

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 11, 2010

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 Diane Woodman. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS: Brent Fetsch, Chad Goldsmith, Randy Primmer, Diane Woodman, John Zingg, Sergio Hernandez and Jan Davis.

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, Jim Straw, Dave Smith, Dan Gordon, Lisa Phelan, Lisa Hjaltalin, Tim Smetana, Caleb Hindman, Lynda Williamson, John Hindman, and Nicole Hindman.

FLAG SALUTE: Ellen Hawley led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

February 25, 2010

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

STUDENT GUEST: Fifth grade student Caleb Hindman presented his science fair project "Ten Days to Tooth Decay."

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez gave the Board an opinion piece on education reform as well as a Washington State Board of Education letter stating Freeman School District is in compliance with basic education allocation entitlement requirements.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: High School Principal Dave Smith complimented the girls basketball team on their first place in state competition. He said the boys team did very well also. An assembly was held to honor the girls, and they will attend the next Board meeting. Special recognition will also be made at the start of next year's basketball season.

Elementary School Principal Lisa Phelan stated Math is Cool will be implemented in fourth grade and opened up to additional students. The senior citizen breakfast and world's largest concert were a great success.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported that Mrs. Browning has taken the leadership class to a new level as more of a service organization. Mr. McNett's drama class did an excellent voiceover presentation of Over the Hedge. Staff is preparing for conference week and measurement of student progress. The Book Fair theme is a 50's diner.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG Construction Manager Dan Gordon showed pictures of the high school construction progress.

ENROLLMENT REPORT: Mr. Hernandez reported March enrollment was 883.45 for an annual average to date of 892.13 FTE.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez reviewed legislative activities to address the state's \$2.8 billion shortfall. Currently the House budget would impact Freeman by \$124,000 while the Senate budget would cost Freeman an estimated \$227,000. Other issues include a district consolidation study and Race To The Top requirements.

AUDIT UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez reported auditors have been on site for two weeks. The exit conference will be scheduled in the next two or three weeks.

FIELD GATE PROPOSAL: Tim Smetana and Lisa Hjaltalin proposed construction of an entryway onto the football field from the main crosswalk. The community group would raise the funds, approximately \$12,000, to build the gate and entryway. They requested coordinating the design and construction with the architect, contractors, and landscape design staff as part of the overall project. The construction-related class could build the ticket booth. The Foundation for Freeman Schools will schedule another golf tournament and dinner/dance in the fall to raise funds for the project. After discussion, Mr. Primmer moved the Board allow the Foundation for Freeman Schools to continue working on this project with Board support and, if all parameters are acceptable, allow the Foundation to undertake the construction of such an entryway. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VISITORS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICIES #3231-STUDENT RECORDS AND #4020 – CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Woodman read the first and last sentences of Policy 3231. Mr. Primmer moved the Board adopt Policy 3231 - Student Records for second reading. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Woodman read the first and last sentences of Policy 4020. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt Policy 4020 – Confidential Communications for second reading. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY #5253 – MAINTAINING PROFESSIONAL STAFF/STUDENT BOUNDARIES: Mrs. Woodman read the first and last sentences of Policy 5253. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt Policy 5253 – Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries for second reading. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY #6970 – NAMING FACILITIES: Mrs. Woodman read the first and last sentences of Policy 6970 – Naming Facilities. Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve the policy for first reading. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE CHANGES TO ATHLETIC CODE: Mr. Hernandez recommended a change in the athletic code regarding required annual sports physicals. Since some insurance companies will not pay for annual physicals, the athletic code will still recommend an annual physical but will accept the 24-month physical per WIAA guidelines. Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve the recommended change. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mrs. Woodman reviewed the next two Board meeting dates of March 25 and April 8. The March 25th meeting will be held in the middle school science classroom due to the book fair in the library.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Extracurricular: Hire: HS Asst Softball – Guy Coumont

Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve personnel action as presented. Mr. Primmer 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