

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
April 25, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President, Matt Hendrie, at 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda

6788 – Motion by Jen and seconded by Kim to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

6789 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Michael to switch the recognitions/presentations to before public participation.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed

Public Participation

- Tom Threatt spoke on the frustration of the football community with poor coaches and his lack of trust in the hiring process. He spoke regarding the athletes we have.
- Jen Flynn spoke as a parent and how these students deserve better and how she is sad that her son isn't going to play this year.
- Matt explained to the audience that the Board does not hire coaches. The Board's only jobs are to hire the superintendent, do the budget and create policy for the district. He explained that there is so much misinformation and asked that the parents move on and support the football program and all athletics and allow the Athletic Department to do their job.

Recognitions/Presentations

- Bev Blamer presented on the spring break trip to Europe – Paris, Normandy and London. Some of the students who participated were here to talk about their experiences. Bev will not be able to coordinate these trips again through EF Tours, and is looking for someone to take over in the future.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

6790 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Kim to approve the consent agenda items:

- A. Approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022 Board of Education meeting
- B. Approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 Special Board of Education meeting
- C. Approve the disbursements for the month of March in the amount of \$3, 951,462.28

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Leadership Reports

Jim Hieftje, Interim Superintendent

- Jim commended the interview committee and Athletic Director on their interview process and reiterated that it is all about kids.
- Vacancies at the teaching levels and a special education director – what is most concerning at this point is that we have a special education teaching position available. We are sending some administrators to Lansing to a job fair.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Bing advised that Pete will give the report. The money we are getting from the logging will be put into the capital fund.

Board Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel – Met tonight, April 25. Pete advised that we will be almost breaking even with our budget right now. We are doing pretty well financially. There are major budget influences – the Senate passed their budget idea which is approximately a \$700,000 swing the wrong direction from where we wanted it to be, ie. Special ed, title, etc. Ken had applied for a 310 grant which was about \$187,000 the first year, graduating downward for 3 years which is helping pay for two Social Workers (M.S. and Quest) at this time. We do not often times give our administration staff enough credit for what they do. Congratulated Dave on his award. Michael asked about kindergarten numbers – we have possibly 171 on the radar including SOC kiddos, but we must keep it at 160 for class size. Jen asked about pre-K/Young 5's and the potential for that program.

Kim said that Jim pretty much gave her report.

Next meeting will be May 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Facilities/Policy – Met tonight, April 25. Michael gave the Policy report. John Rosenberg is doing a lot of the Nutrition information/Wellness, but we need to have a Board policy. The first reading should be at the next meeting. We also need a Narcan policy – Shelly Klochack, school nurse, was working with Ken regarding putting this policy in place. She will be able to provide the Narcan for the school, but we need to have a Board policy in place. This should fall under the MERT team. Pete asked how it is determined how the policies are reviewed and wondered if we could get on a schedule of reviewal.

Jen discussed the Fairground Water Agreement. There was a revised agreement that indicates if anything is dug up, it would be put back to previous state, and that was added to the agreement. The Agreement is in each Board members' packet. The second item is the land swap letter of intent – specs are in the Board members' packet. The outdoor athletic facilities assessment was completed – Jen typed up a list that we can start looking through and getting accomplished what we can. Ryan is available for questions if needed. Pete asked regarding the actual parcel to be obtained from the City. There was discussion on the parcel number, etc.

Next meeting – May 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Action Agenda

6791 – Motion by Rick and seconded by Kim to approve the hiring of Brad Jacobs as superintendent effective July 1, 2022.

Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Motion passed.

6792 – Motion by Carrie and seconded by Pete to approve the Intent for Land Swap between the City of Fremont and Fremont Public Schools.

Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Motion passed.

Kim asked how quickly we could pave that land and make it a parking lot for the football field.

6793 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Kim to approve the Agreement for Water Services between the City of Fremont, Fremont Public Schools and the Newaygo county Agricultural Fair Association.

Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Motion passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

- Rick stated the new dugouts look awesome.
- Staff appreciation would be October 14, 2022.

- Jen would like to get Lunch Pail boxed lunches for Teacher Appreciation next week. Barb to check with administrators and see how many we need and Barb will order.
- May 9 meeting will be at the high school at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

6794 - Motion by Pete and seconded by Kim to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Michael Campeau, Secretary