

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting In Person/Via Zoom
May 10, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President, Matt Hendrie, at 7:17 p.m.

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

Absent: Jen Scott

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

Approval of Agenda

6689 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Kim to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation

- None

Recognitions/Presentations

- None

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

6690 – Motion by Carrie and seconded by Rick to approve the consent agenda items:

- a. Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held April 26, 2021.
- b. Disbursements for the month of April in the amount of \$5,508,576.49.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Ken sent an e-mail earlier today from Senator Bumstead asking the Board to look over the proposal to require masks from MIOSHA.

- This weekend with the quarantine rules being re-established in different counties, and the fact that the Health Department has declared that the schools have always had the right to make their own decisions, Ken discussed with Spectrum Health who would like to see us stay the course for the last 18 days of school. The rates are continuing to be reduced. We are not changing our course from the Continuity of Learning Plan which indicates looking to the Health Department for guidance, but that we can make our own choice.
- Our athletes are antigen testing every Sunday night and early Monday at the high school and middle school. This is a MHSAA rule, and in order to participate, we must follow their regulations.
- Today was a good day with the MDE. We have four teachers seeking permits for a variety of reasons.
- The Assistant Principal position at the high school has been filled by Zach Lienau.
- Graduation is coming up. Many schools are doing many different things with graduation. If there are less than 100 graduates, they can be on the football field without masks. Fremont High School has much more than 100 students, so the graduates will be masked at this point in time. We want to keep the focus on our students no matter what we do. If the graduation ceremony is forced inside due to weather, we will be forced to have two ceremonies in the gym.

Matt asked about if a student has had the vaccination, do they have to do the antigen testing.....the answer is no, they do not.

Carrie asked if parents of students will still be advised if there was a positive case in the class.....the answer is yes, they will.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Bing advised that ESSER2 is still at a standstill. We hope to know before we adopt our final budget.
- Finance met tonight, and Pete will share those details.

Board Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel – Met tonight. Pete advised on Finance. We are still waiting on the ESSER2 funds. We are continuing to be fiscally conservative which is necessary. The Covid funds we received have helped us tremendously this year. The school has looked at purchasing two new busses and has purchased a new van. Covid funds can be used towards these purchases. Kim advised on Personnel and how to improve the process of interviews. At the first interview for the AP position there were 28 questions related to knowledge of education; the second interview consisted of 12 questions which related to integrity/character with a 12-member committee. We do have teacher openings in the high school, Daisy Brook and the

middle school. 54% of college graduates fail the MTTC test. We have a teacher currently who is unable to pass this as a K-2 teacher since this test includes K-8 curriculum. Michael asked if the colleges/universities are trying to work with the MDE regarding this high percentage of failures and to try to change the process. Michael asked if other states have the same requirements. There was a lot of discussion on this and the teacher shortage.

Facilities/Policy – Met on April 26. Michael advised that Ryan came in and went over the entrance to the high school and the asphalt breakdown. Core sampling has been done for that area. The H-VAC in the middle school was discussed. The track is on hold until May 24. The Board will go through all the buildings to see what future needs are seen. Policy meeting was just a matter of going through the monthly Thrun Notes. The elementary music curriculum was discussed. The Board would like to go back to a more traditional curriculum and has decided not to renew that for next year.

Action Agenda

6691 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Kim to approve the purchase of the new 10-passenger school van in the amount of \$37,001.90.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

The Board considered the resolution authorizing a representative of the Board to vote for an NCRESA candidate for a six-year term on the NCRESA Board.

6692 – Motion by Kim and seconded by Carrie to approve Michael as the authorized representative to place Fremont's vote on June 7 at 5:00 p.m. for Dale Twing as the Fremont/White Cloud representative to the NCRESA Board.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

6693 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Kim to approve Carrie as the alternative should Michael be unable to carry out his representative voting role.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

6694 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Kim to approve the first reading of the Resolution.

Ayes -6; Nays – 0 Motion passed

Carrie asked if there would be one or two June meetings. There was discussion regarding this, and it was decided it was necessary to hold two meetings due to the adoption of the budget.

Adjournment

6695 - Motion by Carrie and seconded by Rick to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Michael Campeau, Secretary