

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 14, 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: Ellen Hawley, Kathy Zinkgraf, Jim Straw, Dave Smith, Kris Jeske, Lisa Phelan, Dax Logsdon, John Hjaltalin, Lisa Hjaltalin, Julie Hotari, Dave Huotari, Shirley Carson, Larry Pierce, Jimmie Pierce, Cathy Wright, Jarett Wright, Kyla Wright, Raymond Adelson, Brian Hart, Bennett Vogelmann, Tanner Waite, Casey McNett, and Andy Coumont.

FLAG SALUTE: Dave Smith led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes December 16, 2009

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

STUDENT GUESTS: PE Teacher Kathy Zinkgraf introduced students Jarett Wright and Jimmie Pierce who demonstrated their speed stacking skills. Music Teacher Casey McNett introduced students Raymond Adelson, Brian Hart, Bennett Vogelmann, and Tanner Waite who performed the William Tell Overture by striking their hard hats with "boom whackers".

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez shared a letter with the Board from ESD 101 thanking them for their service as Board members. Board members were given copies of the first edition of the Bagpiper, the newsletter produced by the high school journalism class.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported staff is planning for the end of semester, including new electives and schedule changes. During the new state assessment, they will pilot the on-line version for reading and math. The structure

of the middle school athletics league is under review. Drug dogs recently swept the middle school building, and no contraband was found.

Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported staff practiced a successful lockdown. Staff is working on mid-year benchmarking for reading, writing and math.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported students are preparing for finals. Seniors are working on their high school and beyond plans as well as culminating projects. Students are planning a BBQ, bon fire, basketball court warming, and dance in an effort to get more students involved. There are potential league changes proposed for Northeast "A" League.

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT: ALSC Architect Kris Jeske reviewed the elementary design development package which has an estimate of \$7.7 million without alternates. The design incorporates colors of the Palouse area. Next summer's bid climate continues to look favorable. After discussion, Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the design development report as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Primmer thanked ALSC, CSG, the construction committee, board members and staff for their efforts in developing a great plan.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT: CSG representative Dax Logsdon stated the transportation cooperative will be submitted for reviews and permits at the same time as the elementary school. "Odds are good the funding will be available in July," he stated. A request for approval of the schematic design of the transportation cooperative will be presented to the Board on February 25. State matching funds from the cooperative will be used to pay for much of the site work on the northeast sector, he reported.

Mr. Logsdon stated the mild weather is helping the construction schedule, and the high school project is still on track to complete on August 19. CSG will identify critical path activities in order to pick up time as the project proceeds. It was discovered that the "B" gym masonry wall needed additional support. The hardwood floor company examined the "A" gym floor for water damage and feels it will lie down. If it is damaged, it is the responsibility of the contractor.

BOARD RETREAT DATE: The Board scheduled a retreat at the district office on February 18 at 5:00 p.m.

STATE BUDGET UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez reviewed the state's budget. Another \$2.6 billion must be cut, even after the \$9 billion cut last year. The next revenue forecast is February 18, and the Legislative session adjourns March 11. "Freeman could lose another \$550,000 to \$600,000," Mr. Hernandez stated.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reviewed January enrollment at 884.46 FTE.

VISITORS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: Andy Coumont inquired whether cable racks are included in the high school design. Mr. Hernandez stated they are in the design.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE CVA SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2009/2010: Mr. Hernandez reported the school improvement plan is required for Title I funding even though those funds are not used in the Columbia Virtual Academy. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the plan as presented. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY SERIES 5000: Mr. Primmer and Mr. Fetsch met with Mr. Hernandez to review the entire 5000 Series of Board policies on personnel. Mrs. Woodman read the first and last sentences of the series. Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve the series for first reading. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mrs. Woodman reviewed future Board meeting dates: January 28 and February 11.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Substitute Teacher – Jennifer Calvert

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair