

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting In Person/Via Zoom
January 24, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President, Matt Hendrie, at 7:02 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

6755 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Kim to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation

- A parent spoke regarding concerns for girls' softball and no coach. She feels like it seems the boys get priority and had many questions. Ryan Ergang addressed her questions regarding the softball dugouts and the insurance claim taking so long. Ken will call the parent before Wednesday to address her concerns.

Recognitions/Presentations

- Blake Prewitt, NCRESA Superintendent, addressed the Board and offered RESA's support in the search for a new superintendent for Fremont Public Schools and support in general.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

6756 – Motion by Carrie and seconded by Pete to approve the consent agenda items:

- A. Approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 Board of Education meeting
- B. Approve the Amended Budget for 2021-2022

There was discussion on the amended budget. Bing explained to the Board that things are still fluctuating. We can always amend later if needed.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Ken advised the Board regarding the Blue Envelope training that occurred earlier this month. It trains teachers to be aware of the signals that kids send regarding their mental well being.
- We are smack dab in the middle of winter sports. It is a nightly routine. Congratulations to Dave Walls who was chosen as the Regional Athletic Director of the Year.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Bing told the Board that Terry Hutchins advised her that the Consolidated App was approved.

Board Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel – Next meeting will be February 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Facilities/Policy – Met tonight. Michael advised regarding the Vaccination/Test policy which was struck down by the Supreme Court. We have an issue with a staff member and the sick bank which will be dealt with by Ken and the FEA president. There is a question regarding academic garb, and it is felt that is not a Board decision. Scott, as high school principal, will make the decision. Jen discussed the forestry issue. There have been four different people looking at the different properties. We are hoping to have more information soon. Ryan introduced Rob Golliver from OAK who will be the project manager. We had several bidders submit bids for the three different categories. The winning bids were submitted by: Andy Egan Company – Mechanical category; Shoreline Power Services – Electrical category; Nugent Construction – General Trades category. We can use Esser III and sinking fund monies for the project. Facilities is recommending the base bid plus the two alternate additions which includes a Pathfinder chiller unit.

Action Agenda

6757 – Motion by Michael and seconded by Jen to approve the bid for the Middle School Mechanical Upgrades in the amount of 2.9 million dollars.

Ayes – 7; Nays - 0

Board Communications/Discussion

- Ken advised the Board that the posting for Superintendent went up last Tuesday internally first and went externally later that day. He got the first call today from a sitting superintendent asking questions. He plans to come take a tour of the district. The process will be done side by side – outside/inside – and the plan would be to have the new superintendent chosen by April 1 to start July 1. There was a discussion regarding who would do the interview process – 99.999% of the time, the school board does the interviewing.

Adjournment

6758 - Motion by Jen and seconded by Pete to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Michael Campeau, Secretary