

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
January 9, 2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chair Chad Goldsmith after completing a work study session. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Dave Teague, Lisa Phelan, Jim Straw, Ellen Hawley, Kathy Dresback, Dave Smith, John Hjaltalin, John Zingg, Gini Hinch, Leroy Allen, Gretchen Paukert, and Kate Coomes.

FLAG SALUTE: Dave Teague led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	December 12, 2007
General Fund Vouchers #4282-4385	\$108,372.96
December Payroll	\$565,256.71
ASB Vouchers #3804-3828	\$ 48,445.19
CPF Voucher #712	\$ 36,775.00
Treasurer's Statement	

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

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Kate Coomes reported that she and John Zingg have volunteered to co-chair the bond steering committee. Gretchen Paukert will serve as executive assistant to the committee. Mrs. Coomes stated she will represent parents and Mr. Zingg will represent voters without children in the district as part of a "grass roots advocacy group to represent all stakeholders in the community." Mr. Zingg stated: "I represent the group of older voters with no children. We went a tour of the complex yesterday. If the voters in my situation saw and understood what I saw, I think our job would be easier." At present, steering committee members also include: Debbie Campbell, Mark Dresback, Randy Franz, Larry Gady, Gini Hinch, Jeff Hulse, Maren Longhurst, Traci Magers, Tom Maine, and Don Peery.

Mrs. Coomes stated the steering committee will meet twice monthly through March to represent interests of peer groups and promote on-going two-way communication in outreach efforts. A number of campaign committees will be formed, and she asked for two Board members to serve on the steering committee. Brent Fetsch and Randy Primmer volunteered. Mr. Hernandez stated there will be an opportunity for everyone to

serve on committees. There was discussion of election dates, with the most likely being May 20.

## REPORTS

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION – BARB GADY: Postponed until next meeting.

BOUNDARY UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez reported that he, Mr. Fetsch, Mr. Primmer and Mrs. Davis met with representatives of Central Valley School District to discuss the petition of parents in Palomino Estates at the top of Jackson Road to be annexed into Freeman School District. Freeman currently serves those students through Choice and provides a bus into the area. The \$6.5 million dollar transfer would increase Central Valley tax on a \$200,000 home only 80 cents per year, while it would decrease the Freeman tax bill by \$9.76 on a similar valued home due to the disparity in district assessed value. The proposed change would take place in the 2009 tax year. Mrs. Woodman moved the Board authorize the group to meet again with Central Valley representatives to work out the details of the transfer. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BUILDING REPORTS: Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported on Freeman 15 donation results; the Math is Cool team is going to the masters competition; and the Future City teams will compete in Seattle. They are trying to recruit more eighth grade girls for basketball, he stated.

Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported fourth and fifth grade Math is Cool tryouts are soon. The Wheat Week presentation by Terry Rueb was a success. Para-educator training for substitutes is scheduled this week.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported he is starting a committee to evaluate, discuss and look at options for the high school schedule. One concern is the need for students to have English and math year long. A questionnaire will be placed on the website to get feedback about the current system.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Goldsmith commented how the lots are plowed and sidewalks are clear when the early morning basketball group arrives. Mrs. Sellers stated the instant alert system has worked very well.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reviewed the January enrollment report, which shows an annual average of 905.15 FTE.

FUEL TANK: Mr. Hernandez reported the clay soil and hillside drainage are causing some water issues with the in-ground pumps of the new underground storage tank. Northwest Fuel Systems has recommended placing a sleeve around the pump and the installation of a drainage ditch. The cost would be shared between the district and Northwest Fuel System.

BOND UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez reported he and the architect plan to meet with OSPI’s facilities representative to review numbers and get funding specifics. At the January 30 meeting, the Board will need to refine the scope of work and pin down details for the steering committee to proceed. Mr. Fetsch asked for additional bond finance information. Bond representative Jon Gores will be in the district January 15 to answer questions.

Mr. Primmer asked about water in wells across from the high school for hydration and fire protection. Mr. Hernandez stated the funds allocated under site improvements includes an amount for drilling new wells and water storage.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Hernandez reviewed the school closure on January 9 due to snow. Mrs. Woodman stated she appreciates putting safety first for students and staff.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Resignation: Candy Fetsch, MS Leadership Class  
MS Leadership Class (remainder of the school year) – Tiffany Riddle

Classified: The following are all for the remainder of the school year:  
Early Childhood Learning Center Educational Asst – Tina Freter  
Nutrition Services Long Term Sub – Kris Anderson  
SOARS Para Educator (30 min increase) – Alisha Miller  
Special Ed Para Educator – Cheryl Lewis

Extracurricular: MS Girls Basketball:  
8<sup>th</sup> Head Coach – Deena Jackson  
8<sup>th</sup> Head/Asst Coach – Pia Longinotti  
7<sup>th</sup> Head Coach – Brad Van Dyne  
7<sup>th</sup> Head/Asst Coach – Leslie Malloy

Mrs. Woodman moved the Board approve personnel action as presented. Mrs. Sellers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The vote passed, four yes, one abstention.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned with no further action at 7:21 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair