

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
January 26, 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: Neil Fuchs, Annie Keebler, Randy Primmer, John Zingg, Randy Russell, and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Chad Goldsmith.

GUESTS: Todd Reed, Ellen Hawley, Raeann Ducar, Kirk Lally, Barb Gady, John Hays, Everett Combs, Brian Parisotto, Darby Moberg, Maddie Keebler, Hope Mathews, and Shelby Nelson.

FLAG SALUTE: Shelby Nelson led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2012

General Fund AP #100981-101066	\$103,813.52
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Capital Projects Fund AP#101067-101074	\$254,421.15
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ASB Fund AP #101075-101100	\$20,143.83
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January Payroll	\$550,971.27
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Treasurer's Statement

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

BOARD RECOGNITION: Mr. Russell honored the Freeman Board of Directors as part of Board Appreciation Month. High School Science Teacher John Hays thanked the Board for being "supportive of all high school programs in spite of financial constraints." Preschool Teacher Barb Gady thanked the Board for their support of the Freeman Early Learning Center.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Russell shared a letter from Walker Construction to Dan Gordon regarding a release for the elementary linoleum.

REPORTS

AP BIOLOGY TRIP: AP Biology Teacher John Hays presented a slide show of last year's trip to the Olympic Peninsula where students studied the natural history and organisms of Washington State's coastal waters. This was his 20th year of presenting

this lesson, he stated. He requested approval for this year's trip on May 20th. Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve the AP Biology trip as presented. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported league classifications are final, and seven schools are in Freeman's league. Spring sports schedules have been posted. Undefeated Girls Basketball Coach Ashlee Nimri has been nominated as coach of the year. The girls basketball team is ranked first in the state, and the boys team is ranked 10th, he stated. Darby Moberg is doing her internship with Mr. Parisotto. He introduced cheer squad members Maddie Keebler, Hope Mathews, and Shelby Nelson who spoke about their activities, including Shelby's cheer trip to London.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported on the elementary breakfast promotions and the new federal child nutrition regulations which require more fruits and vegetables, more whole grains and less sodium. Staff is able to serve 100 seventh and eighth graders in 10 minutes with a new efficient serving line layout.

Assistant Transportation Supervisor Everett Combs reported the ridership report is being completed. The recent surprise Washington State Patrol bus inspection went very well. Buses have been chained up the last two weeks due to snow and ice.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported the district is still in the running for a free storage device. He bought a site license for a typing program for K-5 students. "There was a huge surge in tablet devices after the holidays," he stated. Students are on a separate network to prevent the district network from being infected with viruses.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported lights in the new parking lot shut off now at 11:00 which should result in utilities savings. Snow removal has been a challenge the last couple of weeks.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Board members were given a project management report from the construction manager.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – LEVY UPDATE: Mr. Russell gave Board members a copy of the informational brochure being mailed to district patrons. Levy Committee volunteers Lisa Paternoster and Kate Coomes are working on calling lists. Ballots should arrive within the next day or two, he stated. "A very misleading 'vote no' flyer was mailed in area school districts." Greater Spokane Incorporated, United Way, and the Spokane Realtors Association have all endorsed area levies.

FREEMAN 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN: Mr. Russell updated the Board on the most recent strategic planning process. Each component group is wrapping up their changes and the plan is for each group to present their final draft to the entire group at the

February meeting. "The strategic plan is the 'what', while the school improvement team plans are the 'how'." Parents and staff will have input on the strategic plan document prior to requesting Board approval.

As part of the curriculum, instruction and assessment piece, Mr. Russell stated administrators have been reviewing options for K-12 professional development. One option may be additional late starts during the school year so staff can collaborate.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE FIRST READING POLICY 2255 – ALTERNATIVE LEARNING

EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy 2255 for first reading. Mr. Zingg moved the Board approve Policy 2255 for first reading. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE FREEMAN COLUMBIA VIRTUAL ACADEMY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

PLAN 2011-2012: Mrs. Keebler moved the school improvement plan approved as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer reviewed future Board meeting dates: February 9, February 28, March 8, and March 27.

PERSONNEL: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair