

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 9, 2010

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 Diane Woodman. There was a quorum present.

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

GUESTS: Ellen Hawley, Jim Straw, Lisa Phelan, Dan Gordon, and Dave Smith.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

August 26, 2010

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Hernandez read from a Washington Association of Secondary School Principals letter honoring Dave Smith as 2009-2010 distinguished principal of the year. Mrs. Woodman read from a letter from State Representative Susan Fagan and one from the State Board of Education thanking Mr. Hernandez for serving on the Core 24 Task Force.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

BUILDING REPORTS: Elementary Principal Lisa Phelan said it was an excellent start to the year, even with all the changes: portable classrooms, different parent traffic patterns and changed bus drop-offs. "Teachers are being flexible and are monitoring students in all areas," she stated. The open house went well, and currently staff is conducting K-8 Aimsweb screening. She said students and staff will be given pedometers to track how much walking is done.

Middle School Principal Jim Straw said the open house went well, even with the parking challenges. Middle School students take leadership, choir, band and geometry at the high school, and found it is taking longer to get there and to the lunchroom at the elementary. "We are trying to keep kids on the back side of the buildings rather than walking on Jackson Road." Turnout is strong for middle school athletics, he reported.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported the open house was a successful event where leadership students gave tours to the public. “I heard many great comments about our new building,” he stated. A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 24.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG Representative Dan Gordon reported everyone made a team effort to get the temporary certificate of occupancy so the high school could open on September 7. There are still some issues and detail work to be completed which is being done after school hours. The elementary building has been gutted out and site work is underway.

“The contractor is still pushing dirt where the transportation cooperative will be located,” he stated. He reported a test pit showed brick and metal, but nothing potentially serious in the soils. Mr. Hernandez stated the new parking lot should be ready the middle of October, weather permitting.

Mr. Primmer asked if Mr. Gordon was satisfied with the surface of the floor in the high school lobby. Mr. Gordon stated the contractor is still working on the floor issue as well as many other finishing items.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - ENROLLMENT: Mr. Hernandez reported preliminary enrollment numbers appear to be at 850, above budget. The official count date is Friday.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Mr. Hernandez stated there are groups working on communication and planning for the ribbon cutting ceremony on September 24.

VISITORS’ COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: High School Principal Dave Smith said he wanted to thank the custodial staff for their incredible work during the summer. “The move could never have been done without them,” he stated. High school teacher Jim Wood also put in extra time putting the shop together.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY #2409 – CREDIT FOR COMPETENCY/PROFICIENCY: Mrs. Woodman read the first and last sentences of Policy 2409 for final reading. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board adopt Policy 2409 – Credit for Competency/Proficiency as read. Mr. Primmer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY #2024 – ONLINE LEARNING: Mrs. Woodman read the first and last sentences of Policy 2024. Mr. Zingg moved the Board approve Policy 2024 – Online Learning for first reading. Mr. Goldsmith seconded the motion,

