

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

GUESTS: Kirk Lally, Char Trejbal, Ellen Hawley, Dan Gordon, Brian Parisotto, Todd Reed, Raeann Ducar, Andrew Coumont, Dave Huotari, Lorrie Pope, Todd Hart, and Phil Evans.

FLAG SALUTE: Lorrie Pope led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	September 9, 2010
General Fund Vouchers #3459-3571	\$ 236,294.64
September Payroll	\$ 596,846.85
ASB Vouchers #4419-4426	\$ 18,092.43
CPF Vouchers #970-997	\$1,458,343.16
TVF Voucher #1041	\$ 122,730.43
Treasurer's Statement	

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Technology Director Todd Reed reported the start of school has been hectic with all the moves, changes and new equipment. Staff loves having projectors out of the way, he stated. The virtualization server is expected to arrive the end of November. Mr. Hernandez thanked Andrew Coumont for all his help assisting Mr. Reed.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally thanked everyone (custodians, staff, the contractor) for their efforts in getting the high school opened and moved in. When a truck arrived with

300 chairs, everyone pitched in, he said. Mr. Lally will demonstrate the new computerized heating, cooling and ventilation system at a future Board meeting.

Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported a quiet start to the new year. Seven buses are currently stored off-site due to construction. Positive behavior classes have improved student behavior on buses. Ridership week is October 11-15. There appears to be less parent drop-off traffic during construction. The new bus should be on line in the next week or two.

Nutrition Services Supervisor reported several successes in the first four weeks of school: the new high school is open and running almost a full menu with no dishwasher; staff is getting used to new equipment and working through punch lists; and counts are increasing. The new milk pouches were successfully introduced, and kids are drinking more milk with less waste. Staff is experimenting with new recipes using a new steamer at the high school. Students enjoyed Taste Washington Day today with chili made with beef from a local rancher, breadsticks made with Washington wheat and local carrots. Mrs. Ducar thanked all the staff for their help in getting the new high school opened.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported the facilities usage committee is reviewing hours of operation, weekend access and weight room access. Security cameras have not been installed in those areas yet. Regarding sports activities, the focus is keeping kids in class and cutting back on overnight activities. The Freeman Scottie band and cheerleaders will be in the KXLY studios on Friday night.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – ALSC & CSG: CSG Representative Dan Gordon reported phase one of the demolition of the elementary school is done. The foundation for the multipurpose room is going in. “Walker has done an outstanding job,” he stated. Two allowances in the contract with Levernier for unsuitable soils (\$22,900) and roof asbestos (\$12,600) were never used and have been returned to contingency funds. Two concerns remain, the floors and the fence along Jackson Road, neither of which are huge dollar amounts, he stated.

ALSC Architect Dave Huotari reviewed the “general public school project closeout roadmap” and stated the District is in the punch list phase. Once complete, a certificate of substantial completion is issued. The contractor then has 30 days to go from substantial to final completion. Warranties begin at the substantially complete point. The D-11 form is next which says that the contractor has satisfied everything. When the state issues the D-12, it authorizes release of retainage. The D-12 also starts the clock at 30 years for the next modernization.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez gave the Board the September enrollment report showing 870.82 FTE. The budget was built on 870 FTE.

EDUCATION NATION: Mr. Hernandez stated NBC news is running a series called Education Nation, and asked if the Board would like to spend time in a work study session to discuss the issues in the series.

GRAND REOPENING: Mr. Hernandez shared pictures of the grand-reopening which was successful and very student focused. ASB President Chelsa Ayers did a very nice job, he stated.

CLOCKS: Mr. Hernandez reported the middle school clock system was damaged during elementary construction. In order to expedite the process, stay with one company and have a single system campus-wide requires the Board to declare an emergency. After discussion, Mr. Fetsch moved the District declare an emergency to bypass bid laws and utilize the Atlas sound systems for middle school clocks in order to have a consistent time system throughout the District as soon as possible. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

STATE BUDGET: Mr. Hernandez reported the state is anticipating another 6.3% in budget cuts, which could affect K-12 by \$38 million. Two areas are uncertain, he stated, K-4 enhancement and levy equalization funding. OSPI does not feel they have the statutory right to reduce those funds, but the Legislature can authorize it. An even greater shortfall is projected in the next biennium. The District will receive approximately \$200 per FTE in mid-October from the Education Jobs Bill.

VISITORS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: Board members from the Rockford Community Center (Lorrie Pope, Chair, Phil Evans and Todd Hart) talked about the center which opened in downtown Rockford on August 1. The center offers free internet, access to donated computers, movies, tutors, Farmers market, community garden, and other activities for community members and their children. The Rockford Community Center Board members asked for volunteers and any donations of computers, software, furniture, etc. They hope to find an after-school math tutor for students. Since the loss of the local newspaper, the group publishes a calendar of events. They have joined with a Spokane coffee roaster to sell coffee as a fundraiser.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY #2024 – ONLINE LEARNING: Mrs. Woodman read first and last sentences of Policy 2024 – Online Learning for second reading. Mr. Primmer moved the Board adopt the policy as read. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE RESOLUTION 1-2010/2011:TRANSFER TO TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE FUND: Mr. Hernandez reported the state reduced funding for transportation depreciation, which requires a transfer from general fund to transportation vehicle fund to pay for the new bus. This transfer was planned for in the 2010-2011 budget. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board adopt Resolution 1-2010-2011 to transfer \$20,500 from general fund to transportation vehicle fund to help pay for the new bus. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE SURPLUS PROPERTY: Mr. Hernandez requested approval to surplus Bus 15, a 1990 IH 3800 bus with 235,000 miles on it. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the bus as surplus. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Substitute Teachers: Kristine Metzger, Sandra Dearman, Mike Kraft, Seth Maefsky, Scott Rider

Classified: Substitute Para Educator – Billie Figler, Becky Cox, Kari McBournie, Kaylene Iltz

Substitute Nutrition Services – Kaylene Iltz, Becky Cox, Kari McBournie, Stephanie Roche, Abigail Daniels

Leave of Absence (Remainder of the school Year) – Carol Campbell, Para-Educator

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

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Goldsmith asked if a future Board meeting could be held at the Rockford Community Center. Mr. Primmer reported on his attendance at the recent Spokane County School Directors meeting. Mr. Primmer is vice-president of the organization.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair