

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Board Meeting  
July 13, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President Matt Hendrie at 7:07 p.m.

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

Absent: None

**Approval of Agenda**

- **# 6610** – Motion by Pete and seconded by Jen to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

**Public Participation**

- None

**Recognitions/Presentations**

- Jackie Roseberry from the Fremont Public Library presented their plan for the library's millage vote for 1.25 mils for 10 years for operating funds – hours of operation and technology – the Board of Education. She advised that the library wanted to be supportive of the school system as much as they could.

**Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

- **# 6611** – Motion by Crystal and seconded by Pete to approve the consent agenda items:
  - A. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of June 22, 2020.
  - B. Approval of disbursements for the month of June in the amount of \$2,817,203.70.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

## Leadership Reports

### Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Ken advised the Board that students are not reading as much as they need, and we really need to support the library millage. This is the opportunity for us to support.
- He advised that he has never seen an issue so politically driven as the task force for reopening schools. There are so many details to be decided upon. We are currently focusing on Phase 4 with planning for “rolling” up to Phase 5 or down to Phase 3. There will be recommendations from the Public Health Department. There is a Transportation task force as well as an Athletics task force. All costs are currently unfunded for any mandates coming from the State regarding reopening.
- The NCRESA millage has been cancelled for the November election.
- Representative VanSingel is up for re-election – the key is in the primary. He has supported public education and has helped Fremont Public Schools a lot.
- We are possibly looking at hiring a couple of full-time substitutes to help out with teacher absences for the 2020-2021 school year.

### Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Bing informed the Board that we are still waiting to hear how much funding we will be cut for the 2019-2020 school year. It will most likely add up to \$380,000 less in our August school aid payment.
- The audit is scheduled for August 31, 2020 by Hendon and Slate.
- The transportation contract was set to be opened for wages only. We settled on 1.5% increase which was readily accepted by the drivers. They were wonderful in their efforts over the last four months with delivering lunches.

## Board Committee Reports

- Finance/Facilities – Met July 13 – Pete discussed the cost of doing what we have to do to reopen safely may exceed \$200,000. We should receive a \$10,00 grant from the Fremont Foundation for purchasing disinfecting machines. Jen discussed facilities and meeting at the track tonight. They are running 6-8 weeks behind and the goal is to have it completed by August 19.
- Policy/Personnel – Met June 25 – Crystal discussed that they wondered about internet access for the district should we be forced to on-line education. Ken advised that NCATS is looking at a broadband line from Shelby to White Cloud down M20, and then south on M37 to Newaygo.

## **Action Agenda**

- **#6612** – Motion by Rick and seconded by Kim to approve the Annual Loan/Repayment Activity Resolution.

Bing explained that this was paying back the loan that we have borrowed in the past due to the millage not being enough to cover our expenses.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

## **Board Communications/Discussion**

- School planning for the fall is fluid as to what it will look like. Michael asked about PPE and what we were doing to procure supplies. Everything is on backorder at this time. We have ordered faceshields and masks. Masks are to be washed daily if they are cloth and replaced daily if disposable – this is not the school’s responsibility per the State. It is not a disciplinary issue if a student refuses to wear a mask or shield. The initial batch of thermometers is in which will be used at graduation on Thursday night. Masks will be handed out at the gate; there will be social distancing; and board members are asked to help sterilize the seating in between graduation ceremonies. Crystal asked about possible donations of supplies.

## **Adjournment**

- **# 6613** - Motion by Pete and seconded by Jen to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

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Richard L. St. Peter II, Secretary