

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
March 11, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President Ed Wosinski at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Ed Wosinski, Matt Hendrie, Jen Scott, Rick St. Peter, Kim Rasch, Kevin Kaastra and Crystal Calkins.

Absent: None

President Ed Wosinski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

6483 – Motion by Crystal and seconded by Rick to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation

- Penny Muma expressed thanks for the Board's diligence in helping Pathfinder staff in the past two months.

Recognitions/Presentations

- None

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

6484 – Motion by Crystal and seconded by Jen to approve the consent agenda items.

- Approve the minutes from the February 25, 2019 Board of Education meeting.
- Approve the disbursements for the month of February in the amount of \$1,681,221.43.

Ayes – 7; Nays - 0 Motion passed

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- There is a teacher at Pathfinder whose husband has been sick. A plea went out for sick bank donations. As always the staff of Fremont Public Schools is supportive.
- Ken attended a Superintendents' Circle last week at Lansing. There were different speakers on a variety of topics including funding schools equitably, dealing with a democratic governor and republican legislature, etc.
- Fran Clemence, Jodi Ferris and Ken attended the Literacy Conference in Kalamazoo last week. We have teachers who have been here for quite a long time and have books galore. New teachers have a small selection of books to use for their students. We have some options coming up to help outfit our teachers.
- Foundation mini-grants are going to end. The Foundation will come up with a new idea regarding how that money will be distributed.
- There are concerns about the Rec Center pool scheduled for closing May through August. Swimming starts the beginning of August which could be detrimental to our swim program. The pool is not in good shape.
- Joe Vanhoven, new Meijer store manager, met with Ken today. He would like to donate funds to Fremont Public Schools on behalf of Meijer. Ken suggested giving the elementary teachers books for their classrooms. He is going to meet with Fran and obtain input from elementary teachers to determine the best way to handle that.
- March 27 NCASB dinner will be at Newaygo. They are inviting speakers who will talk about the funding equity study that was done that shows how far Michigan is behind other states in this area.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Bing is going to start spending more time dealing with the budget. We are getting a refund from the IRS.
- The Rec Authority owes us \$13,500 in addition to some smaller bills.

Board Committee Reports

- Finance/Facilities - Finance met tonight and will speak more under action item #9
- Policy/Personnel - met 2/28/19. Discussed a rental facility policy that has been neglected. Discussed relationship policy, vaping and e-devices being added into our policy about tobacco free. Ken presented a new Code of conduct Handbook that will be presented to the Board for approval. Discussed sending information to the staff on different vaping mechanisms. March 13 there is a program at NCRESA... Tall Cop

Says Stop.....regarding drug/alcohol abuse. Discussed playground equipment and concerns regarding that purchase.

Action Agenda

6485- Motion by Kevin and seconded by Matt to approve the Awarding of the Technology Bid in the amount of \$504,856.59 to Delta Networks contingent upon approval of E-Rate reimbursement in the amount of \$290,864.04

Rick Webb sought out four bids, three of which came back within the timeline. Each bid was put through a bid evaluation matrix and scored. Delta Networks was chosen. Cost was not the biggest factor. Moss was a lower bid, but prior experience with Delta drove their selection. Our net out of pocket will be about \$213,000 once the funding is received. The bid included network electronics, wi-fi, etc. for the entire district. The preferred time for the work would be sometime this summer, but will depend on when the funding becomes available. If we are approved in the first wave from the federal government it would be in July.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

- NCASB spring dinner at 5:30 p.m. Board is to RSVP to Barbara by this Friday.

Adjournment

6486 - Motion by Crystal and seconded by Matt to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Richard L. St. Peter II, Secretary