

BOARD MEETING AGENDA
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 26, 2008 – 6:00 p.m. High School Library

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 Vice-Chair Diane Woodman. There was a quorum present. Mr. Goldsmith joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chad Goldsmith, Randy Primmer, Vicki Sellers, Diane Woodman, Sergio Hernandez and Ellen Hawley. Excused Absence: Brent Fetsch.

GUESTS: Carli Lewis, Don & Bonnie Peery, John Zingg, Lisa Phelan, Jim Straw, Mark & Kathy Dresback, Lisa Paternoster, Kate Coomes, Gretchen Paukert, and Darl Vander Linden.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes	March 12, 2008
General Fund Vouchers #4591-4709	\$138,034.73
February Payroll	\$571,525.68
ASB Vouchers #3867-3881	\$ 30,636.66
CPF Vouchers #713	\$ 23,617.90
Treasurer's Statement	

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Mr. Hernandez added Board Policy #2413 for first reading under New Business.

VISITORS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: Kathy Dresback shared with the Board that she has heard positive feedback regarding the District mailer that went out to the community regarding the upcoming Bond. She congratulated the Bond Committee for doing a good job with the campaign.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported parent conferences have been very successful this year. They have received good feedback sheets from the parents. He reported that the boys' basketball teams have their last games March 27th.

Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported they had good attendance for their parent conferences and also did the surveys with a good response. WASL testing begins April 7th. The Book Fair is going on this week. A portion of the proceeds from the Book Fair supports the Reading Program adoption. Mrs. Phelan reported that they have narrowed the choice of Reading Program down to two. Several staff members will be visiting Loon Lake Elementary next week to observe their Reading Program. Implementation will be this fall.

Mr. Primmer thanked Lisa Phelan and Raeann Ducar for celebrating Taste of Washington by hosting a school lunch for area farmers. It was a good opportunity for the guests to visit the school and also to be recognized for their contributions.

BOND UPDATE: Kate Coomes reported they learned that the best strategy for a campaign is a solid relationship and good communication with our voters. They started with the focus groups that were held in Rockford, Valleyford and Hangman, then sent every Freeman community member a District mailer and now they are scheduling home parties. They have over 100 volunteers making contact with each voter in the community.

Lisa Paternoster reported early responses to the Bond campaign have been positive. Now they are working on supporter endorsements, a push on voter registrations, scheduling a high school assembly regarding the bond in general, online registration, contact recent graduates to be sure they register to vote, home parties, group meetings such as Home Association meetings and Cookie and Coffee dates. Unclaimed voters and undecided voters are the target. After ballots come out, then a 2nd contact will be made to get their ballots in, followed up by a hand written note as a reminder to vote. The One Minute Update about the campaign goes to the volunteers on a weekly basis. Web page is up and running.

Gretchen Paukert thanked the volunteers for taking on a big job of contacting our community members. She is looking for two volunteer coordinators - one for the follow-up group committee to make sure we get our thank you's out and one for business endorsements.

John Zingg reported that the people working on this campaign are doing a fantastic job. They have dedication, commitment and intelligence. He also thanked the Board and Sergio. He feels we are creating a heritage with this campaign.

Mr. Hernandez reported they have five home parties scheduled during the month of April. He said that the DVD will be ready after spring break. What is to be included in the information packets is still being decided. Everything will be on the website. He also thanked the committee, Kate, John, Gretchen, Lisa and Melanie Rose for all their hard work.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING: BOARD POLICY #1112 – BOARD ORIENTATION and BOARD POLICY#2413 –EQUIVALENCY CREDIT FOR CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSES: Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve the first reading of Policy #1112 and #2413 as presented. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEW BUS: Mr. Primmer moved the Board approve the purchase of a new bus as presented. Mrs. Woodman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Goldsmith reported the April 9 and April 23 Board meetings will be at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Library.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez requested approval of the following personnel action:

Certified: Nicki Moberg, K-8 Sp Ed Resource Room Teacher

Classified: Ron Kienbaum, Substitute Bus Driver

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

WORK STUDY SESSION: At 6:50 p.m. the Board began a work study session with Jim Straw, Middle School Principal.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair