

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 6, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Randy Primmer. There was quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brent Fetsch, Chad Goldsmith, Randy Primmer, Vicki Sellers, Diane Woodman, Sergio Hernandez and Ellen Hawley.

GUESTS: Lisa Phelan, Dave Smith, Jim Straw, John Zingg, Deena Jackson, Brian Jackson, Dave Huotari, Julie Huotari, Dan Gordon, John Hjaltalin, Mark Dresback, Kathy Dresback and Darl Vander Linden.

FLAG SALUTE: Julie Huotari led the audience in the flag salute.

Vicki Sellers asked the Board to accept her resignation as School Board Director due to a possible conflict of interest. She thanked the board and expressed how much she had enjoyed the experience. With reluctance, Mr. Primmer and the Board accepted her resignation.

Mr. Hernandez reported that he would provide the protocol required to fill a vacant position at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on May 28th. The Board discussed moving the May 28th meeting to May 27th, so every Board member could be in attendance. When that decision is made, the date will be published on our website.

Mr. Primmer apologized for his short speech at the groundbreaking ceremony due to weather. He thanked the construction committee, ALSC, CSG, the District Office staff, and the principals for all they have done and was honored to work with them.

Mr. Hernandez also expressed his appreciation for the outstanding community support.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

April 29, 2009

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

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Resolution #13 – 2008/2009: Authority to Set Budget Priorities - Intent to Adopt a Modified Educational Program was added to New Business for approval.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported the recent talent show had 47 individuals participate and they did an excellent job. Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated with a festive breakfast. On late start day, the staff worked on fall placements and teacher assignments. This Friday, May 8th, is Maple Bars with Mom and on May 29th is Donuts with Dad.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported on the 5-12 concert, the talent show success, track and baseball finishing up the season, staffing, 8th grade transition and registration. On June 3rd, freshman orientation will be held in the MS gym. After the groundbreaking ceremony, the 8th graders attended their first high school assembly. Dave Smith, Brian Parisotto and Jim Straw are working on next year's schedules for practice and game facilities usage.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported on a very successful BBQ and "groundbreaking ceremony" at the high school. The Nutrition Service ladies wore hard hats while serving the kids. The big move to the portables will begin May 8th with two classrooms. The rest will move Friday the 15th. On May 18th, all classes will officially begin in portables. Mr. Smith thanked the custodial staff for a great job with the move. He reported that the regular season for sports is almost done. On May 7th, superintendents, principals and athletic directors will meet at West Valley School District to talk about possible budget cuts in athletics

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Dan Gordon reported he received the Certificate of Occupancy for the portables. Everything went smoothly with the county inspector. The dirt mounds will be leveled and seeded.

Dave Huotari congratulated Freeman on a successful bid opening. A Notice to Proceed will likely be issued to the contractor next week. The form D9 will be submitted to OSPI along with the Certificate of Funds and the two resolutions this week.

NEW BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT, INCLUDING BID ALTERNATES: Based on Tuesday's bid opening and the follow-up review of important bid information, ALSC recommend award of the construction contract to Levernier Construction of Spokane WA. The award includes the Base Bid and all nineteen Bid Alternates in the amount of \$12,820,800 (not including sales tax). This includes the award of Alternate 13a for A/V systems in classrooms and Alternate 16b for HVAC controls. Base Bids and nineteen alternates were received from seven general contractors

Mr. Fetsch commented that never having been through a process like this, it is very complicated. He said the process requirements were met and he is very satisfied with the outcome.

Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the recommendation to award the construction contract to Levernier Construction of Spokane WA, including the Base Bid and all nineteen Bid Alternates in the amount of \$12,820,800 (not including sales tax). Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 11-2008/2009: FHS MODERNIZATION FOR FIVE YEAR USE/20 YEAR LIFE: Mrs. Woodman moved the Board adopt Resolution No. 11 – 2008/2009. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 12-2008/2009: FHS REPLACEMENT (N/L) AND MODERNIZATION: Mrs. Woodman moved the Board adopt Resolution No. 12 – 2008/2009. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 13-2008/2009: AUTHORITY TO SET BUDGET PRIORITIES-INTENT TO ADOPT A MODIFIED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: Mr. Hernandez reported that this resolution is part of the process we need to take if we have to have any Reduction In Force.

Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt Resolution No. 13 – 2008/2009. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Hernandez reviewed April enrollment at 872.94. The average enrollment is up 2.23 from last year.

Mr. Hernandez acknowledged ALSC and Dan Gordon for how smooth the process with the portables went.

BUDGET UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez reported the scenario we are working on will incorporate \$55,000 of cash reserves to build the 2009/2010 budget. We have met and exceeded the Board goal to increase our cash reserves this year. With Board approval, he will continue to plan in this direction. Mr. Fetsch supports the use of cash reserves at this time. Mrs. Woodman expressed appreciation in how Mr. Hernandez watches the budget and understands the Boards concerns.

VISITORS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: Mr. Primmer thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVE 2ND READING POLICY #2410 – HS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy #2410 – HS Graduation Requirements. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt the policy after second reading. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE 2ND READING POLICY #4000 SERIES (WITH CORRECTIONS): Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy #4000 with corrections. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt the policy with corrections. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer noted future Board meetings of May 28 at Rockford City Hall, June 11 and June 25 in the MS Library. He stated again that the Board might meet May 27th instead of the 28th. A decision will be made next week.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommends the following personnel action:

Certified: Substitute Teacher - Jeneen Barratt

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair