

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 30, 2011

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 Brent Fetsch. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brent Fetsch, Chad Goldsmith, Randy Primmer, Diane Woodman, John Zingg, Sergio Hernandez, and Jan Davis.

GUESTS: Dan Gordon, Ellen Hawley, Dave Smith, Raeann Ducar, Pat Klumb, Todd Reed, Lisa Phelan, Ashlee Nimri, Alisha Sorensen, Danny Cossey, Kaela Straw, MacKenzie Taylor, Emily Paukert, Kirsten Schweiger, Lorrie Pope, and Jim Straw.

FLAG SALUTE: Danny Cossey led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Mr. Hernandez added one addition under personnel. Mr. Zingg added a discussion of meeting with state legislative representatives.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes	February 24, 2011
General Fund Vouchers #4112-4225	\$143,057.12
March Payroll	\$592,594.87
ASB Vouchers #4538-4559	\$ 14,287.28
CPF Vouchers #1063-1071	\$716,411.10
Treasurer's Statement	

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

GUESTS: The Board honored the Freeman High School Scotties girls basketball team and Coach Ashlee Nimri who just won their second state championship.

REPORTS

BUILDING AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS: High School Principal Dave Smith reported on conferences, school improvement team activities and testing. Spring sports activities are affected by the mud and weather.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported 230 student led conferences were held over three days. The career fair featured 15 presenters, and "it was great having community members in our building talking about what they do for a living," he stated.

Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan reported on conferences, fall and spring profile meetings, and Math is Cool competitions. The elementary staff toured the building and are excited, she reported. Mr. Primmer stated as a parent, he appreciates the Skyward grading system.

Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar shared posters prepared by students for the Eat Wise, Exercise promotion. She introduced Nutrition Services I employee Pat Klumb who is serving as president of the Washington Nutrition Association. Mrs. Klumb has 20 years experience in child nutrition and is responsible for lunches at the middle and elementary schools, Raeann stated. Mrs. Klumb shared information regarding her recent trip to Washington, DC where she represented Washington state. Costs for the trip were paid by the Washington Nutrition Association.

Technology Director Todd Reed reported he is working on the required annual technology survey. Students will be allowed to bring laptops and access the District's wireless system for filtered web access after spring break.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG Representative Dan Gordon reported they are still working to close out the high school project. Mr. Fetsch inquired about the one year warranty. Mr. Gordon stated CSG will do a complete walkthrough one month prior to the expiration of the warranty. He reported he is negotiating with the contractor on an agreement to replace leaking sewer lines at the elementary. Mr. Hernandez stated he and Mrs. Phelan are finishing furniture, fixtures and equipment for the elementary building and are under budget.

Mr. Hernandez reported the middle school projects were prioritized as (1) converting the current district office to classroom space, (2) solving parking issues to the south, and (3) reconfigure the middle school office. The middle school budget was \$150,000, with \$63,000 remaining after phones, clocks, and bells were installed. The Board agreed to continue to get design ready for item one from remaining middle school allocated funds.

PORTABLES: Mr. Hernandez reported several districts and organizations have inquired about the portable classrooms declared as surplus. The City of Rockford would like one to use as a community center. Mr. Primmer asked for Item E – Rockford Lot Update prior to making a decision.

ROCKFORD LOT UPDATE: Mr. Hernandez reported the District sold a small lot in Rockford where the old bus barn was located in 1989 to the Moyer family. In 2005 it came to the District's attention that the sale was never properly filed at the courthouse. New paperwork was completed at that time and given to the purchasers, but was never filed. Mr. Hernandez just mailed copies of all the paperwork to the purchasers.

After discussion, Mr. Zingg moved the Board approve the sale of the preschool portable to Rockford for \$1.00 subject to legal review of procedural requirements. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW INTERVIEW SCHEDULE: Mr. Fetsch stated a similar format to last time will be followed, using the middle school gym for community input on April 18 at 6:00 p.m. A schedule will be sent to Board members.

ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reviewed March enrollment at 895.22 with an annual average FTE of 885.01.

BUDGET UPDATE: Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services reported the Legislature has still not finalized a budget. The audit of the 2009-2010 year will begin the week of April 11. The conversion of the district's fiscal system to Skyward has been rescheduled for July. Mrs. Davis is monitoring the need for a budget extension.

VISITORS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

DECLARE MAY 27, 2011 AS SNOW MAKE-UP DAY: Mr. Zingg moved the Board approve May 27, 2011 as a snow make-up day. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE 2011-12 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board adopt the 2011-2012 school calendar. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 3-2010/2011: AUTHORITY TO SET BUDGET PRIORITIES – INTENT TO ADOPT A MODIFIED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: Mr. Hernandez stated “this resolution allows the District to issue reduction-in-force notices to staff members as we continue to work through the budget. We know next year will be extremely painful to all districts.” Mr. Hernandez has notified the PSE and FEA of the process. If enrollment and/or the financial situation substantially improves, he has the authority to reinstate positions. Mr. Primmer moved the Board adopt Resolution 3-2010/2011 as presented. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES: Mr. Zingg suggested Board members meet with state senators and representatives over the summer to “talk with them as a group about our concerns.” The Board concurred, and Mr. Fetsch suggested inviting members of the Transportation Cooperative to attend. The Board discussed the Kelso resolution regarding suspension of WSSDA and its required dues. Mr. Hernandez said he thought that bill died in committee but will update the Board on its status.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Fetsch announced he does not intend to seek re-election. “Fresh ideas should roll through the Board, and both of my kids have finished their careers at Freeman. It is important to actively seek candidates out and encourage them to run.”

Mr. Fetsch reminded Board members of screening of superintendent candidates on April 12. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board meeting on April 14 be cancelled given the superintendent search activities. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Substitute Teacher – McCall Fadeley

Classified: HS Lead Cook – Sheila Mato (one year only)
 Substitute Bus Driver – Robert Leach
 LOA – Wendy O'Connor – Nutrition Services (4/4/11 – 4/9/12)

Extracurricular: Hire - HS JV Baseball Coach – Steven Hertz
 HS Overflow Baseball Coach - Brandon Williams
 HS Asst Tennis – Amy DeAndre
 HS Overflow Softball Coach - Guy Coumont

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair