

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 9, 2009

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 Randy Primmer. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, Dave Smith, John Zingg, Dan Gordon, Abby Vander Linden, Jim Straw, Lisa Phelan, and Garold Steed.

FLAG SALUTE: Abby Vander Linden led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

March 25, 2009

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

BUDGET EXTENSION HEARING: Business Manager Jan Davis reviewed the request for a budget extension for general fund to increase appropriation by \$175,000 from \$8,798,278 to \$8,973,278. Revenues have increased due to increased enrollment and grants. There have been additional costs this year in snow removal and staffing.

The most recent bond sale placed an interest only payment in the amount of \$41,417 inside the 2008-2009 school year which requires a budget extension from \$1,045,848 to \$1,087,265.

After discussion, Mrs. Woodman moved the Board adopt Resolution 10-2008/2009 – General Fund and Debt Service Fund Budget Extensions. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez shared a note from student Greta Underhill expressing thanks for her recent attendance at the all-state symphonic choir event. “Thank you for supporting the fine arts and my study of them. I will never forget the things I learned or the people I met,” she stated.

Mr. Hernandez read a letter from middle school basketball coach Larry Helms. “I was most impressed with the positive attitudes of the faculty and students of both the elementary and middle schools. You have something great going on in the Freeman School District,” he wrote.

Mr. Hernandez shared an e-mail from a science teacher who attended the recent Washington Science Teacher Association conference co-chaired by Freeman teacher Mike Allen. "I just wanted to thank the Freeman School District for your support of Mike Allen as he undertook organizing this conference," she wrote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported recent conferences had a 95 percent participate rate. Staff is preparing for WASL testing. Spring sports have begun--26 students turned out for baseball and 65 are participating in track.

Middle School Principal Lisa Phelan reported on WASL testing, kindergarten round-up, visiting author Brandon Mull, and staff development plans. A team from Freeman will attend a Laser Institute science week in June to develop a five-year science curriculum plan, funded by a grant. Staff is starting the educational specifications process for the elementary, including visiting other sites.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported on freshmen pre-registration, senior projects, the FBLA conference in Spokane, and working with parents regarding the schedule change for next year.

High School Student Abby Vander Linden reported the Freeman Knowledge Bowl team won a first place trophy in its recent contest. She stumped the Board and audience with sample questions.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Construction Manager Dan Gordon reported six portable classrooms are now on site. Electrical and civil work is underway. Everything is on track to be completed by April 27. Parking details are being determined.

Mr. Hernandez reported approximately 50 construction professionals attended the recent pre-bid conference, including seven major contractors. The District has received the D-6 notification from OSPI. The final construction cost estimate remains under budget. Bids will be opened April 28, when costs will be known and bid alternates can be considered.

BUDGET UPDATE: Business Manager Jan Davis reported the district is currently being audited by the State Auditor's Office. The five-day annual audit is estimated to cost approximately \$7,000.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Hernandez stated law requires the District to hold its I-728 Student Achievement hearing prior to May 1. Our hearing is scheduled for April 29, and will be generic unless more is known about the state budget reduction in Student Achievement funds.

Mr. Hernandez discussed a possible groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for May 6. Board members were invited to share ideas for the ceremony.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

OTHER INFORMATION: None.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Extracurricular: MS Asst Track – Kelsey Raines
MS Overflow Track – Leslie Malloy
HS Overflow Track – Larry Wheatley
HS Overflow Baseball – Thomas Kestell

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into executive session at 7:06 p.m. for the purpose set forth in RCW 42.30.100, specifically the following: to discuss a personnel matter, such session estimated to be approximately 20 minutes in length. No action is anticipated after executive session. The Board later extended the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board returned to open session at 8:03 p.m. and adjourned with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair