

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 10, 2008

The Board held a work study session to develop goals at 5:00 p.m.

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, Diane Woodman, Sergio Hernandez and Jan Davis.

GUEST: Ellen Hawley.

FLAG SALUTE: Mr. Hernandez led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

October 30, 2008

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: The Board was given written building reports. Mr. Hernandez complimented the music teachers and principals on the excellent K-12 Veterans Day assembly. He said second and third grade students gave thank you stars and ribbons to veterans in the audience, and "it was very moving."

Mr. Hernandez reported the football team won and will host Granger next Saturday. The volleyball team lost. Mr. Fetsch reported the Freeman cross country team "ran their hearts out."

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez reported the geo-technical company is taking drill samples around the district, and a gasoline smell was found near the maintenance facility. Asbestos testing will be conducted at the high school on Veterans Day when no students are present. The company is also testing the portable classrooms for hazardous materials. The value engineering team began their work last week reviewing plans and will present a formal report to the construction committee.

Their job is to ensure plans maximize construction dollars, and is a requirement of the state. Mr. Hernandez reported, “We may look at shortening the school calendar by five days both this year and next. The district exceeds the 1000 hours of required instruction, and is able to petition OSPI for a waiver due to construction timelines.”

Construction manager Dax Logsdon reported gas was confirmed on the back side of the facility, and plans will be made for removal of contaminated soil. He reviewed the 1995 ecology report which outlines what contamination efforts were made at that time. Contamination removal costs will come from project contingency funds. Mr. Logsdon will have a detailed construction budget for the Board at the November 25th meeting.

BOARD POLICIES 4000 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Mr. Hernandez reported the 4000 series on community relations is ready for review. Mrs. Sellers and Mr. Fetsch will review the policies for presentation for first reading.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reported November enrollment average is 918.48 FTE. He briefed the Board on the SOARS alternative cooperative with Liberty, Tekoa, and Rosalia. Total enrollment in November was 25.18 FTE. The fee charged to cooperative districts is set at \$4800 per FTE for this year and next,

VISITORS’ COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE LEVY RESOLUTION: The Board held a lengthy discussion regarding establishing a levy amount for tax years 2010, 2011, and 2012. Board members expressed concern about the state of the economy, the effect on households, and the recent passage of the bond issue. Mr. Hernandez recommended placing the current technology levy inside the maintenance and operations levy. Taxpayers will pay a total of \$4.96 per thousand dollars assessed valuation in 2009: \$2.32 for the M&O levy, 26 cents for the technology levy, and \$2.38 for bonds.

After much debate, the Board felt the best course of action is to keep the cost per thousand level for taxpayers based on a four percent value increase as follows:

2010 – M&O levy including technology	\$1,358,757	\$2.60/1000
2011 – M&O levy including technology	1,413,109	2.60/1000
2012 – M&O levy including technology	1,469,632	2.60/1000

The cost per thousand for bonds is anticipated to be \$2.31, \$2.32, and \$2.31 for each of the three years, for a total tax of \$4.91 in 2010. The Board discussed how to earmark the \$130,000 for technology in general fund. Mrs. Davis will draft a Board resolution establishing that reserve. Mr. Primmer moved the Board adopt Resolution 2-2008/2009 establishing the levy at \$2.60 per thousand, specifically designating a reserve for the technology funds. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

WINTER COACHES: The Board was given a list of winter coaches.

OTHER INFORMATION: None.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Classified: Nutritionist III– Sheila Mato, Elementary School

Extracurricular: MS Head Track – Michael Allen
MS Head Asst/7th Boys Basketball – Pia Longinotti
MS Head Asst/7th Girls Basketball – Larry Helms
MS Asst Girls Basketball – Dwayne Gady

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair