

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
August 10, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President Matt Hendrie at 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda

6614 – Motion by Crystal and seconded by Pete to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation

- None

Recognitions/Presentations

- None

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- None

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Ken advised the Board that training has been going on for Title IX
- Regarding the Fremont Virtual Learning Program – we have purchased 700 basic Chromebooks for the district to use for the Virtual Students and remote learners should we be in Phase 3. We have made a commitment to use FPS staff for the mentors on the Edgenuity platform. Pete questioned if there was going to be a deposit required from families for the Chromebooks. There is a tech agreement

which we are hoping will be county-wide for the lending of technological devices to families.

- The track project had fallen behind two weeks. They are catching up slowly. The goal is to have the football field and drains ready to go for the season.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Auditors are scheduled for August 31.

Board Committee Reports

- Finance/Facilities – Meeting to be scheduled in the near future.
- Policy/Personnel – Meeting scheduled for August 20

Action Agenda

6615 – Motion by Crystal and seconded by Pete to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 Board of Education meeting.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

6616 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Jen to approve the School Preparedness and Response Plan.

Discussion on the plan was extensive. Jen asked if the handbooks were going to be updated. The administrators are working on some sort of an addendum to the handbooks addressing face masks.

Ken advised that a parent must sign several agreements before school starts.

Crystal asked how we are getting those documents to the parents. DHD #10 has given us permission to hold open houses – by appointment in the elementary. Secondary will be virtually.

Jen asked if we have a doctor that is giving exemptions for masks. If that is the case, we will offer face shields to those who have a medical excuse for not wearing a mask.

Masks for K-5 when the students are in the “general” population and not able to sustain social distancing. DHD says no rug time.

Crystal asked about the sack lunches for the first two weeks; will we have hot lunches at some point. There is a 24 hr turn around to start hot lunches. Nutritional Services is planning on sack lunches in order to be ready in case something changes with the phase in which we will start school. John Rosenberg is planning on applying for the free breakfast and lunch program for all students. There are plans in the middle school and high school for dividing up the students in order to have smaller groups going to lunch at the same time.

Jen asked if there would be mask breaks for students in grades 6-12. There is a plan for that, and we will be encouraging students to go outside during that time. The elementary buildings have zones on the playground which the students will rotate through each day.

Jen questioned hand sanitizers and if students could bring their own. We are encouraging hand washing as the primary mode of hygiene, but we cannot force a student to wash his hands or use hand sanitizer.

Jen questioned about the cleaning procedures. More staff will be required by GRBS to do the cleaning.

Kim asked if the only real difference in Phase 5 was the masks. At this time, that is correct, but we are counting on DHD #10 to guide us on these issues.

Matt asked about athletics. We are currently permitted 100 at an outside event. We are preparing to live stream all games. Right now we have the football camera for live streaming games. Kim questioned the amount of money we will be losing on games if there are no spectators. We will be losing quite a bit. Pay to play was discussed and possibly having to raise the price of that.

Matt inquired if his daughter gets ill at Daisy Brook, does his son automatically have to go home in Pathfinder. There was discussion on the details of how that will be handled, and Shelly Klochack, our district nurse counsel, will contact the family.

Michael asked about pictures for non- English speakers.

Jen asked about the absence policy. Ken informed the Board that we are not dealing with attendance policy right now, but are waiting for the legislature to get back into session.

Pete asked how fast we can transition from Phase 4 to Phase 3 – we have two weeks of lessons prepared and ready to go should that occur. If that happens more than once, we will be looking at a 48-hour turn around.

Michael asked what happens if a teacher tests positive. Was that teacher able to maintain social distancing? If so, all the students will stay.

We are installing plexiglass for the secretaries' desks.

Pete asked about fever free for 72 hours without meds. We need to be clear on our expectations. Shelly Klochack will be contacting parents with the terms of return.

Matt stated that all parents will be checking temperatures before leaving for school. The DHD #10 informed Ken that 50% of individuals exhibit a fever; 50% do not.

Jen inquired if we are in Phase 3 at the beginning of school, is there some way to make sure kids are really doing what they should with expectations. Ken advised that we will make that known, but the chaos will be horrible with students who have never seen their teacher before and teachers who have never seen students before.

Matt inquired about start and end times for school. We are waiting for the legislature to get back in session before we can formulate our plan of ending the day at 2:10 p.m. All teachers would have prep the last hour of the day which would then reduce class sizes. Jen asked if we were cutting instruction to shorten the day. The high school is going to go to block scheduling which will be four classes a semester. Each class will be longer and will count as a year-long class. The student will have the ability to attain 8 total credits per year. Middle school is keeping the cohorts as small as possible and may shorten their class periods.

Matt asked about the after school program. We are planning on running that, and students will have to be masked for it.

Matt asked about the Virtual Learning program. When a student choosing the Virtual Learning program, they have two weeks at the beginning of the school year to change their minds and go back to in-person learning. Pete asked what kind of help the students would receive if they were doing Virtual. We will need to approve the classes offered through Edgenuity. Our Fremont Public Schools teachers will act as mentors. Matt asked how are classes credited. Tracy already has classes aligned using our curriculum maps. Scott explained that our high school students will make choices as to what they need to graduate and the counselor will help them decide what to take.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

6617 – Motion by Jen and seconded by Crystal to approve the use of Edgenuity as our Virtual platform with Administrators and counselors working on the list of approved classes.

Ayes – 7; Nays - 0 Motion passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

- Ken told the Board that the District Health Department #10 makes a call Wednesday mornings to each district to assist.
- Matt advised everyone that the Library Millage passed by 25 votes.

Adjournment

6618 - Motion by Crystal and seconded by Pete to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Richard L. St. Peter II, Secretary