

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 10, 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 PRESENT: Brent Fetsch, Chad Goldsmith, Randy Primmer, Diane Woodman, John Zingg, Sergio Hernandez and Jan Davis.

GUESTS: Gregg Mathews, Sam Mathews, Susan Gross, Randy Gross, Pia Longinotti, Linda Mega, Donna Preble, Mindy Poindexter, John Hays, Lisa Phelan, Jim Straw, Dave Smith, Ellen Hawley, Diane Barron, Maja Forsnes, Ben Mega, Dave Huotari, Peter Underhill, and Carolyn Underhill.

FLAG SALUTE: Gregg Mathews led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

May 25, 2010

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

STUDENT GUESTS: AP Biology Teacher John Hays and students Maja Forsnes and Ben Mega reported on the recent trip to the Olympic Peninsula to study various biological zones. They thanked the Board for supporting the annual AP biology trip.

Middle School Science Teacher Mindy Poindexter reported 26 students participated in the Spokane Youth Environmental Conference. Peter Underhill, who earned a "superior", presented his study of radon.

HONOR RETIREES: The Board honored retirees Art Teacher Diane Barron, First Grade Teacher Susan Gross, and Early Learning Center employee Sam Mathews.

APPROVE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC: Honor Society Advisor Pia Longinotti requested approval of a Washington DC trip in 2012. Teachers Lindy Moyer and Brad Van Dyne will also chaperone the group. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board authorize the trip. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez read a letter from the Bank of Fairfield granting a \$230 donation which will be used to purchase library materials.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported staff members are packing up classrooms in preparation for the move into portables. First and second grade classes are performing their plays, and the last character assembly has been scheduled.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported 54 candidates campaigned during a very successful election week. Eighty-five students were recognized at academic awards night. There were 21 eighth grade girls who attended the Pizza, Pop and Power Tools sessions. The end-of-year projects include building weight-bearing toothpick bridges and a physics unit constructing roller coasters. New laws place much stricter requirements for football helmets, he reported. A letter went to parents regarding “sexting”, and the ESD will provide education for parents and students.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported on academic awards night, band/choir concerts, freshman orientation, graduation, and the “little guys” football camp. Math professional development is scheduled for the learning improvement day on June 16. Interviews will be held for the art position and boys basketball coach in the next weeks.

APPROVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL: Mr. Smith gave the Board a copy of the high school improvement plan for their review. He explained that the state is moving from a proficiency exam to an end-of-course exam in math. “Some students may be removed one-to-two years from the course but must pass the exam. Our job is to make sure they are prepared.” Student leadership will be a big focus as the new high school building is opened. The school improvement plan will be brought for approval at the next meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Hernandez stated a decision still needs to be made regarding whether the maintenance shop moves into the bus garage or the current vocational shop. He recommended the decision be made in August so as not to impede the contractor. If maintenance moved into the present bus garage, the building could be painted and landscaped to blend in with the new high school. Mr. Goldsmith stated the site appearance would be better without the old maintenance building and vocational shop.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Retirement: Susan Gross – 1st Grade Teacher

Hire: Staci Nees – First Grade Teacher (one year non-continuing contract)

Extracurricular: Resignation: Bill Bland - HS Head Boys Basketball Coach

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

VISITORS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into executive session at 7:42 p.m. for the purpose set forth in RCW 42.30.100, specifically the following: to discuss the evaluation of a public employee, such session estimated to be approximate 10 minutes in length. No action is anticipated after executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board returned to open session at 7:57 p.m. and adjourned with no further action.

Recording Secretary

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