

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 10, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:03 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 Ellen Hawley.

GUESTS: Dan Gordon, Jim Straw, Dave Smith, Lisa Phelan, Desi Thosath, Caleb Hindman, Brenda Thosath, John Hindman and Nikki Hindman.

FLAG SALUTE: Dan Gordon led the audience in the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Mr. Hernandez added two names under Personnel: Penny Peterson and Chad Goldsmith.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

January 27, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting
February 3, 2011 – Special Session

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

GUESTS: Casey McNett introduced Desi Thosath, a 6th grade student, who was awarded a superior rating on her flute solo at the Northeastern division solo and ensemble competition. She performed “Serenade” to the Board and was accompanied on the piano by Caleb Hindman.

Mr. Fetsch thanked Casey for all his energy in the music program and the success his students have achieved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Middle School Principal Jim Straw explained the use of new software using PowerPoint presentations to test students. They answer the questions on the screen by using clickers and the software grades the tests immediately. Second semester has started and they are revisiting issues of bullying with the students. The 7th and 8th grade girl’s basketball teams play for the championship next Tuesday the 15th and boys basketball starts Thursday the 17th.

HIGH SCHOOL- Principal Dave Smith reported that FBLA sent 61 members to the 2011 Northeast Region Conference and 29 of them finished in the top five and qualified for

state conference. FHS FBLA also received Service Club of the Year for Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery. CTE teachers spent a day with local business leaders and will be inviting some of them to make presentations to the high school students. The girl's basketball team plays Lakeside at Mead February 11th. Girls Coach Ashlee Nimri was named Coach of the Year and Boys Coach John Graham was named Co-Coach of the Year. Spring sports begins February 28th. He also informed the board about an incident at the high school involving a gun case and what we learned about our response so it can be handled differently if it should happen again.

ELEMENTARY – Principal Lisa Phelan reported that they are also revisiting the bullying issues with the students. Math was the focus of staff development this week. Class Valentine parties are Friday the 11th and the sale of Valentine Hearts benefit the Vanessa Behan Nursery. Monday, February 14th, is the Wax Museum presentation by the second graders from 1:00 – 2:30 pm in the elementary gym.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE –CSG: CSG Representative Dan Gordon reported that construction is progressing nicely. The high school is in the warranty phase. Monday they will proceed with the roof of the Vo-Ag building with gutters and frame soffits. They will meet Monday to discuss the floor and come to an agreement so we can move forward.

The Transportation Cooperative is still on hold. Supplies are being delivered and stored on site so when construction begins, they have what they need.

The elementary classroom wings of Phase 1 and 2 are complete. Masonry around the District Office, mechanical, electrical and plumbing is all in progress. Drywall will start Monday in the classrooms. Fire sprinklers have been installed in the new multipurpose room.

DECLARE PORTABLES & ELEMENTARY FURNITURE AS SURPLUS: Mr. Hernandez reported that the elementary surplus list is approximate numbers because the middle school might claim some items. A price needs to be established for the remaining items and then offered to Washington schools first.

Mr. Hernandez reported that the SOARS modular needs to go offsite. The Early Learning Center and the middle school portables are to go offsite after the remodel of the current District Office. He said we may not want to surplus the Y portable because it is the most difficult to move and could be used for storage. The six portables on the hill are leased and will be removed by Pacific Modular.

The cost per portable to move is between \$8000-\$12,000. It also would cost to destroy the portables. Mr. Hernandez suggested declaring all except the YMCA portable as surplus and selling them for \$1 or highest bidder. He will contact other school districts to see if they have a need for portables.

Mr. Primmer moved to declare portables and elementary furniture, excluding the YMCA portable, as surplus. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Hernandez reported that the District will be changing over to Skyward Financial Management software in March. Some reports the Board receives will have a new style but still have the information they need.

Fifteen members of the Valley Chamber Education Committee met Thursday morning at the high school. The FBLA made a presentation and then the committee reviewed the state budget and toured the building.

Enrollment: Report will be given next month.

Budget Update: None

VISITORS' COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCEPT DONATION OF CLAVINOVA DIGITAL PIANO: Mr. Hernandez requested approval to accept the donation of a Clavinova digital piano from Gary and Cathy Lee. Mr. Primmer moved the Board accept the motion as presented. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously

ACCEPTANCE OF AHERA REPORT: Mr. Hernandez requested the Board to accept the AHERA report. Mr. Goldsmith moved to accept the AHERA report as presented. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously

APPROVE EDUCATION CONSULTANTS: Mr. Zingg moved the Board approve Education Consultants bid of \$4300 to conduct the superintendent search. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: None.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Hernandez recommended the following personnel action:

Certified: Resignation: Lindy Moyer, HS Math
Classified: Retirement: Penny Peterson, Para educator

Extracurricular: Resignation: Chad Goldsmith, MS Head Boys Basketball Coach

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

FUTURE MEETINGS: There will be a work study meeting regarding the superintendent search on Wednesday, February 16th, in the Middle School Library at 6:00 pm. The March 10th Board meeting has been cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair