

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
October 8, 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 PRESENT: Brent Fetsch, Randy Primmer, Diane Woodman, Sergio Hernandez and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Chad Goldsmith.

GUESTS: Lisa Phelan, John Zingg, Dave Smith, Dave Huotari, Kris Jeske, Dan Gordon, Ellen Hawley, Jim Straw, and Larry Longhurst.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes                      September 24, 2009

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Elementary School Principal Lisa Phelan reported math is the focus this year, and math observations are underway. McMillan is conducting a writing workshop during the late start day, and students are working on character traits.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported a high absentee rate due to influenza after all the Homecoming Week activities. Security cameras are being installed at the portable classrooms. Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported late start activities include a writing workshop and training on individual teacher websites.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT: CSG Representative Dan Gordon reported gas and water is being hooked up for the bus garage, heat has been provided for the vo-ag

classrooms, and footings are being poured for foundation walls. Ten-hour days have been approved for critical pathways to keep the project pushing forward and make up as much time as possible. At this point Phase 1A and Phase 1B of the project are 72 days behind, even though the overall project is scheduled to complete on time.

SCHEMATIC DESIGN PRESENTATION: ALSC Architects Dave Huotari and Kris Jeske presented the schematic design for Freeman Elementary School. The design includes a detached building that serves both the elementary and the middle school with a multipurpose lunchroom and a stage/music classroom. An alternate would be an additional classroom or potential space for relocating the district office. Rear-fold bleachers are planned for the elementary gym, and a classroom wing will replace the former food service area. Renovation of the elementary school will be less extreme than the high school since much of the existing structure works well. The cost of the schematic design is estimated at \$7,600,979, which is \$99,000 under the projected budget. The Board discussed contingency reserves, bidding climate, and square footage. After considerable discussion, Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve the Freeman Elementary schematic design as presented. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: John Zingg inquired about the 72-day construction backup and the effect on subcontractors. Mr. Huotari stated it makes sense to get caught up to minimize the risk of weather and other factors. Mrs. Woodman stated she wished the premium work had started months ago. Mr. Primmer stated part of the problem was unknown unsuitable fill which delayed the project with unforeseen activities. Mr. Hernandez stated that even though parts 1A and 1B have been delayed, the contractor has advanced on other sections of the project. "We did authorize some overtime two or three weeks ago, and we have made the offer several times during construction meetings," he stated.

Mr. Zingg asked what the H1N1 flu component is in the absences. Mr. Hernandez stated the medical community is not asking people to come into the office for testing. The District is following Spokane County Health recommendations to remind students to remain home until fever free for 24 hours.

ENROLLMENT REPORT: Superintendent Hernandez reported enrollment was essentially unchanged in October at 894.16 FTE. "We are monitoring closely and being careful with expenditures," he stated.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT GOALS: Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve Board/Superintendent goals for 2009-2010 as presented. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer reminded the Board about future Board meeting dates:

- Oct. 14 – Strategic Planning Committee meeting
- Oct. 29 – Valleyford Fire Station
- Nov. 12 – Middle School Library

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

- Substitute teachers – Mandee Mittler, Geoff Horvath
- Substitute para-educators – Kathryn Youngren, Barbara Cole
- Resignation: Larry Helms, 7<sup>th</sup> gr asst girls basketball coach

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m. with no further action.

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Board Chair