

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 25, 2008

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 Chad Goldsmith. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brent Fetsch, Chad Goldsmith, Randy Primmer, Vicki Sellers, Sergio Hernandez and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Diane Woodman.

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, Char Trejbal, Scott Oakshott, Kirk Lally, Todd Reed, Raeann Ducar, and Lisa Paternoster.

FLAG SALUTE: Todd Reed led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	September 11, 2008
General Fund Vouchers #1000-1120	\$243,312.13
September Payroll	\$600,233.62
ASB Fund Vouchers #3977-3993	\$ 16,172.13
CPF Vouchers #720-724	\$ 43,501.88
Transportation Vehicle Fund Voucher #1038	\$101,242.75
Treasurer's Statement	

Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Fetsch asked for further information on where the district's investments are held. Mrs. Davis stated all Freeman funds are invested in the Spokane County Investment Pool through the Spokane County Treasurer. She will provide further information on investments.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez shared an article in the Spokesman-Review regarding the gift of portables from Spokane Public Schools.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Hernandez asked that "approve schematic design" be removed from the agenda as the construction committee is making some modifications in order to stay within budget. He requested a work study session/Board meeting October 1 at 6:00 p.m. to review/approve the schematic design. The approval is one step in the D-form process, he stated.

REPORTS

BUDGET UPDATE: Mrs. Davis reviewed the August budget status report. The year ended \$20,000 above projections, she stated.

BUILDING REPORTS: Written building reports were given to the Board.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported the grounds crew is hard at work, and they are preparing for winter.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar stated, “It was a sad start to the year losing Brenda Swartout to cancer.” A fund, Brenda’s Helping Hand, has been started to help students in need. Mrs. Ducar is reviewing the high school breakfast program in which participation has declined. She may implement a “grab and go” cold breakfast instead. Mrs. Ducar is also working with the Junior Concessions to offer healthier choices rather than candy. The last year of Vote for School Lunch is coming up, she reported.

CTE Director Scott Oakshott reported the business program is in the second year of entrepreneurship and Microsoft certification. The Family and Consumer Science program is moving away from the old home ec model toward a human services pathway. Mrs. Fees is teaching a 7th/8th grade junior career choices program. Mr. Wood has seven students in the pre-apprenticeship construction program. Mr. Oakshott asked for names for new program advisory committees. He reported the acquisition of three grants: the Perkins grant of \$3300 for leadership development and curriculum upgrades; \$12,500 for equipment and textbooks, and \$4400 for the middle school CTE course.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported he is working on centralized printing to copiers in each building to save on toner and printer cost. He reported the new K-6 reading software is now working; he is developing a work order tracking system, and he has four technology students.

Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported the beginning of school went well, they held bus evacuations this week, and she’s working on ridership count. The new bus arrived today.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Hernandez reported Resource Officer Ron Nye worked with the Sheriff’s Office applying for a COPS grant, which has been funded for security cameras for the high school. He also reported the State Health Dept. has the authority to close school during an epidemic outbreak, so the school nurse is seeking immunization information from staff members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND READING BOARD POLICIES: Mr. Goldsmith read the first and last sentences of the 3000 series of Board policies for second reading. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt the series as presented. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT SEPA RESOLUTION: Mr. Hernandez reported an environmental study is required through the construction process, and requested the Board approve a resolution stating Freeman is the lead agency for the review. After discussion, Mr. Fetch moved the resolution be postponed to the October 1 meeting when the construction manager can further explain it. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE FIRST READING OF POLICY 1105 – DIRECTOR DISTRICTS: Mr. Hernandez stated law requires director districts to be re-evaluated according to census every 10 years to ensure equal representation. He recommended approval of the WSSDA Policy 1105. After discussion, Mr. Fetsch moved the Board table the first reading to October 9 while Mr. Hernandez seeks more information from the WSSDA lawyer. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL SCHEMATIC DESIGN: Postponed until October 1.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Substitute Teacher – Michelle Nurvic

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair