

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
September 13, 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 Vice-Chair Chad Goldsmith. There was a quorum present.

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

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

FLAG SALUTE: Brad Van Dyne led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: One personnel item was added to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of minutes – August 23, 2012

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

BOARD RECOGNITION: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Russell gave the Board the following correspondence:

- flyer regarding the Spokane County School Directors fall meeting (Mr. Primmer is president of the group)
- follow-up letter from the Dept. of Ecology regarding the lagoon permit
- WIAA letter stating free season passes are no longer available for school board members

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported it has been a great start to the school year. Aimsweb screening has been completed, classroom assessments are being done by teachers, and students attended a science water festival at Liberty Lake Park. The Missoula Children's Theatre performances will be on October 6. Second and fourth grade classrooms are piloting a new math program.

High School Principal Dave Smith stated fall sports are in full swing, many activities are planned for Homecoming week, and a third of the student body have signed up for clubs such as FBLA and FFA. He gave the Board a list of advisory activities. There are two

national merit scholars at Freeman High School. He reviewed state assessment scores which were quite good.

Principal Intern Brad Van Dyne stated teaching and learning started the very first day at Freeman Middle School. Middle school assessment scores were also high. There are 92 students out for fall sports. Students cleared the building in five minutes during the first fire drill.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT: Mr. Russell stated, “There is a great celebration of assessment data, but there is more work to be done.” The late start professional development will focus on the Common Core standards. Teachers will work collaboratively across grade bands regarding content standards in their area. Once that is wrapped up, the focus will turn to the new teacher/principal evaluation project.

SCHOOL SAFETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT: Mr. Russell reported Spokane County has repainted striping on Jackson Road. The County will enforce no parking on Jackson Road, and notice will be given to the community through the Freeman Focus, Friday flyer, and reader boards. Parking assistance will be provided during events.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS AND SCHOOL/COMMUNITY: The Freeman Focus will be mailed soon to every patron in the community.

FISCAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reported the year ended with a cash balance of \$387,581. September enrollment is only slightly above budget, which is a concern.

VISITORS COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE FALL COACHES: Mrs. Keebler moved the Board approve fall coaches as presented. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE 2012-2013 BOARD/SUPERINENDENT GOALS: Mr. Fuchs moved the Board approve 2012-2013 Board/Superintendent goals as presented. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: The next Board meetings are September 27 and October 11. The Board discussed holding meetings in Rockford, Valleyford or Hangman.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Russell recommended the following personnel action:

Certified:	Substitute teachers:	Darin Branting
		Rebecca Benson

Amanda Hein
John Robinson

Classified: Substitutes: Amber Werer, Para-Educator
 Katrina McLuskie, Nutrition Services

Extracurricular: Resignation: Jared Johnson, Head Golf Coach
 Hire: Mike Hays, Asst HS Cross Country Coach

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair