

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 23, 2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 by Chad Goldsmith. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Dave Smith, John Zingg, Kate Coomes, Mark Dresback, and Scott Oakshott.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	April 9, 2008
General Fund Vouchers #4710-4817	\$129,209.45
April Payroll	\$543,888.08
ASB Vouchers #3882-3907	\$ 27,689.41
Treasurer's Statement	

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Addendum – Personnel.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

I-728 HEARING FOR 2008-2009: Mr. Hernandez presented the I-728 proposed budget and asked for community input. He outlined the six areas that by law are acceptable expenditures: K-4 class size reduction, 5-12 class size reduction, extended learning for students, professional development for educators, early assistance for pre-kindergarten children, and facility improvements directly related to class size reductions or extended learning opportunities. Mr. Fetsch asked if I-728 is permanent; Superintendent Hernandez answered that it is for now. Mr. Fetsch moved the proposed I-728 budget

be approved as presented. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: High school Principal Dave Smith talked about the schedule at the high school and his plan to use next school year as a transition year. He stated the need to educate parents and students about the changes a new schedule would bring. Mr. Primmer asked Mr. Smith how this would be accomplished. Mr. Smith responded that next fall he would bring students and parents together for focus groups. He also explained that under the present schedule, 13 students would have difficulty meeting graduation requirements. Mr. Smith mentioned that the transition year schedule would address concerns parents have with math and the block schedule. He also stated that geometry is on a block schedule and works well. Superintendent Hernandez mentioned we need a transition year so that students and parents know their elective offerings.

Mr. Fetsch stated this is a good time to reach as many groups as possible, and the extra year will help with that. Mrs. Sellers also mentioned that it was a good idea to wait and study the process. Mr. Smith indicated that he will attempt to have a final recommendation on the schedule to the Board by December, 2008. Mrs. Woodman stated she appreciated Mr. Smith's conservative approach and his leadership in this issue.

Mr. Smith reported boys basketball coaching interviews will take place on April 24. He also reported the girls basketball coach, Matt Gregg, resigned to take a position as head women's basketball coach at Warner Pacific University. The girls basketball coach selection process will mirror the process for the boys position.

Mr. Fetsch stated Matt Gregg was a great role model and a great coach. He also stated that we have to attract and maintain the best people. He expressed his disappointment at not finding Matt Gregg a teaching job in the last 13 years so we could have kept him. Mr. Primmer also mentioned that Matt Gregg had developed a great program for Freeman.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - BOND UPDATE: Superintendent Hernandez turned the meeting over to the two co-chairs of the bond. John Zingg mentioned that the "home parties" have been going well. People are being supportive and volunteering. Questions have been asked and answered. Kate Coomes indicated that 1279 personal contacts returned with another 1000 outstanding. So far there are 645 yes, 73 no, and 563 undecided. If 40% of the undecided vote yes we will make it. She described some

of the strategies that will be used over the next week or two. Mrs. Coomes felt that people are taking their time to make good, informed decisions. There may be one more house party. The plan then involves looking at the poll watching list and develop a plan for personal contacts. She mentioned that she is not hearing any negative comments at this point. Some people who have been negative are now feeling very positive about the bond. Mr. Fetsch mentioned how professional the students were in the open house. There will be a celebration after the vote. Mr. Zingg indicated that he is willing to continue wherever needed.

SPOKANE SCHOLARS: Monday evening Dave Smith, Kathryn O’Conner and Superintendent Hernandez attended the Spokane Scholars event. Freeman had five nominees: Stephanie Watson (Social Studies), Collin Deel (Mathematics), Jake Heinen (World Languages), Leigh Talbott (Fine Arts) and Gabe Rice-Erso (Science).

NEWASA RECOGNITION: Superintendent Hernandez nominated Freeman’s PTSA, and specifically Melanie Rose and Brian Prior for their community service projects – Freeman’s 15 Days of Giving and Spring Bling. The Northeast Washington Association of School Administrators honored Mrs. Rose and Mr. Prior at the annual Community Service Recognition Luncheon on April 18.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVE REVISED 2008-2009 CALENDAR: Superintendent Hernandez recommended moving spring break to March 30 through April 3 in the 2008-2009 calendar to bring us in line with all other area schools. Superintendent Hernandez will discuss this with the staff. Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve the change subject to conversation with the staff. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sellers invited everyone to the Highway 27 Safety Corridor kick-off on May 1 at the Albertson parking lot on 32nd. Freeman students will perform a couple of raps written for the event and will sing. Both Mrs. Sellers and Superintendent Hernandez will attend.

NEW BUSINESS

RECOGNIZE TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: Mr. Hernandez recommended approval of May 4-10 as Teacher Appreciation Week. Board members were invited to a Teacher Appreciation breakfast on May 7th. Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve

Teacher Appreciation Week. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: The Board discussed a possible lack of quorum for the May 14th meeting. Superintendent Hernandez will check into alternative dates and get back with the Board about possible alternative dates.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Classified: Angie Lamb – Nutrition Services substitute

Resignation: Matt Gregg, Girls HS Basketball Coach

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chairman