

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING/BOARD RETREAT**

January 8, 2018

7:00 p.m.

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President Ed Wosinski at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Ed Wosinski, Terri Blake, Matt Hendrie, Kevin Kaastra, Jen Scott, Rick St. Peter and Crystal Calkins.

Absent: None

President Ed Wosinski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

6365 – Motion by Terry and seconded by Rick to approve the agenda with the one change of removing the Superintendent Review to be postponed until the January 22 meeting.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Election of Officers

6366 – Motion by Kevin to nominate Ed Wosinski as President.

Voting presided by Terri Blake.

Vote for President: Roll Call Vote – Ayes - 7; Nays – 0

Ed Wosinski elected President by majority vote.

6367 – Motion by Rick to nominate Terri Blake as Vice-President.

Voting presided by Ed Wosinski.

Vote for Vice-President: Roll Call Vote – Ayes - 7; Nays – 0

Terri Blake elected Vice-President by majority vote.

6368 – Motion by Terri to nominate Rick St. Peter as Secretary.

Voting presided by Ed Wosinski.

Vote for Secretary: Roll Call Vote – Ayes - 7; Nays – 0

Rick St. Peter elected Secretary by majority vote.

6369 – Motion by Kevin to nominate Matt Hendrie as Treasurer.

Voting presided by Ed Wosinski.

Vote for Treasurer: Roll Call Vote – Ayes -7; Nays – 0

Matt Hendrie elected Treasurer by majority vote.

Public Participation

- None

Recognitions/Presentations

- None

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

#6370 – Motion by Crystal and seconded by Matt to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

- Approve minutes of December 11, 2017 Board of Education Meeting.
- Approve disbursements for the month of December in the amount of \$1,634,123.99.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Superintendent Haggart stated Friday signifies the end of the first semester with a big exam schedule this week in the high school.
- Discussion to be held regarding operational millage and when the election will take place.
- School Matters – new and old – both companies would like to have our business. We have a quote from the Hi-Lites and will go through Finance next month to seek a recommendation for next year.
- January is Board Appreciation month. Each Board member received a key chain. Books will be provided at the next Board meeting for members' review. Another small gift will be provided next meeting.
- Thank you card and doughnuts for the bus drivers tomorrow.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Finance Committee met last Friday.
- Will bring amended budget to the next meeting.
- Section 25E does not bring a lot of money in to the district compared to the time and effort involved with paperwork.

Board Committee Reports

- Finance Committee – Matt Hendrie, Chair – Met 1/5/18 – there is a possible bus purchase in the future. Talked about tuition repayment with administrators' new contracts. Daisy Brook principal position to be posted statewide February 1 for three weeks. Teacher hires for 2018-2019 – science teacher in the high school with new science curriculum; art teacher for elementary buildings; possibly bringing back some choir with STEAM teacher who has a music background. Talked about teacher discipline. Community Recreation – complaints to athletic department about taking it back. The Rec Authority did not pay us for its August payment. Another letter has been sent out requesting payment. Technology Dept. is way behind – requested a full time person. 12 hour a week person was offered to catch them up. Childrens' Savings Accounts through the Foundation were discussed and will present to the Board in February. Also discussed the School Matters and possible savings there. Food Service is doing well with their budget.
- Policy Committee – Rick St. Peter, Chair – Met 12/20/17 – continuing to plow through the policy manual. Next meeting will be 1/29/18.
- Personnel Committee – Terri Blake, Chair – Met 12/7/17 – Terri will offer some dates to the committee.
- Facilities Committee – Jen Scott, Chair – Met 1/8/18 – Quest roof bids have been released. There is a pre-bid meeting this week per Ryan. Presented the estimates from Owen Ames Kimball – Daisy Brook came in over budget; Pathfinder came in under budget. The bids will be released by the end of January and must be out for a minimum of two weeks. Discussion regarding plowing and the company that plows needs to start by 1:00 a.m. Discussed traffic control with Daisy Brook now that Bob is gone. Ken was contacted by a resident regarding putting in a school zone speed limit at the high school entrance on Warner/M82. He is looking into it through MDOT. Next meeting will be 2/12/18.

Action Agenda

6371– Motion by Crystal and seconded by Rick to approve the request to relinquish Federal Funds in the amount of \$104.00 for Title III Immigrant Students.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

- Strategic Plan was discussed. Ken went through each point in the plan one by one. Next Strategic Plan may not need to be so large with so many items.
- Ed discussed the committees staying the same for 2018 and Board meetings being held twice a month as in the past.
- Ken discussed the Operating millage that expires with the 2018 levy. The State takes the money we receive from the operating millage....if we do not have an operating millage, the State will take it out of our general fund. Ken turned it over to Bing to discuss the best time for an election. We need to have the election in May or August to allow time for any problems. The operating millage brings in 2.5 million dollars. Education of the public is key. There was discussion regarding an election in August and having the time to educate the public on what it is – non-homestead properties – as opposed to May and having the school interest available. Resolution must be registered with the county 90 days prior to the election.

Adjournment

6372 - Motion by Terri and seconded by Matt to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.
Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Richard L. St. Peter II, Secretary