

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 13, 2007

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 Sue Cronk. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS: Sue Cronk, Chad Goldsmith, Kathleen Lundy, Diane Woodman, Sergio Hernandez, and Jan Davis. Excused absence: Kris Barnes.

GUESTS: Raeann Ducar, Ellen Hawley, Dave Teague, Brian Parisotto, Nate Bartlett, Carli Lewis, Dave Smith, Everett Combs, Tom Maine, Jim Phinney, Randy Primmer, LeRoy Allen, Jim Straw, Jeff Hulse, Vicki Sellers, Lisa Phelan, Shirley Carlson, Darl Vander Linden, Mark Dresback, Kathy Dresback, Greg Romey, Lisa Hjaltalin, Rex Watson, Garold Steed, Larry Freter, Dwayne Gady, Stephanie Watson, Emily Ferguson, and Lauren Nooner.

FLAG SALUTE: Stephanie Watson led the audience in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

October 30, 2007

Mr. Hernandez noted one sentence added to the minutes on page two, second paragraph: "In addition, Mrs. Lundy recommended revisiting Policy 3000 series regarding our current bullying and harassment policies to include staff-to-staff and staff-to-student bullying and harassment." Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board approve the consent agenda as presented and amended. Mrs. Lundy seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Carli Lewis stated she wanted to thank Sue Cronk for all her years of dedication to the district. "She has spent many hours as chair of the school board and in service to our community."

REPORTS

SPANISH CLASS TRIP: Spanish teacher Nate Bartlett and students Stephanie Watson, Emily Ferguson, and Lauren Nooner reported on their recent trip to Jungapeo, Mexico, where they stayed with host families and taught English in area schools. They all felt it was a wonderful experience.

BUILDING REPORTS: Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported teacher Barb Gady passed her National Board Certification. High School Principal Dave Smith reported the

K-12 Veterans Assembly went very well. The high school improvement team has met, and the grading scale committee will present their findings to the Board at the next meeting. Mrs. Woodman asked about the drug dogs at the high school. Mr. Smith reported Liberty has used them in the past, and Officer Nye arranged for the dogs to sweep lockers on Halloween. No drugs were found, he stated, “and it makes a statement that we will not tolerate drugs in school.”

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Technology Director Dave Teague reported former Freeman graduate Todd Reed has been hired in network services at ESD 101, and will provide technology assistance at Freeman two days a month.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar reported her department has been working with the safety committee to prepare a written plan to provide meals for staff and students in case of an emergency situation with no electricity. A dietician student, Ann Atkins, has been working on projects in their department. Mrs. Ducar reported the district’s dishwashers are over 35 years old, and parts are no longer available. Hopefully, that need can be addressed in the bond, she stated. She invited patrons to the district’s wellness committee meeting on Thursday.

Assistant Transportation Supervisor Everett Combs reported buses seem to be running well on the bio-diesel blend. The district received a grant from Spokane County Air Pollution Control Authority and the Dept. of Ecology to replace the aging underground diesel tank with a bio-diesel tank.

Athletic Director Brian Parisotto reported Colfax may move to “B” league, while Riverside might become part of 1A League. League changes should be known by the middle of December, he stated. Thirty-three boys have turned out for boys basketball; and 19 for wrestling. Fewer girls have turned out for girls basketball this year, they hope to have enough for three teams.

MRSA UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez gave the Board the most recent information from Nurse Dena regarding MRSA. Information has been sent home to parents and placed on the website.

BOUNDARY COMMITTEE: Mr. Hernandez reported a group of parents at the top of Jackson Road have filed a petition to be annexed into Freeman. Central Valley does not send a bus in that area, and the majority of students attend Freeman. The next step in the process is for board members from both districts to negotiate a resolution. He asked Board members to consider serving on that committee by November 28.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reviewed the November enrollment report with 919.97 FTE for an annual average of 914.48. He reported next month’s numbers will be lower as several families have moved.

NEW BUSINESS

ATTENDANCE AT WSSDA CONFERENCE: Mr. Hernandez requested approval of Resolution 1-2007/2008 to authorize elected board members not yet seated to attend the annual Washington State School Directors Association conference. Mrs. Woodman moved the Board adopt the resolution. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Substitute Teachers – Coral McCartney, Nicki Moberg

Extracurricular: HS Boys 'C' Basketball – Mike Burrato

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. with no further action and began a work study session to review information gathered at three community meetings.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair