

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
March 25, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President Ed Wosinski at 7:09 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

6487 – Motion by Matt and seconded by Crystal to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation

- None

Recognitions/Presentations

- None

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

6488 – Motion by Jen and seconded by Crystal to approve the consent agenda items.

- Approve the minutes from the March 11, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

Ayes – 7; Nays - 0 Motion passed

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Ken discussed the new track. Regardless of where we put the track, we still have a drainage problem at the football field. Received plans from Tower Pinkster; and also having another firm coming in to look at what needs to be moved at the football field.
- The SAT, PSAT, and Mstep testing is coming up after spring break.
- Ken and Scott attended a negotiations conference last week. Discussed administrative rights; what is appropriate and what is not appropriate. Because of new laws and policies, there needs to be an update to our contracts.
- Fran Clemence has talked about teacher requests at the elementary level. We are one of the last remaining schools still offering teacher requests. We have such a new staff, especially at the kindergarten level, that parents do not even know who to request. With the third grade initiative, teacher requests may have to be a thing of the past. We are looking at what works best for our schools and students.
- Mr. Lienau has invited us in April to meet at the high school and go through a history lesson with the Google goggles to experience a lesson that students experience.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Bing explained that there are financial reports in each board packet for February that includes Nutrition Services.
- John is looking at possible free lunches for everyone.
- Bing has been going through the budget line by line to see what has been spent and what is left. It appears we are a little over 9% fund balance again. There is approximately \$2,000 in unpaid debt in Nutrition Services that will have to be covered by the general fund.

Board Committee Reports

- Finance/Facilities - Will meet April 22.
- Policy/Personnel - Will meet March 28 at 8:00 a.m.

Action Agenda

6489- Motion by Rick and seconded by Matt to approve the Superintendent's evaluation.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

- NCASB spring dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Newaygo Elementary.
- Summer board retreat – looking at strategic plan for 2020, 2021 and 2022. Originally looking at the end of June at which time we can then approve the budget for next year. The retreat is planned for June 18 at the Stone Lodge.
- End of year celebration – June 7 or June 8 – Crystal is in charge.
- Administrative Attributes – we are now looking for an elementary principal. Gave a survey to the teachers in what they want in a principal. What direction; what kind of person; what are we looking for with the new principal. We need someone who is a literacy advocate; good relationships with the parents and staff; personable; approachable; a leader; no drama; teaching experience and understanding of good teaching techniques and skills; allows the teachers the freedom to do what they do best; community oriented; committed.
- April meeting dates - April 8 would be our normal meeting evening. We will not have a meeting unless there is a need to do so.
- Reading Awareness Month
- Rec Center Pool was discussed.

Adjournment

6490 - Motion by Kim and seconded by Crystal to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Richard L. St. Peter II, Secretary