

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 9, 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: Char Trejbal, Everett Combs, Kirk Lally, Laura Hamma, John Zingg, Ellen Hawley, Jim Straw, Darl Vander Linden, Linda Mega, Tyler Neely, Nancy Hawley, Lindy Moyer, Raeann Ducar, Kathy Dresback, Bonnie Peery, Gretchen Paukert, Lisa Phelan, Eric Figler, Kayla Figler, Alma Longhurst, Dustin Warwick, Lisa Paternoster, Megan Paternoster, Brian Parisotto, Dave Smith, and Kate Coomes.

FLAG SALUTE: Kathy Dresback led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

March 26, 2008

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Hernandez requested an addition under personnel.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None

REPORTS

MATH IS COOL: Mr. Hernandez introduced members of the fourth grade Math is Cool team and their teacher/coach Linda Mega. Four of the ten team members were present: Megan Paternoster, Kayla Figler, Alma Longhurst, and Dustin Warwick. The team placed first in the 2006-2007 Math is Cool championships. "These students have worked hard," said Mrs. Mega, "They gave up lunch times and had 2-1/2 hours of extra math after school to prepare." Math Coach Nancy Hawley invited parents to attend the exciting competitions.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported the plows have been put away, and they are waiting for fields to dry out. Mosquito control will begin this week. The custodial crew did a lot of work over spring break, he reported. “We have an excellent crew that takes pride in our buildings,” he stated.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported that Friday is baseball day at the elementary and middle schools. Board members were invited to Maple Bars for Moms on May 9 and Doughnuts for Dads on May 30. The high school food and nutrition class will kick off their poster contest. Snacks will be provided to students taking WASL tests. “A farm-to-school program has been signed into law, and we hope to support local farmers,” Mrs. Ducar stated. Mr. Fetsch echoed Mr. Primmer’s thanks for the recent Taste of Washington day.

BUILDING REPORTS: Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported that Resource Officer Ron Nye secured a county grant to install a separate intercom system into the middle school, which was completed during spring break. Speakers in the gym will be upgraded. The system was tested during a lockdown drill today. WASL test preparations are being finalized, and spring sports is underway in spite of lingering snow on the fields.

Elementary School Principal Lisa Phelan reported Mrs. Browning’s fifth grade class is starting a recycling program for paper and plastic bottles. Volunteers from her class will take items in to be recycled. Mrs. Phelan reported 48 kindergarten students will attend the kindergarten roundup where they will meet with teachers and go through an assessment.

BOND UPDATE: Bond Co-Chair Kate Coomes reported there are three weeks left until ballots are mailed. The brochures were mailed before spring break, home meetings have begun, and there is an open house and tour on April 19. The website contains detailed information, and an informational DVD has been prepared. Patrons can also find tax calculation and cost information on the website. Eight new voters were signed up during the meeting with high school students. Tours of the facilities have been scheduled every Thursday at 2:00.

Co-Chair John Zingg reported he and Mr. Hernandez have attended the home meetings, which are going very well. Patrons really appreciate the brochure, he reported.

Advocacy Chair Gretchen Paukert reported 120 volunteers are making telephone calls. Volunteer Bonnie Peery said her experience in many telephone calls has been very positive. Mrs. Paukert said the committee decided to place a few signs to remind people to vote. Volunteers need to return their call lists so a second round of calling can be planned. Notes will be prepared for mailing to voters.

Lisa Paternoster reported she has been working on the voter database, and 2,067 voters will be contacted personally. Of the list of 500 returned so far, 254 said they will

vote “yes”, and 22 said they will vote “no”. The remainder are either undecided or did not indicate how they might vote.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reported April enrollment at 897.58 FTE with an annual average of 903.56. Mr. Fetsch thanked Mr. Hernandez for the Choice information. There was discussion on how to inform parents of eighth grade students of the many opportunities at Freeman High School.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: High School Principal Dave Smith reported progress on the survey and a proposed change in the high school schedule to a six-period day. Counselor Laura Hamma and High School Math Teacher Lindy Moyer reviewed the process used in developing the tentative schedule, as well as how it might affect graduation requirements and available course offerings for students. Mrs. Hamma stated a pre-registration with the high school schedule will be tested prior to requesting a final approval.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING: BOARD POLICY 1112 – BOARD ORIENTATION AND SECOND READING: BOARD POLICY 2413 – EQUIVALENCY CREDIT FOR CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSES: Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve the policies for second reading as presented. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED I-728 BUDGET: Mr. Hernandez reported the I-728 – Student Achievement Funds hearing is scheduled for April 23. He provided the Board information to review prior to the hearing. Student achievement funds can be used for class size reduction, extended learning, professional development, early assistance pre-kindergarten, or facility improvements related to class size reduction.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended Larry Wheatley be hired as high school overflow track coach as over 60 students have turned out for track. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the recommendation. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

WORK STUDY SESSION: At 7:30 p.m. the Board began a work study session with Athletic Director Brian Parisotto.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair