

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
October 11, 2012

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 Randy Primmer. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Fuchs, Annie Keebler, Randy Primmer, John Zingg, Randy Russell, and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Chad Goldsmith.

GUESTS: Debbie Morphy, Brad Van Dyne, Dave Smith, and Lisa Phelan.

FLAG SALUTE: John Zingg led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Primmer added a discussion of the recent Spokane County School Directors meeting presentation regarding the benefits of full-time kindergarten.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Approval of minutes – September 27, 2012

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Russell shared the following correspondence:

- invitation from Spokane County Library District regarding their strategic planning
- information on the Spokane Valley Chamber Foundation program for veterans to transition into the workforce
- letter from the Spokane Regional Health District regarding the inspection of the north wing of Freeman Elementary, granting approval for final occupancy of the north wing
- business and service directory for Hangman Creek Chamber of Commerce

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: High School Principal Dave Smith gave the Board sports posters which are now being produced by the journalism class. He reported that seniors are working on college applications. Responsibility is this month's character trait. More than 100 students attended the FBLA-hosted movie night after the football game. Freeman FCCLA students have connected with Central Valley School District. In FFA eight students are competing in soil judging. Freeman Skill Center students will be able to ride the Central Valley bus from University High School.

Principal Intern Brad Van Dyne reported staff continues to work on aligning curriculum with state standards during the professional development late start days. Seventh/eighth grade retreats were successful, with students touring the Eastern Washington University campus. Staff members meet with teachers in profile meetings to talk about individual students and what interventions work with them.

Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported profile meetings continue in first through fifth grades. “It is a team approach to share information with a student’s teacher and prepare for earlier interventions.” She gave the Board a draft math adoption timeline. She reported the higher special education population has strained staff resources this year.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT: Mr. Russell reported the focus is on Common Core state standards during professional development days. Staff is comparing their week’s lesson plan to how it compares with content standards.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY: Mr. Russell reported the Freeman Focus newsletter has been mailed, and district information will be included in the Valleyford Clarion.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reported October enrollment was 856.02 FTE. She stated district officials are reviewing a proposed fuel truck lease with VL Transport, which will be brought for Board consideration.

VISITOR COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION: The Board discussed holding a work session on December 13, starting at 2:00, followed by the regularly scheduled 6:00 Board meeting. Topics may include special education and increasing kindergarten contact time.

ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN: Mr. Primmer reported a recent discussion at the Spokane County School Directors meeting was all-day kindergarten and the benefit of more contact time for students. One option to increase student contact time is to perhaps add every Friday rather than the current every other Friday format. The Board will discuss options at a future work session.

OTHER INFORMATION: Future Board meetings are October 25, November 27, and December 13 including a work session.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Substitute teacher: Danielle Guthrie

Classified: Substitute food service, secretary: Devin Broussard

Extracurricular: Hire Math is Cool Coach – Debra Doonan

Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve personnel action as presented. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair