

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 10, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Randy Primmer. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, John Zingg, Lisa Phelan, Jim Straw, Darl Vander Linden, and Maren Longhurst.

FLAG SALUTE: John Zingg led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

August 27, 2009

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez gave the Board a letter from the Center for Educational Effectiveness announcing the award of "School of Distinction 2009" to Freeman High School. He and the Board thanked students, staff and parents from all three schools for their efforts.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported a great start to the school year. The plan for students from all three buildings to share one lunchroom is going well, and middle school sports participation is high.

Elementary School Principal Lisa Phelan reported the new bus line-up and parking arrangements are working well. "K-8 students are being assessed for reading fluency, math, writing and comprehension," she stated. The four school expectations have been well received: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Ready to Learn, and Be Safe. A bullying and harassment assembly is scheduled for September 23, which includes a staff inservice component. "The gingerbread man ran away from the kindergarten today," she announced.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez reported “the word around campus this year is flexibility and patience.” Tonight’s high school varsity volleyball game is at the middle school. The temporary parking lot for approximately 200 cars is complete and is well used. The contractor hopes to go vertical as soon as possible. Portions of the project are running four to six weeks behind, however, the full project should still be complete within the original timeline. The most recent discovery was an old septic tank which lies underneath footings locations. The track is done and ready to be striped.

Mr. Primmer asked what hazardous materials were located in the gym. Mr. Hernandez stated it was vermiculite in portions of the gym block walls which had to be removed.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Hernandez reported hand sanitizers have been placed around the district as recommended by the health district. The small repair grant requires a Board resolution which will be presented at the next meeting.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reported an enrollment report is not yet available. That information will be provided to the Board as soon as possible. “The change from a block schedule to a six-period day has created some calculation issues within our software, he stated, and staff is still sorting it out.”

VISITORS’ COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: Darl Vander Linden inquired about contaminated soil removal. Mr. Hernandez stated fortunately it was not contaminated, so the soil was moved to another location on our site at a cost of \$17.25 per cubic yard. If it were contaminated, the cost for removal would have been much higher. There is \$100,000 in the construction budget in contingencies for soil removal, which may be needed when work on the permanent parking lot across the street from the high school begins. Spokane County gym capacity code require one parking space for every four seats, so parking will be very important, he stated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND READING POLICY #3422: STUDENT SPORTS – CONCUSSION & HEAD INJURIES: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy 3422 for second reading. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt the policy as read. Mrs. Woodman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SECOND READING POLICY #4600: SPECTATOR CONDUCT & SPORTSMANSHIP Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy 4600 for second reading. Mr. Hernandez reported discussions with several other districts regarding the word “mature” and recommended leaving it in the language. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt the policy as read. Mrs. Woodman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE: Mr. Primmer stated after additional discussion, the Board is not ready at this point in time to move forward. The transportation cooperative proposal will be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Fetsch stated he sent a

request for information to a superintendent and board member who presently have a transportation cooperative.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE NUTRITION SERVICES MILK CONTRACT 2009/10: Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve the low bid for dairy products with Terry's Dairy for 2009-2010. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE FOR FALL SPORTS COACHES 2009/10: Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve fall sports coaches for 2009-2010. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer reviewed future Board meetings for September 24, October 8 and October 29. He noted the October 29 meeting is at the Valleyford fire station.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez reported music teacher Robert Buck is retiring on Sept. 28 after 26 years at Freeman. He recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Retirement – Robert Buck, HS Teacher

Substitute Teachers –Kim Antons, Roxann Bloom, Brian Campbell,
Janice Gard, Stephannie Hall, Mary Anne Humes, Tammie Klinker,
Candice Nichols, Kelly Taylor, Kelly Barnett

Extracurricular: Math is Cool Head Coach– Mande Mittler

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair