

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 13, 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 Vice-Chair Diane Woodman. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS: Brent Fetsch, Randy Primmer, Vicki Sellers, Diane Woodman, Sergio Hernandez, and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Chad Goldsmith.

GUESTS: Dave Smith, Jim Straw, Lisa Hjaltalin, Scott Oakshott, Don Peery, Kirk Lally, Raeann Ducar, Lisa Phelan, John Zingg, Everett Combs, Dave Teague, John Hays, Gretchen Paukert, Todd Beese, and Kate Coomes.

FLAG SALUTE: Don Peery led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

January 30, 2008

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez gave the Board a letter from the Washington State Board of Education certifying that Freeman School District is in compliance with all basic education allocation entitlement requirements.

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

FUTURE CITY COMPETITION: Postponed to March 12.

AP BIOLOGY TRIP: High school science teacher John Hays gave a PowerPoint presentation on last year's AP Biology trip to the Olympia Peninsula to study the natural history and organisms of Washington State's coastal waters. He requested approval for this year's trip on May 18, 19, and 20. Mr. Primmer moved the trip be approved as presented. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: High School Principal Dave Smith reported he is preparing a survey on school improvement, including questions regarding the high school schedule. Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported the focus is "getting kids engaged again in classrooms after our snow days." Elementary School Principal Lisa Phelan reported

teachers are reviewing a reading adoption, and “the choir will perform in the world’s largest concert on March 13 via TV.”

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Transportation Supervisor Charlotte Trejbal reported all bus routes are finally running in their entirety after snow closures, road closures, and loss of telephone lines. She thanked the community and staff for their patience. “This is the first time I remember closing an entire route down,” she stated. Mr. Hernandez said the community stepped in to help us numerous times.

Facilities Manager Kirk Lally also thanked everyone for their help plowing, clearing roads and lots, sanding, and clearing sidewalks during these tough weeks of snow. “The Dept. of Ecology is reviewing phosphate discharge from the lagoons,” he reported, which may require some changes, including possible chlorination. Mrs. Woodman thanked him and his crews for their efforts over the last three weeks.

Safety Officer Everett Combs reported only one slip and fall during all this weather. He reported the state, along with the EPA, is adding crank case ventilation filters on all school buses in the state to reduce emissions. The bio-fuel has caused no problems during freezing weather, he stated.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported her department passed all Health Department inspections, which is not an easy task. She showed the Board a girls basketball team “Drink Milk” poster.

Technology Director Dave Teague reported 17 power fluctuations destroyed the district’s content filter, but was quickly replaced by the vendor. He discussed electronic document retention, and stated some districts are waiting for guidance from the Washington State School Directors Association. Mr. Fetsch inquired about data backups. Mr. Teague stated all student and fiscal records are housed off-site at ESD 101, and that internally regular backups are performed.

BOND UPDATE: Bond Committee Co-Chair John Zingg reported the steering committee met with the architect and reviewed alternative plans for the high school and elementary. “After a lot of discussion, the group voted overwhelmingly for alternative two for the high school,” he stated. There was more discussion on the elementary project, and alternative two was also selected. The focus groups will begin next week. Bond Committee Co-Chair Kate Coomes reported the committee sent a survey to staff and faculty regarding their personal experiences in the school facilities. “It became a very strong testimonial,” she stated, “of how to deal with a special ed child or work in a hallway with distractions.”

After discussion regarding the alternative plans, Mr. Hernandez stated, “It is important to remember this is the first attempt at a conceptual drawing. Suggestions will continue to be incorporated into the plans as we proceed. The fine tuning will be done during the ed specs and design phase of the project.” Mr. Hernandez stated that after meeting with OSPI facilities representatives, the project is now estimated at \$19.5 million, with

state matching funds of approximately \$10.3 million. Current bonds, which are paid off in December, 2008, cost 91 cents per thousand dollars assessed valuation. The new bond would add \$1.59/1000, for a total cost of \$2.50/1000. The term would be 20 years. Interest rates are low, and it is a very favorable time to finance bonds, he stated. After further discussion, Mr. Fetsch moved the Board accept the committee's recommendation and adopt Resolution 5-2007/2008 to place the bond issue on the May 20 ballot. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reviewed February enrollment at 909.83, with an annual average of 905.40 FTE.

SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS: After discussion with principals and union leaders, Mr. Hernandez recommended making up two snow days (January 9 and February 7) on June 9 and 10. Because of the declared state of emergency and the fact Freeman provides well over 1000 of instructional hours, he recommended requesting a waiver from OSPI for the four remaining snow days (January 28, 29, 31, and February 1). Plans will be made for certificated and classified staff to make up the time by June 30. After some discussion, Mr. Primmer moved the Board add June 9 and 10 as make up days, and approve the waiver request, with staff to make up time as outlined. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – SOCCER: Mr. Hernandez reported Athletic Director Brian Parisotto has been investigating possible playfields, and the potential to play JV teams in the Great Northern League. He stated there is a concern over the potential effect on cross country and volleyball. Mr. Fetsch suggested getting a preliminary headcount to see if there is enough interest to field a team of 15 to 18 girls.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING: BOARD POLICY SERIES 2000 – INSTRUCTION: The Board reviewed recommended changes. Mr. Fetsch moved the Board approve the 2000 series for second reading as amended. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT RESOLUTION 4-2007/2008 – TRANSFER OF PROPERTY: Mr. Hernandez reported negotiations are complete with Central Valley School District regarding the transfer of \$6.5 million in property in Palomino Estates. Mr. Primmer moved the Board adopt Resolution 4-2007/2008 regarding the transfer of property from Central Valley School District to Freeman School District. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The property transfer takes effect in September, and the tax rolls will change January 1, 2009.

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

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:17 Mrs. Sellers moved the meeting adjourn with no further action. Mr. Fetsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair