

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
March 12, 2009

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 Randy Primmer. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, Dave Smith, Jim Straw, Dan Gordon, Kris Jeske, and Lisa Phelan.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

February 26, 2009

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez gave the Board copies of a recent article in Valley Voice regarding community fundraising for the high school gymnasium expansion.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Hernandez added a request for waiver of snow makeup days to the agenda.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: High School Principal Dave Smith reported the girls basketball team placed third in state. FCCLA and FBLA students are competing at state, as well as the Knowledge Bowl team. Mr. Smith is still researching graduation ceremony options since the high school will be under construction in June. One option is the Nazarene Church on Sullivan which is a 1,000-capacity facility with a stage and ample parking. He's taking students to see it next week. Mr. Smith reported he has met with the school improvement team and staff, and all agree a move should be made to a six-period day. Parent meetings regarding the change will be held after spring break.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported on planning for next year, preparation for conferences, and WASL testing right after spring break. The signature project assembly is tomorrow, science fair is underway, and the school improvement team is meeting next week. The middle school is also examining schedule options, deciding

whether to align with the high school schedule because of shared staff and students who attend high school math classes.

Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported on the science fair, shared pictures from Read Across America, and reminded everyone of upcoming kindergarten registration. The PE classes spent two days snowshoeing. The recent staff workshop focused on skills and strategies for assessments.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG Construction Manager Dan Gordon reported on the civil and electrical bid packages for the portables. After Board approval of the bids, he will get signed contracts on Monday at a preconstruction meeting. To date, everything is well inside the budget, he stated.

ACCEPT BIDS FOR CIVIL AND ELECTRICAL PACKAGES: Mr. Gordon reviewed the following bids, which are pre-tax amounts:

Civil:	LS Enterprise	\$94,900
	Piersol Construction	68,440
	Jewell Excavating	110,274
	Western States	104,000
Electrical:	Precision Electrical	\$59,800
	Tower Electrical	46,863
	Valley Electrical	69,770

Mr. Gordon recommended Piersol Construction at \$73,983.64 including tax and Tower Electrical at \$50,658.90 including tax. Mrs. Woodman moved the Board award the bids not to exceed amounts as presented. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Vendors are still able to get on the public works roster for future work.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – ARCHITECT: ALSC Architect Kris Jeske reported the permit drawing package is 90 percent complete, and the OSPI-required constructability review is underway. ALSC is scheduled to wrap up drawings by the end of March to be distributed to bidders by April 1, with bids expected the end of April. The start date is scheduled for May 7. “All indications today say that we are on track to receive favorable bids,” he stated. Mr. Hernandez stated, “Our strategy was to front fund the high school in order to bid early. State matching funds will then be used for the elementary and site work.”

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Hernandez reviewed March enrollment at 921.59 with an annual average of 911.95 FTE. He reported administrators continue to meet on a regular basis to identify potential budget cuts, while waiting on the Legislature. A two-year calendar will be brought for Board approval at the next meeting. Mr. Hernandez informed the Board the District is moving forward to vacate Prospect Avenue which could be used for future parking or bus staging.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING POLICY #1400: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy 1400 – Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum. This changes Board meeting dates to reflect actual practice of meeting on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. The Board discussed whether to accept minor changes after one reading under “emergency adoption” or remain with two readings. After discussion, the Board established two readings for all policy changes and adoptions.

APPROVE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING POLICY 2126: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy 2126 - HIV/AIDS Prevention Education. Mr. Hernandez stated this is a change in language, adding HIV/AIDS language instead of AIDS throughout the policy.

APPROVE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING POLICY 3126: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy 3126 - Child Custody. Mr. Hernandez stated the RCW change requires a filed court order be provided to the district. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve all three policies for first reading. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

WAIVER LETTER: Mr. Hernandez requested Board approval of a letter to OSPI requesting the waiver of three snow make-up days due to tight construction timelines. One day is being made up Friday, March 13. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the waiver request as presented. Mrs. Woodman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: The Board changed the next meeting date to March 25. Future meeting dates are April 9 and April 29. Mrs. Woodman suggested having a meeting in Rockford, Valleyford and Hangman. Mr. Hernandez will schedule them.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. with no further action.

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Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair