

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 11, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors called to order at 6:00 p.m. 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: Ellen Hawley, Dave Smith, Lisa Phelan, Jim Straw, Dax Logsdon, and Dan Gordon.

FLAG SALUTE: Dax Logsdon led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Approval of Minutes

May 28, 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 Jody Bernard who is retiring after 32 years of teaching at Freeman. He also gave the Board a list of recent Freeman scholarship awards and an FBLA fact sheet.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Hernandez added approval of the elementary school improvement plan to the agenda.

REPORTS

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG representative Dax Logsdon reported work is being completed on a campus-wide site plan including traffic flow and parking. A transportation cooperative is being pursued with Liberty, Tekoa, Rosalia and possibly Oaksdale, which could be eligible for state construction match. CSG representative Dan Gordon reported the portables project is complete. Asbestos abatement is underway in the high school. The north parking lot is being excavated to increase lot size. It is hoped the track will be completed this summer. Fulcrum completed an 8-1/2 foot test pit at the southeast corner of the new gym, and discovered no contamination or water, which was great news. Buses will be parked by the tennis courts for the summer to give contractors additional space. Mr. Gordon will soon prepare a monthly project budget report for the Board.

APPROVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS: Middle School Principal Jim Straw reviewed their school improvement plan to improve climate, math, study skills, curriculum and instruction, and reading.

High School Principal Dave Smith reviewed their school improvement plan to improve community engagement, improve WASL scores, and increase academic offerings.

Elementary School Principal Lisa Phelan shared their school improvement plan to improve climate, focus on math, continue to work on the reading program, and increase professional development.

After discussion, Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the school improvement plans as presented. Mrs. Woodman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The school improvement plans are available to the public through the district office.

AUDIT REPORT: Mrs. Davis reported on the conclusion of the 2007-2008 financial audit. It was a successful audit with no findings. Exit recommendations were made regarding staff mix, ASB fundraising, and developing policies for fees in the Early Learning Center. Mrs. Davis thanked the frontline staff for their efforts. She stated the federal state stabilization funds replacing apportionment dollars will likely push the district into a single federal audit for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

BOARD VACANCY UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez reported that three candidates have filed for the open Director District 1 position, which will require a primary election in August. Board policy states that districts can appoint someone to an open position, who then must run at the next general election. After some discussion, Mrs. Woodman moved the Board wait for the November election to fill the vacant position with a candidate selected by voters, rather than through an appointment process which could influence the election or give the appearance of endorsement of a candidate. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE HIGHLY CAPABLE PROGRAM APPLICATION: Mr. Hernandez requested approval of the 2009/2010 Highly Capable grant in the amount of \$8,300. The grant funds Knowledge Bowl, Math is Cool, and Future City Programs. The grant can also be used for AP programs. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the grant application as presented. Mrs. Woodman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Retirement – Jody Bernard, first grade teacher
Classified: Summer Child Care Assistant – Jamie Holt

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair