaments.” The “no food in the gym” experiment did not go well, so trash cans have been ordered for the bleachers. Mr. Parisotto reported he has met with 90 percent of the seniors regarding their spring culminating projects.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG Representative Dan Gordon reported the high school punch list is still being completed. ALSC Architects will now review items for completion. The final certificate of occupancy was just received. Electrical, plumbing and framing are proceeding at the elementary. The transportation cooperative is still delayed by extreme weather.

BUDGET: Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reported these are unusual times as the Legislature met over the weekend to make cuts in the current year including capturing Edujobs funding and reducing K-4 staffing enhancement. Fortunately, the District maintains a cash balance to help offset these current year cuts, however, next year will be more difficult. Mr. Hernandez reported the Governor’s proposal includes eliminating the K-4 enhancement, Highly Capable, freezing teacher salaries and eliminating the national certification payment.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT--ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reported December 1 enrollment was 885.33 FTE with an annual average to date of 878.97. Enrollment continues to increase slightly which is good news.

The Board tentatively set Monday, January 24, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. for its semi-annual Board retreat.

WSSDA CONFERENCE REPORT: Mrs. Woodman reported she attended sessions on civil rights, bullying and harassment, and cell phone issues in classrooms. She liked a program called “Saved by the Bell” where teachers check in with one student as they leave the classroom. Mr. Primmer reported he attended conflict of interest sessions,

including when Board members have spouses who work for districts. Mr. Zingg reported the conference reinforced the concept of how important teacher contact is for children. Mr. Hernandez reported he attended the superintendent strand on budget issues. “I enjoyed presenting the session with John on passing bond issues,” he stated.

VISITORS’ COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2-2010/2011 – TO SUPPORT THE NETWORK FOR EXCELLENCE: Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt Resolution 2-2010-2011 to support the Network for Excellence in Washington Schools (NEWS) with a one-time payment of \$250. NEWS is fighting the state’s appeal of the McCleary vs. State case regarding school funding. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES: Mrs. Woodman called for nominations for Board Chair. Mr. Primmer nominated Mr. Fetsch. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and moved nominations be closed. Mr. Fetsch was elected unanimously and assumed the role of Board Chair.

Mr. Fetsch called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mrs. Woodman nominated Mr. Zingg. Mr. Primmer seconded the nomination. Mr. Zingg declined the nomination due to schedule constraints. Mr. Fetsch called for other nominations. Mr. Zingg nominated Mr. Primmer for Vice-Chair. Mrs. Woodman seconded the nomination. Mr. Zingg moved nominations be closed. Upon vote, Mr. Primmer was elected unanimously.

Mr. Fetsch called for nominations for legislative representative. Mrs. Woodman nominated Mr. Zingg. Mr. Primmer seconded the nomination. Mrs. Woodman moved nominations be closed, and Mr. Zingg was elected unanimously.

Mr. Fetsch called for nominations for WIAA representative. Mr. Primmer nominated Mr. Goldsmith. Mr. Zingg seconded the nomination. Mrs. Woodman moved nominations be closed, and Mr. Goldsmith was elected unanimously.

Mr. Fetsch called for nominations for negotiations observer. Mr. Primmer nominated Mrs. Woodman. Mr. Zingg seconded the nomination. Mr. Primmer moved to close nominations, and Mrs. Woodman was elected unanimously.

Mr. Zingg gave “extreme thanks and appreciation for past services of Mrs. Woodman as chair.”

CONSTRUCTION MOTION: Per discussion during the work study session, Mr. Zingg moved the Board authorize the superintendent to proceed with design development of converting the current district office in the middle school into a classroom and computer

lab at an estimated cost of \$25,000. Mrs. Woodman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Substitute Teachers: Jason Myers

Classified: Hire: Para Educator – Mary Koch (11/29/10 – 6/14/11)
Substitute Nutrition Services: Denise Pratt

Extracurricular: HS Asst Wrestling – Brandon Shaffer

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

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

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair