

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 12, 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, Ellen Hawley, Jim Straw, Dave Teague, Everett Combs, Brian Parisotto, Dave Smith, Raeann Ducar, Mindy Poindexter, Tori Burton, Danielle Cossey, Alexis Roberts, Melanie Rose, Art Randall, Lisa Hjaltalin, Kathy Dresback, Lisa Phelan, Todd Beese, Stacy Cossey, Bridget Roberts, Gretchen Paukert, and Darl Vander Linden.

FLAG SALUTE: Tori Burton and Dani Cossey led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

February 27, 2008

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Hernandez added names to the personnel list.

REPORTS

FUTURE CITY COMPETITION: Middle School Science Teacher Mindy Poindexter introduced Future City Team members Tori Burton, Dani Cossey, and Alexis Roberts who took fourth in state for their design of a city utilizing nano-technology. The students explained the design of their city located on the ocean that is self-sufficient and eco-friendly.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported on National School Breakfast Week and the upcoming Taste Washington lunch for area farmers. Nutrition Services staff members will visit Nine Mile School District on the LID day, and the Wellness Committee meets next week to continue their work on childhood obesity.

Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported on a proposed bus purchase, bus evacuation drills, and stated 10 staff members will attend the Eastside Pupil Transportation conference.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally reported the Dept of Ecology will review our wetlands discharge next week. He is beginning mosquito control earlier this year. A Sheriff's Office grant will provide funding for a separate middle school intercom system which will be installed during spring break.

Safety Officer Everett Combs reported the recent Spokane County Regional Health District safety inspection went well, with only minor things to correct. He reported the 20 percent blend of bio-diesel is working well in the buses.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported high participation in spring sports, which requires more overflow coaches. There is still a lot of snow remaining on fields, so he is looking at alternate practice sites. After an informal soccer survey meeting, ten girls have committed to play. A letter will be sent home to parents, as Mr. Parisotto continues to look for fields for practice and play.

BOND UPDATE: Melanie Rose reviewed a draft of the district's bond information mailer which will be sent to every household in the district. The draft has been reviewed by the Public Disclosure Commission and has been tested with different age groups. More detailed information will be available on the website and on DVD. Mr. Primmer thanked Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Coomes for all their work.

Advocacy Chair Gretchen Paukert reported the advocacy plan will be presented to the Board at the next meeting. Volunteer training will begin next week and includes 45 staff members and 35 community members. "The strategy is to connect with people individually," she stated. "Everyone is a yes vote until they tell us no." Mr. Hernandez stated, "These two groups have done a superb job."

BUILDING REPORTS: High School Principal Dave Smith reported on WASL testing week, the senior culminating project presentations, and said staff will be working on the proposed schedule change on the LID day. He reported the district is seeking a new math/science teacher for the high school, and he will attend the Career Fair. Mr. Fetsch expressed thanks to Mr. Moore for his outstanding work with FBLA students.

Elementary School Principal Lisa Phelan reported on conference week, assessments, Classified Employee Week, and fourth grade Math is Cool progress. She stated her staff will do WASL proctor training and see reading adoption presentations on the LID day.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw said the grades 5-12 choir will participate in the "world's largest concert" tomorrow. Student-led conferences are being planned, and he invited everyone to the Math is Cool competition at Mt. Spokane.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reviewed March 1 enrollment showing 898.53 FTE, and an annual average of 904.42.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Goldsmith reminded everyone the next meeting will be held in the high school library because of the middle school book fair.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Substitute Teacher – Lisa Johnson, Marc Hildesheim

Classified: Substitute Para Ed – Kim Naber, Kelly Mickelson

Extracurricular: HS Baseball Overflow Coach – Mark Miller
 HS Tennis Overflow Coach – Tiffany Riddle

 Resignation: HS JV Baseball – Ken Pickens

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned with no further action to a work study session regarding transportation and safety at 7:20 p.m.

Recording Secretary

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