

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 11, 2008

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 Chad Goldsmith. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, Dave Smith, Jim Straw, John Zingg, Art Randall, and Lisa Phelan,

FLAG SALUTE: Ellen Hawley led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

August 26, 2008

August 28, 2008

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: There were additions under personnel.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported the start of the year went well, students are preparing for the Rockford Fair, Aimsweb assessments have been completed, and staff are off to a busy start with the new reading curriculum. McGraw-Hill representatives will provide additional reading training on the late start day. Other events include the PTSA spaghetti night, a bullying assembly and the fundraiser kick-off.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported students have new electives. Mr. Buck is teaching Introduction to Music, and Mrs. Fees is teaching a Life Skills career/technical education class to 7th/8th grades. Middle school retreats have been scheduled, and the first advisory meeting went well, he reported. He also shared the new conference week schedule which includes two evenings this year to open up more evening slots for working parents.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported the fund in Brenda Swartout's honor (Brenda's Helping Hand) has raised \$1200 to be used to help students with meals. He reported the high school did not meet Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) in math in WASL tests. All but three high schools in Spokane County did not meet AYP. Mr. Smith reported staff are now assessing students strand by strand to address areas of need in math. Students will have WASL Wednesdays, and level one students will be looped with the same teacher. Mr. Hernandez reported schools, districts and states must meet the federal requirement of AYP in the No Child Left Behind Act, and no state has met that standard.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reported September enrollment at 913.18 FTE, 865.18 Freeman and 48.00 CVA. The budget was built on 860 Freeman FTE and 25 CVA.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez reported approximately 25 people attended the community meeting reviewing preliminary high school plans. The surveying is nearly complete, and the construction manager is starting the permit process for the portables.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: John Zingg stated, "I think the process is going extremely well—I'm impressed with the working relationships of everyone. Voters are being well represented and are being served well." Art Randall invited Board members to serve in the Performing Arts booth at the Rockford Fair.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FIRST READING 3000 BOARD POLICIES: Mr. Fetsch asked about Policy 3245 which addresses student cell phones. Mr. Smith stated students can have a cell phone at school but it cannot be on except during lunch. He stated students understand the rule and that there have been no problems so far. If it becomes a problem, he said, he would ask the Board to review the policy. After discussion, Mr. Goldsmith read the first and last sentences of the series which will be under review until adoption at the next meeting. Mr. Primmer moved the Board accept the series for first reading. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE HIRE OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: Mr. Hernandez reported that the Board authorized him to enter into negotiations with Construction Services Group as construction manager for the high school project. He reported negotiations were successfully concluded and requested approval of their selection. Mrs. Sellers moved the Board approve the hire of Construction Services Group. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE HEAD COACHES FOR 2008-2009: Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve hiring all coaches for fall sports and all head coaches for winter and spring sports. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed four “yes” votes, one abstention.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Substitute teacher – Derek Sandin
Classified: Bus driver – Jim Filzen
Substitute para-educator: Sharon Duncan, Preschool
Extracurricular: MS Overflow football coaches – Dustin Reed, Tyler Zyph
HS Ticket Taker – Mary Koch

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair