

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
January 30, 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: Brent Fetsch, Chad Goldsmith, Randy Primmer, Vicki Sellers, Sergio Hernandez, and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Diane Woodman

GUESTS: Jim Straw, Ellen Hawley, Raeann Ducar, Richard Slover, Lisa Hjaltalin, Lisa Phelan, Kate Coomes, Barb Gady, and Shirley Carlson.

FLAG SALUTE: Jim Straw led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	January 9, 2008
General Fund Vouchers #4386-4485	\$128,850.82
January Payroll	\$538,634.68
ASB Vouchers #3829-3847	\$17,234.44
Treasurer's Statement	

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez read an e-mail from Mrs. Mosset expressing appreciation for the staff at the preschool and daycare center. Mr. Goldsmith concurred, stating he has two boys in the program.

BOARD APPRECIATION: The Board was celebrated for Board Appreciation Week. Mr. Hernandez gave them certificates and thanked them for their dedication and commitment as members of the Freeman School Board. Staff and students from each building also provided cards and gifts for Board members.

REPORTS

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION – BARB GADY: Mr. Hernandez thanked Barb Gady for her and her team's work at the preschool/daycare program which prompted the parent letter. Mrs. Gady is Freeman's first teacher to successfully complete the intensive National Board Certification process as an accomplished teacher in special education. Mrs. Gady stated the process "has you look at yourself in terms of what you are doing

every day to bring out the best learning in your students.” The audience applauded Mrs. Gady’s accomplishment.

BUILDING REPORTS: Middle School Principal Mr. Straw reported teams took fourth place in the eighth grade Future City state competition. The Math is Cool team placed sixth in the state in the small school classification, he stated. Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported the upcoming character assembly will involve kindness and courage, and the science fair is scheduled for February 28.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported higher milk prices have affected the high school milk machine, which will be evaluated at the end of the year since it really is not a money maker and takes time to stock, order milk, and process receipts. For those reasons, along with the risk to carpeted areas, a milk machine may not be practical for the middle school. “Hopefully with a new cafeteria when the bond is passed, a la carte items can be offered to students,” she stated.

BOND: Kate Coomes, co-chair of the bond committee, reported on excellent progress of the steering committee. They have created a timeline which includes marketing concepts and strategies, voter registration, signs, door belling, and phone calls. Three focus groups are planned the end of February for Hangman, Valleyford and Mica. “Eighty percent of our voters have no contact with the schools,” she stated, “and we need to get our message to them.” Mr. Hernandez stated the goal is to bring a recommendation from the committee for a proposed scope of work at our February 13 meeting, at which time the Board will adopt a resolution establishing the May 20 election date. Mr. Goldsmith thanked Mrs. Coomes and her committee for all their hard work.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Hernandez reported that Facilities Manager Kirk Lally, Larry Freter, Everett Combs, and the custodial staff have done an excellent job of snow removal during these difficult weather conditions. There is no more room to put the snow removed from parking lots, so the district is hiring someone to remove it. The instant alert system has been working well. Mr. Goldsmith suggested a website article informing parents of the process of driving roads, talking to County road crew officials, and reviewing bus routes when school is closed.

Mr. Hernandez gave Board members copies of the schedule for senior presentations. The presentations are part of the culminating projects required for graduation in 2008, and volunteer evaluators are needed.

Mr. Hernandez reported Athletic Director Brian Parisotto continues to pursue whether the addition of soccer is feasible. The Great Northern League could add Freeman to the schedule, but “we need to find out how many students are committed to play soccer, and assess the impact on cross country and volleyball teams.” A decision would be needed in the next month or so to have a team for fall, 2008.

Mr. Hernandez reported that he and legislative representative Mr. Primmer will attend the legislative conference on February 10-11. Mrs. Woodman will attend as District 10 legislative representative.

Regarding the property transfer, Mr. Hernandez reported the Central Valley school board asked for more information, so we should hear something from them next week.

### NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING: BOARD POLICY SERIES 2000 – INSTRUCTION: Mr. Hernandez reported that he, Mrs. Sellers and Mrs. Woodman met and reviewed the complete 2000 series of Board policies regarding instruction. Mr. Goldsmith read the first and last sentences of the series for first reading. Mr. Fetsch moved to direct the superintendent to have staff distribute the series electronically to each Board member school account for their review and consideration. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Once revisions and the second reading are complete, the series will be placed on the district website.

SNOW MAKE-UP DAY: Mr. Hernandez reported originally he was going to recommend the March 14 LID day as a snow make-up day, but since we've had two additional snow days with the potential for more, we can make that decision at a later time.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Goldsmith requested the February 13 executive session be moved to after the 6:00 Board meeting due to his work travel.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Classified: Hire Long-Term Substitute – Early Learning Center: Kelsey Raines

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 at 7:09 p.m.

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Board Chair