

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 9, 2023  
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by Superintendent, Brad Jacobs, at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Kim Rasch, Carrie Crosley, Michael Campeau, Pete Slovinski, Jen Scott, Justin Visser and Steve Paulsen

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brad Jacobs, Superintendent.

**Oaths of Office:** Bing Hanson, Notary, administered the Oaths of Office to the new Board members, Justin Visser, Steve Paulsen and re-administered the Oath of Office to Jennifer Scott as she was elected to fulfil the open position left by Matt Hendrie's resignation.

**Election of Officers:**

**# 6847** – Brad Jacobs, Superintendent, took nominations for President three times. Pete Slovinski made the motion to approve Jen Scott as President. Carrie Crosley seconded.

Ayes via roll call vote: Carrie, Justin, Kim, Pete, Michael, Steve  
Nays: None Motion passed.

**# 6848** - Jennifer Scott, President, took nominations for Vice-President three times. Michael Campeau made the motion to approve Pete Slovinski as Vice-President. Kim Rasch seconded.

Ayes via roll call vote: Carrie, Justin, Kim, Jen, Michael, Steve  
Nays: None Motion passed.

**# 6849** - Jennifer Scott, President, took nominations for Secretary three times. Pete Slovinski made the motion to approve Kim Rasch as Secretary. Carrie Seconded.

Ayes via roll call vote: Steve, Michael, Pete, Justin, Carrie, Jen  
Nays: None Motion passed.

**# 6850** - Jennifer Scott, President, took nominations for Treasurer three times. Kim Rasch made the motion to approve Michael Campeau as Treasurer. Pete Slovinski seconded.

Ayes via roll call vote: Carrie, Justin, Kim, Pete, Jen, Steve  
Nays: None Motion passed.

### **Approval of Agenda**

**# 6851** – Motion by Kim and seconded by Pete to approve the agenda with the addition of student discipline under Board Communications as 12C

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

### **Public Participation**

- None

### **Recognitions/Presentations**

- Brad recognized Board Appreciation Month. Scott Breuker’s middle school class created the cellphone stand/amplifier designed by Lance Zerlaut. He thanked the Board for their hard work.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

**# 6852** – Motion by Pete and seconded by Carrie to approve the consent agenda items:

- A. Approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 Board of Education meeting.
- B. Approve the disbursements for the month of December in the amount of \$3,013,064.21

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

## Leadership Reports

### **Brad Jacobs, Superintendent**

Brad advised the Board that the SRO, Matt Hendrie, went around and checked all the boots and the release tool throughout the district over Christmas break. Eventually an architect will need to come in to recheck everything with the boot system. Matt has been doing a great job – he is definitely not bored.

Tech update – Rick has left to start his new job. Kyle Alger is currently taking over and running as the head of the department until we can figure out a plan. Plante Moran is coming in to do a technology assessment within the next couple of weeks. We have received four applicants for the Tech Director position. We are also checking with NCRESA on anything with which they can help.

Julie Reams will start February 1 and work with Bing preparing to take over that position in July.

Pete asked how the first week back after Christmas break was. There have been a few discipline issues.

### **Bing Hanson, Director of Finance**

Bing handed out the December financial report and explained it for the new board members. There is always the thought that the Esser funds will go away and those positions may have to be eliminated when the money is no longer there.

## **Board Committee Reports**

Finance/Personnel – Next meeting before the February Board meeting.

Facilities/Policy – Met tonight. Mostly facilities driven tonight. Jen reported that Ryan came in to give updates on projects going on. Daisy Brook lighting is being updated at the bus drop off spot trying to be mindful of neighbors and not having the lights shine in their windows and also lighting in the staff parking lot. This should be completed in the next couple of weeks. Over the break Pathfinder boilers were taken out and two new gas water heaters were installed. The Pathfinder chiller that has been on back order is scheduled to arrive the end of January and will be installed immediately. Pathfinder electrical sign is not working. Ryan has had it assessed, and it is not repairable. Estimate for a new pixelated electronic sign is approximately \$22,000. Ryan will continue to research this and the funding. Bing suggested writing a grant to the Fremont Foundation. The mechanisms on middle school gym doors from the hallway into the

gym do not work. There are 8 doors and to replace the doors is approximately \$50,000. To keep the existing doors and/or repair/replace these doors, where would the money come from? Pete asked about replacing the components which would be approximately \$10,000. This is the second set of doors. Ryan will continue to look into this situation. Admin building is getting ready for the security cameras to be turned on and the doors locked during the school day. There are kinks to be worked out with Packer Pride parents who come and go throughout the day. Quest is all set with their security cameras. The middle school walk-in freezer needs repairs which will be approximately \$16,000 being paid for out of nutrition service funds. The high school soffit on the west side has been repaired. Kim asked if Jodi has looked into grant applications for the Pathfinder sign. Brad explained that we will have three students entering kindergarten next year who are in wheelchairs, and the playground needs which will be about \$100,000. Jodi has been focusing on looking into grant opportunities for that situation.

### **Action Agenda**

**# 6853** - Motion by Pete and seconded by Michael to approve the Resolution for a Special School Election for the Purpose of Renewing Operating Millage on May 2, 2023.

Bing explained that we have 18 mil operating millage on non-homestead homes. We have to pass that because the State deducts what the district is expected to collect on property taxes. This is simply a renewal; no extra cost to the public.

Ayes – 7; Nays -0; Motion passed.

### **Board Communications/Discussion**

- A. Board meeting reconfiguration – Jen explained that we have historically had two meetings a month. There was discussion about going to only one meeting a month. The new meeting schedule will be one meeting a month, the second Monday of the month, with the fourth Monday open if a second meeting is needed.
- B. Committee assignments – Facilities/Policy and Personnel/Finance – Thoughts were that Carrie, Pete and Justin would be on Facilities/Policy; Personnel/Finance would be Kim, Michael and Steve which would be at 7:00 a.m. on the days they are scheduled.
- C. Student discipline – Brad asked for discussion from the Board that when there is a discipline hearing and parameters are set for a student, and that student does not abide by those parameters, does the student need to come in front of the board again. The Board may need to meet before February 13. Justin asked why the Board was involved originally and the Superintendent didn't have the authority to meet out discipline from the start. Our Board policy states that the Superintendent only has the authority to suspend 60 days. There was a lengthy discussion among the Board members regarding the situation.
- D. Will get the ZOOM up and running for the next meeting.

## **Adjournment**

**# 6854** - Motion by Michael and seconded by Justin to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

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Kim Rasch, Secretary