

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 14, 2022  
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President, Matt Hendrie, at 6:57 p.m.

Present: Matt Hendrie, Kim Rasch Jennifer Scott, Carrie Crosley, Rick St. Peter, Michael Campeau and Pete Slovinski.

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, Matt Hendrie.

**Approval of Agenda**

# 6834 – Motion by Kim and seconded Rick to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

**Public Participation**

- A parent spoke regarding an assault against her son and was hoping to hear about the outcome of any disciplinary actions against the alleged perpetrator.
- Grandmother of the same student was concerned about bullying and attacks on students. President Hendrie relayed to the family that, as a board, we are also concerned about safety. He explained that due to privacy issues, the Board is unable to discuss specific students and disciplinary actions taken against them.

**Recognitions/Presentations**

- Addie Shields and Josh Patterson spoke as the latest interns in the Packer Land Lab program. Both students spoke highly of their experience working with Star of the West Milling in growing black beans this past growing season. Addie and Josh discussed many of the opportunities the internship gave them including job shadowing; visiting the Star of the West Mill in Reese, MI; visiting the MSU Saginaw Valley extension office; participation in the Gerber pea harvest; visiting American apple and Asparagus. They reported harvesting over 106K pounds of beans.

- Mr. Wes Zerlaut, Middle School Principal, spoke about happenings at FMS. He reported great success with the recent FMS Family Night. Approximately 33% of all students were represented by a parent/guardian. Multiple community partners also participated. Both staff and parents were pleased with the event. Mr. Zerlaut reported the fall athletics season was very successful and made special note of the undefeated football team. FMS Cares has chosen the Newaygo County Compassion Home as this year's beneficiary. Finally, Mr. Zerlaut mentioned the work of Mr. Scott Breuker, FMS Technology Teacher. He reported that Mr. Breuker has been a great addition and is moving the department forward.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

**# 6835** – Motion by Pete and seconded by Kim to approve the consent agenda items:

- A. Approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022 Regular Board of Education meeting.
- B. Approve the disbursements for the month of October in the amount of \$4,940,521.58.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion Passed.

### Leadership Reports

#### **Brad Jacobs, Superintendent**

- Brad advised the Board that the financial audit by H&S Companies was completed without any findings. Pete requested that the audit team present the findings in person after the new board members are seated in January 2023.
- Mr. Jacobs reported on the progress of earlier agreed upon district goals.
- Parental involvement at both the Pathfinder and Middle School family nights exceeded expectations.
- Safety plans continue to be refined and collaboration with the FPD is occurring. Matt Hendrie has accepted the position of School Resource Officer.
- Brandon Miller is taking charge of the Academic competition in the West Michigan Conference. FPS hosted the first writing competition in the new conference.
- Mr. Jacobs will give the board his self-evaluation in the next week in hopes that the Board will discuss it at its meeting on December 12.

#### **Bing Hanson, Director of Finance**

- Bing was not present, so Superintendent Jacobs reported on her behalf.

## **Board Committee Reports**

Finance/Personnel – Next meeting is scheduled for December 12 at 6:15 p.m.

Facilities/Policy – Next meeting is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. on November 28.

## **Action Agenda**

- None

## **Board Communications/Discussion**

- President Hendrie gave a heartfelt goodbye as he resigned his position effective November 21 to become the Fremont Public Schools Resource officer.
- Jenn Scott will resign her seat at the December 12 meeting and subsequently accept an appointment to fill Mr. Hendrie's seat for the remainder of his term.
- MASB will be coming in February to explain board roles and responsibilities as we on-board our new members.

## **Adjournment**

# 6836 - Motion by Jenn and seconded by Kim to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

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Michael Campeau, Secretary