

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
September 28, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President, Matt Hendrie, at 7:07 p.m.

Present: Matt Hendrie, Jen Scott, Michael Campeau, Crystal Calkins, Rick St. Peter, Kim Rasch and Pete Slovinski.

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda

6627 – Motion by Crystal and seconded by Pete to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation

- Cody Routley spoke to appeal returning to in-person schooling.
- Kristin Duy spoke regarding virtual learning. Feels that Brandon Miller was not given the support he needed for all the students. Concerns regarding issues with the virtual school.
- Brandee Whitney spoke to appeal returning to in-person schooling for her daughter.

Recognitions/Presentations

- Mr. Zerlaut introduced Jamie Kuiper, the new middle school art teacher, who is a recent graduate from Calvin College. Mr. Sherman introduced Sara VanDagen who is a graduate from Kendal College and Western Michigan University as the new high school art teacher.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- None

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Ken advised the Board that in the past few days, sporting events have been cancelled and rescheduled.
- Shelly Klochack advised Ken that we are currently watching 5 students at this time.
- In person learning continues to go extremely well. Teachers are continuing to deal with things they have not dealt with before, and adjusting their days. They are doing a fabulous job with flexibility.
- Virtual learning continues to roll along.
- MAP testing has been going on both virtually and in person.
- Middle School has been replenished with devices within the past two weeks.
- Michael questioned how prepared we are to transition to remote learning if we need to do so. Wes is very pleased with the middle school and feels they are ready to go if needed. Jodi says elementary is not ready....need to train parents rather than students with K-2. Scott says the high school is ready to go.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Finance will report on this.

Board Committee Reports

- Finance/Facilities – Met on September 28 – Pete advised that we are trying to budget and be ready to meet all the needs of our district. Looking at personnel needs and make sure we have the financing. Covered all types of grants we received and how those were paid out. We must spend \$350 per student by December 31 on differing things, i.e. technology, personnel needs, etc. A revised, working budget was looked to. We do not have the impact to our first student revenue that was expected. We are not going down \$1,000 per student. Our budget is looking better than the adopted budget. We may only have to go into the fund balance for approximately \$20,000 rather than the 1.2 million. Athletics revenue will obviously be down. No revenue from concessions, etc. To help bolster different groups. Our student count is down approximately 50 right now. Count will be based on blended count from last year and blended count from this year – 50/50. Jen discussed Facilities. Track is 95% complete. Asphalt is down – 6 layer process. 3 layers are down and 3 layers to go waiting for warmer weather. Focusing on how to preserve the track during football games. Right on budget for the track.
- Policy/Personnel – Met on September 24. Ty Miller and Cali Flock were filling in with Tech and Art. Filling TA positions. Looking at different leaves for personnel. Discussed

ECOL – Extended Continuity of Learning – plan. Another part-time truancy officer, Bunnita Ouwinga, has been added.

Action Agenda

6628 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Crystal to approve the minutes from the Board of Education meeting of September 14, 2020.

Ayes – 7; Nays - 0 Motion passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

- How many students will we lose at K-5 because they do not want to come to school and wear masks all day? What is the impact on the in-person learning? One of the things about an executive order, whether you believe it is legal or not legal, it gives us liability from a legal standpoint. Cheryl Hanna discussed her routine and feels that the students are in a routine and will be okay. Brenda Morse is concerned about her students who may be struggling more with anxiety. What does enforcement look like? Ken does have contact on Wednesday with the school attorney. There was a lengthy discussion on the governor's new order of K-5 needing to wear masks at all times.
- The Board will send Ken their individual opinions on the appeals by 2:00 p.m. tomorrow.

Adjournment

6629 - Motion by Jen and seconded by Pete to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Richard L. St. Peter II, Secretary