

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 28, 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: Brent Fetsch, Chad Goldsmith, Diane Woodman, John Zingg, Sergio Hernandez and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Randy Primmer.

GUESTS: Kirk Lally, Ellen Hawley, Dan Gordon, Char Trejbal, Maryann Lovell, Gerald Lovell, Raeann Ducar, Andrew Coumont, Laura Hamma, Diane Betzold, Todd Reed, Raeann Ducar, Everett Combs, Leah Mills, Chelsa Ayers, Mary Zakheim, Brian Ferry, and Cheryl Thompson.

FLAG SALUTE: Maryann Lovell led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	September 29, 2010
General Fund Vouchers #3572 - 3696	\$ 189,623.60
October Payroll	\$ 595,341.71
ASB Vouchers #4427 - 4448	\$ 24,131.54
CPF Vouchers #998 -1023	\$ 815,390.53
Treasurer's Statement	

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

GUESTS: The Board honored retiree Maryann Lovell, who drove Freeman school buses for 30 years. In addition to her driving, she promoted bus safety programs, developed coloring contests and attended state conventions. "I saw a lot of Freeman families grow up," she said.

High school leadership class students Chelsa Ayers and Mary Zackheim reported they conducted tours of the new high school for both the 50-year reunion crowd and the open house. The class undertook an anti-bullying project with students in grades four through six. Seniors are presently working with the freshman class to ensure leadership projects continue. Miss Ayers also reported that 62 Freeman students attended the FBLA fall conference, consistently out-numbering larger surrounding districts.

High School Counselor Laura Hamma reviewed SAT, ACT, and AP test score data, comparing Freeman scores to national averages. The University of Washington is using a more holistic approach now instead of relying solely on test scores, she stated.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez shared an ALSC postcard inviting WSSDA participants to their booth which featured the new Freeman High School. Mr. Hernandez read a letter from attorney Mike Ormsby as he assumes his new position as U.S. Attorney General for Eastern Washington.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Facilities Manager Kirk Lally demonstrated the new high school computerized HVAC system. Winter preparations are underway, he stated.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar said the high school dishwasher is working now. Her staff implemented an emergency feeding plan during recent water issues when the contractor broke a major water line. A “Scotties Café Goes Green” theme is underway. A dietetic student assisted her with “Fear Factor” for fourth grade students where they sampled exotic fruits and vegetables.

Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported there have been 64 extracurricular trips so far this year. Ridership is complete, as well as bus evacuations and driver inservice training. She said route buses travel over 800 miles per day.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported the security cameras are being installed at the high school. The high school is using COWs (“computers on wheels”) which are laptops locked up in movable carts. Speakers and clocks will be completed soon in the middle school.

Safety Coordinator Everett Combs reported staff is updating the emergency procedure manual. He is preparing emergency evacuation plans for the new high school.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Construction Services Group representative Dan Gordon reported the high school contractor is still working on the punch list, with safety and security as the first priority. Asphalt paving is being completed in the north lots of the Transportation Cooperative, as well as landscaping and stairs down toward the high school. Excavation continues on the new exit onto Highway 27. Issues of rock sliding on top of the geo-fabric have arisen in the northeast parking lot, and CSG is working with the contractor and Strata to solve the problem. Any change will not compromise warranty or wear of asphalt, he stated. The goal is to have the lot paved this season.

BUDGET: Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reported the year ended higher than expected, which is good considering there will be additional cuts in the current year. Cuts in unprotected programs of 6.287% or \$32,351 for Freeman, are projected for May and are factored into the district’s cash flow projection. There could

be additional cuts beyond those. Mr. Hernandez stated that if the repeal of the candy/bottled water tax passes, the cuts could be as high as 15 to 20 percent.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Hernandez reported he and High School Principal Dave Smith met with the committee planning the batting cage proposal. They will make a presentation at the November 29 Board meeting.

EDUCATION NATION: Mr. Hernandez played the Education Nation clip on technology for the Board and audience.

VISITORS’ COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE MINIMUM BASIC EDUCATION REQUIREMENT COMPLIANCE - SPI 1497: Mr. Hernandez requested approval of the minimum basic education requirement compliance form 1497. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the form as presented. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: None.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Substitute Teachers: Karrie Stewart, Jennifer Winn

Extracurricular: Pia Longinotti – MS Boys’ and Girls’ Assistant Basketball Coach

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair