

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 27, 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, Vicki Sellers, Diane Woodman, Sergio Hernandez and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Randy Primmer.

GUESTS: Lisa Phelan, Ellen Hawley, John Hjalitan, Scott Moore, Jim Straw, Denise Briggs, Isaac Hamilton, Cameron Moore, Darl Vander Linden, Will DeRuyter, Morgan DeRuyter, and Dave Huotari.

FLAG SALUTE: Raeann Ducar led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	February 13, 2008
General Fund Vouchers #4486 – 4590	\$131,390.66
February Payroll	\$574,220.27
ASB Voucher #3848	\$ 270.00
ASB Vouchers #3849 – 3864	\$ 14,157.03
ASB Voucher #3865	\$ 5,000.00
Treasurer's Statement	

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez shared a letter from OSPI granting a waiver for four emergency snow closure days. Two additional days will be made up at the end of the school year. Mrs. Sellers inquired about publicizing the fact the district far exceeds the 1000 hour minimum requirement for student instructional time which allows for the waiver.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Hernandez added two recognition items: Classified School Employee Week and School Retirees Appreciation Week.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

REPORTS

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS: Middle School Teacher Denise Briggs reported the district purchased 30 Canon Powershot 570 cameras for a digital photography class. She partners students with K-6 teachers and coaches so each has a photographer. At the end of each quarter, students produce a slide show for the class. Morgan DeRuyter demonstrated her slide show for Mrs. Metcalf's third grade class.

FBLA: High School Teacher Scott Moore reported Freeman's FBLA is one of the area's largest with 79 members. Students Isaac Hamilton and Cameron Moore shared a slide show of their national competition last year in Chicago attended by 8000 students from all over the United States. Approximately 30 Freeman students are preparing for upcoming state competition in Bellevue.

BUILDING REPORTS: Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported on the character assembly and the science fair. Middle School Principal Jim Straw invited Board members to the Bi-County Honor Band concert on March 17. Student led conferences are being scheduled for 240 students, he reported. The Spokane County Sheriff's drug dogs swept the high school and middle school today, and no contraband was found.

Mr. Hernandez reported for High School Principal Dave Smith on the schedule change progress. The soccer meeting for interested girls is March 5. He requested approval of proposed guidelines for hiring a boys basketball coach. Mr. Fetsch confirmed the guidelines are both consistent with practice and conform with bargaining agreements. Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve the guidelines as presented. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BOND UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez reported that he and Melanie Rose will develop district information on the bond. Gretchen Paukert and Lisa Paternoster will chair the advocacy group. The marketing committee plans to launch the bond campaign mid-March. Currently messages are being tested with four focus groups. Staff will be updated at the March 5 all staff meeting. Mr. Fetsch said he was disappointed to miss the Hangman focus group which was held at the same time as the Board meeting. Mrs. Woodman will attend the Valleyford meeting.

Mr. Hernandez shared conceptual drawings and proposed floor plans for both the high school and elementary school. He emphasized that these are conceptual drawings only and that the final appearance will be determined during the design phase of the project after input from everyone. Mr. Huotari shared virtual software of the conceptual designs. After lengthy discussion of the appearance of the conceptual drawings, it was decided Board members will join the March 6 marketing committee meeting to discuss what graphics are used in the informational materials and brochures.

AUDIT: Mr. Hernandez reported the annual fiscal audit is scheduled to begin March 4. He asked for a Board representative to attend the March 5 entrance conference. Mr. Goldsmith volunteered.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVE CTE REQUEST: After a two week study period, Mr. Hernandez requested approval of CTE Director Scott Oakshott's request to remove Personal Choices as a freshman requirement. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the recommendation. Mrs. Woodman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE SURPLUS PROPERTY: Mr. Hernandez requested approval to surplus two buses: Bus 23 – 1993 IH 41-passenger bus and Bus 19 – 1986 IH 65-passenger bus. He reported another school district is interested in purchasing Bus 23 for \$1000. Mr. Fetsch inquired as to how value is established. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the surplus as presented. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS: Mr. Hernandez requested approval of Classified School Employee Week as March 10-14, 2008 and School Retirees Appreciation Week as March 17-23, 2008. Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve the request. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

Certified: LOA 2008/09 – Brad Van Dyne, 5th Grade Teacher

Classified: Long Term Elementary Para Educator substitute (07/08 school year) – Karen Paterno

Extracurricular: HS JV Baseball – Ken Pickens

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

WORK STUDY SESSION: At 8:09 p.m. the Board began a work study session with Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar and Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair