

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 25, 2008

WORK STUDY SESSION: The Board conducted a work study session at 5:30 p.m. to review progress on the educational specifications for the high school construction project. ALSC Architect Dave Huotari and interior designer Debbie Bravo reviewed progress in staff questionnaires and interviews. A preliminary plan was presented to the Board for their review. As work continues, a second draft will be provided July 7 with a final delivered July 23 for approval at the July 30 Board meeting as a required part of the D-form process.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chair Chad Goldsmith. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, Melanie Rose, Dave Huotari, Dave Teague, Jim Straw, Debbie Bravo, Lisa Phelan, Raeann Ducar, Todd Beese, Dave Smith and John Zingg.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	June 12, 2008
General Fund Vouchers #4941-5042	\$129,709.17
June Payroll	\$546,933.57
ASB Vouchers #3942-3968	\$ 28,854.94
CPF Vouchers #714	\$ 36,775.00
Treasurer's Statement	

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

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Melanie Rose presented the Washington School Public Relations Association 2008 Crystal Apple award to Superintendent Sergio Hernandez for demonstrating "consistent support to school communicators and their principles."

Teacher Todd Beese who is retiring after 30 years with the district was honored. Todd was one of the first teachers to implement technology in his classroom in the early 1980's with computers he purchased. Mr. Goldsmith presented him with a bell as a token of appreciation.

BUILDING REPORTS: Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported on scheduling, stating that five eighth grade students will take geometry at the high school. He reviewed his school improvement plan, developed by parents and staff. The plan will be reviewed each year.

Elementary School Principal Lisa Phelan reported the new reading materials have arrived. She reviewed her school improvement plan, which was developed by teachers, parents, the psychologist, and the school counselor.

BUDGET EXTENSION HEARING: The Board held a hearing to extend both the general fund and capital project fund budgets. When original budgets are adopted by the Board, they establish a spending limit. Due to grants, snow removal, fuel and utility increases, a reading adoption, and additional substitute time, the district will exceed the original spending level in the 2007-2008 general fund budget. Revenues from additional enrollment and grant funds cover the request. Mrs. Davis requested an additional \$410,000 in expenditure level, to \$8,626,691. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board adopt Resolution 8-2007/2008 to extend the 2007-2008 general fund budget. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The 2007-2008 capital projects fund budget requires an extension to provide capacity for preliminary construction expenses through August 31. Mrs. Davis requested an additional \$655,000 in budget capacity. Revenues from the July bond sale cover the request. Mr. Primmer moved the Board adopt Resolution 9-2007/2008 to extend the 2007-2008 capital projects fund budget to \$883,600. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez gave the Board a letter from ESD Superintendent Terry Munther, congratulating the Board on the passage of the bond issue.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Primmer and Mrs. Sellers reported on their visit to the Skill Center. Both were enthused about the programs offered to students. Enrollment was 14 this year, with increased enrollment expected next year.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Hernandez recommended the August Board meeting be moved back to the night of the back-to-school BBQ on August 26.

Mr. Hernandez reported the district has scaled back on some of the major projects due to the construction project. Minor projects planned are painting the parking lot stripes and sealing some of the previous patching. He reported the custodial crew is doing a great job, and the grounds look very good. He thanked Mr. Lally and his crew for their efforts.

Mr. Hernandez will develop possible dates for a Board retreat in July. Topics will include developing Board goals and a work study session to review the proposed 2008-2009 budget.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE HIGHLY CAPABLE GRANT: Mr. Hernandez requested Board approval of the Highly Capable grant in the amount of \$8470, which funds Knowledge Bowl and Math is Cool programs. Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve the grant as presented. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve the Freeman Elementary School Improvement Plan as presented. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL: Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve the Freeman Middle School Improvement Plan as presented. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FEA CONTRACT 2008-2011: Mr. Hernandez reported negotiations have successfully concluded with the Freeman Education Association, and he thanked them for their collegial spirit. He asked the Board to approve the 2008-2011 contract. Mrs. Woodman moved to table the contract until the entire document could be read. The motion died for lack of a second. After discussion, Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve the Freeman Education Association contract. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Goldsmith reminded Board members of the July 2 meeting at 7:00 a.m. to approve the bond sale. Future meetings are:
July 30 – 6:00 p.m.
August 26 – 6:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into executive session at 8:25 p.m. to conduct the superintendent's evaluation.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The Board returned to open session at 9:40 p.m. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the superintendent's goals completion and extend his three-year contract to 2011. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 9:42 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair