

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
October 14, 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, Randy Primmer, Diane Woodman, John Zingg, Sergio Hernandez and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Chad Goldsmith.

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

FLAG SALUTE: Jan Davis led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA :

Approval of Minutes

September 29, 2010

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported on upcoming conferences, Fire District 8's fire safety presentations, and decisions made regarding colors and furniture for the elementary school remodel. The Missoula Children's Theatre performances will be held in the new high school auditorium, she stated. The fundraiser has earned \$22,000 so far, and 40 percent of the sales go to ASB. The staff and kids are doing very well in the portables, she said.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw stated seventh grade students will have their retreat at Chewelah Peak. Eighth grade students will do the high ropes course at Eastern Washington University, where Eagle ambassadors will take students on a tour of the campus. The book fair will be held at the high school, and middle school sports are being wrapped up, he stated.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported the Freeman Foundation raised approximately \$20,000 with pavers and the golf tournament, which will be used to construct the Kent Smith Field entrance. "Students are involved in sports, FFA trap

shooting, Conservation Club, FBLA, FCCLA, National Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl, Math is Cool, and our participation is up in all these areas,” he said. The new stage will be used for upcoming band and choir performances, utilizing the new light board and sound board. Senior Josh Richardson has been chosen as one of KXLY’s “Shining Star”. The Spokane Police Department has asked art teacher Ken Spiering and Freeman students to paint a large mural downtown.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG Representative Dan Gordon reported the high school is in the punch list phase. The landscaper will return to fix a flooding issue in the south swale. The elementary contractor is installing underground plumbing and electrical. The old sewer pipes need to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$45,000. A temporary winterized water line is being installed at the existing cafeteria/gymnasium. The contractor is completing exterior work so they can work inside all winter. Mr. Gordon reported paving should begin soon at the parking lot across the street from the high school, which will add 142 parking spaces. Mr. Primmer stated the concrete sign at the entrance is difficult to see and asked if there were plans to add color to the lettering. Options will be examined.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reported October enrollment was 875.19 FTE, up five from the previous month. An additional increase is expected in November, he stated.

WSSDA CONFERENCE: Mr. Hernandez asked for confirmation of attendance at the upcoming Spokane WSSDA conference. Mr. Zingg and Mr. Hernandez are presenting a session on passage of bonds in small school districts.

EDUCATION NATION: Mr. Hernandez showed the Board a portion of the “Education Nation” video. A short clip on technology will be shown at the next Board meeting.

BUS GARAGE: Mr. Hernandez stated a decision must be made soon regarding where to move the current maintenance shop. Original plans were to move the maintenance shop and warehouse into the old ag shop building. Recently a parent group approached the district about raising funds to renovate the ag shop into a storage area and indoor batting cage for baseball and softball. In that case, the maintenance shop could move into the current bus garage which has water, bathrooms, storage areas and some equipment. After some discussion, Mr. Primmer moved the Board use the current bus repair facility as the maintenance facility rather than the old ag shop building with the understanding that the appearance of the building will be updated through paint and landscaping. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Zingg moved the Board authorize the citizen group to proceed with plans to change the current ag shop into a storage and baseball/softball batting cage and present plans and financial responsibility to the Board for final approval. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MODERNIZATION: Mr. Hernandez reported the new multipurpose room will be occupied by late February/early March. Plans need to begin on the modernization of the middle school, for which there is \$150,000 included in the

construction budget. There are interest earnings from bond funds that could be used for the project as well as to finalize the last aspects of the entire campus, or the Board could return the earnings to taxpayers. The Board decided to discuss the issue during a 5:30 p.m. work study session on November 29 in the middle school library.

VISITORS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: None.

### NEW BUSINESS

OTHER INFORMATION: None.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Extracurricular:	Resignation: Leslie Malloy, MS JV Girls Basketball
Para-Educator:	Casi Skeie-Gronenthal, remainder of year only

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. with no further action.

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