

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
November 29, 2010

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 Diane Woodman. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, Dan Gordon, Dave Smith, Anne-Marie Ophus, Katie Ophus, Jim Straw, Mark Lengyel, Loretta Lengyel, and Angelica Lengyel.

FLAG SALUTE: Angelica Lengyel led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes	October 28, 2010
General Fund Vouchers #3697-3810	\$118,784.85
November Payroll	\$ 592,976.83
ASB Vouchers #4449-4469	\$ 29,910.15
CPF Vouchers #1024-1033	\$853,328.33
Treasurer's Statement	

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

GUESTS: Middle School student Angelica Lengyel reported on her win of the reserve grand national championship and world reserve championship at the Morgan Grand National and World Championship in Oklahoma City with her horse Affinity One in a Million (Max).

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez read a thank you note from Linda and Dan Koback for the Veterans Day Assembly.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Mr. Hernandez added two names under personnel.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: High School Principal Dave Smith reported winter sports are underway and holiday concerts have been scheduled. Leadership students will conduct a "stuff the bus" event to gather food for area food banks. The professional development focus this year is on math and student end-of-course exams for Algebra I and Geometry.

Mr. Primmer commented that the sound system in the new gym was amazing during the Veterans Day program. Mr. Smith thanked Everett, Kirk, and custodial staff for their efforts running roads, preparing buses, plowing, and clearing sidewalks during recent snows and subzero temperatures.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw also commented on the “great job by custodial and grounds staff.” Middle school staff have participated in the math conversations at the high school. There are 45-50 middle school students taking algebra, he reported.

Mr. Hernandez reported for Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan: The K-8 fundraising total earned was \$10,400. Students and staff are managing the challenging weather; students remain inside during recess when the temperature is below 15 degrees. During the recent subzero weather, younger students were shuttled to food service in the elementary gym for safety reasons. Decisions are being made regarding selection of furniture and equipment for the modernized elementary school. The PTSA will hold a craft night on Friday, December 3.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG Representative Dan Gordon reported fire marshals have agreed to allow a 60-second delay on high school fire doors so students can safely exit. Levernier continues to work through the punch list, he reported. A request for proposal has been issued to acid etch the entry floor. Currently \$15,000 has been withheld from Levernier until the floor is satisfactorily repaired.

Mr. Gordon reported the chiller will be installed at the elementary by December 15. The severe cold and snow has delayed some progress on the elementary and transportation cooperative.

BUDGET: Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reported “we are watching the bottom line in anticipation of further budget cuts.” Mr. Hernandez said the next biennium will be “painful for everyone.”

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Hernandez reported the Edujobs funding will be utilized one-third this year, two-thirds next year. In addition to preparing for budget cuts, the District must put money aside for curricular needs such as the elementary math program, he stated.

Districts are being asked to join the NEWS lawsuit (Network for Excellence in Washington Schools) to challenge the state taking the McCleary decision funding issue to the Supreme Court. Mr. Hernandez stated if the Board wished to make a small donation to the fund from the District’s legal defense budget item, he would prepare a resolution for the December 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. After discussion, Mr. Primmer moved the Board set aside \$250 for the NEWS lawsuit fund in support of the McCleary decision. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Woodman congratulated Ellen Hawley on the outstanding District newsletter.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reported November average has risen to 876.85 FTE, and the budget was built on 870.

VISITORS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE PSE CONTRACT: Mr. Hernandez reported on the successful conclusion of negotiations with the Freeman Public School Employees, and requested approval of the negotiated agreement. Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve the three-year contract (2010-2013) as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mrs. Woodman reminded Board members of the next meeting on December 16. Pending weather, a work study session on options for interest earnings will be held at 5:30 p.m., with the regular meeting following at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Woodman requested Board members give a brief report on the WSSDA conference.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Substitute Teachers: Jennifer Hyta, Barbara Cashmere, Christy George

Classified: LOA – Julie Huotari, Para educator – Effective Nov. 24, 2010  
Kaylene Iltz – para-educator  
Mary Koch – para-educator

Extracurricular: Resignation – Guy Coumont, HS JV Softball

Hire - Cathy Lee, Tennis Coach  
Seth Maefsky, HS Boys JV Basketball  
Kyle Olsen, HS Boys 'C' Basketball

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m. with no further action.

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Recording Secretary

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Board Chair