

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 10, 2022  
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President, Matt Hendrie, at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Matt Hendrie, Michael Campeau, Jennifer Scott, Carrie Crosley, Rick St. Peter and Pete Slovinski.

Absent: Kim Rasch

Also present at the meeting were Chief Tim Rodwell and Justin Visser (Board of Education candidate).

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, Matt Hendrie.

**Approval of Agenda**

# 6826 – Motion by Pete and seconded Jen to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

**Public Participation**

- None

**Recognitions/Presentations**

- Jodi Ferris presented for Pathfinder. There are so many good things going on. The young staff feels very supported this year with mentor/mentee meetings. She is working on increasing family engagement. Enrollment is way up since the middle of August. She is very appreciative of the police and helping with traffic patterns during drop off and pick up. There were many questions from the Board and what Jodi might need most at Pathfinder – playground fencing is the number 1 thing since she has several runners this year and getting a handle on special ed.

## **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

# 6827 – Motion Pete and seconded by Rick to approve the consent agenda items:

- A. Approve the minutes of the September 26, 2022 Regular Board of Education meeting.
- B. Approve the disbursements for the month of September in the amount of \$2,308,413.21

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

## Leadership Reports

### **Brad Jacobs, Superintendent**

- Brad informed the Board regarding the committees that have been started this year. We have a district professional development committee that will meet regularly to keep professional development updated. We are also starting a district wide safety/security committee.
- Homecoming is next week.
- October 21 is a half day with professional development in the afternoon.
- October 22 we are hosting the West Michigan Conference Volleyball tournament.
- He has been meeting with staff individually – his goal is about 10-15 meetings a week. What do we do well? What can we improve on? What do you want me to know? These are the three questions he asks each staff member.

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

- Bing updated the September financial report because of the pupil count. We are up 87 students from budget; up 62 from last year. 15 of those are at Quest which is approximately a \$137,000 variance.
- There are huge changes to the adopted budget as compared to the working budget.
- Has not heard from the auditors yet.

## **Board Committee Reports**

Finance/Personnel – Will meet on October 24 at 6:15 p.m.

Facilities/Policy – Met tonight, October 10, 2022. Michael reported that the committee started reviewing the policy manual we received from the attorneys. Will probably have another half hour going through the policies and then evaluate the administrative regulations to make sure

everything ties in appropriately. Matt did inform the Board that according to our current policy, discipline can be determined up to a long-term suspension by the superintendent. Whatever Brad is comfortable with is fine with the Board. Jen discussed Ryan's update on several different things. All boilers are up and running. The high school had two broken windows that were repaired. He is looking for an outside company to wash the outside of the windows at the high school. Trees next to the Pathfinder gym are being removed. The sign at Pathfinder may have a short, and Ryan is looking into that. We received just over \$19,000 in rebates from Consumers and GTE which went back into the sinking fund as well as the insurance money from the dug out destruction. The pathway at Daisy Brook is being looked into by Ryan to see about compacting it more.

## **Action Agenda**

**# 6828** – Motion by Jen and seconded by Carrie to approve the Land Swap Agreement with the City of Fremont.

Discussion ensued that it had been vetted by the City's attorney as well as our attorney.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0; Motion Passed.

**#6829** – Motion by Pete and seconded by Jen to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement with the City of Fremont.

Chief Rodwell was in attendance and is excited to have this support for Fremont Public Schools. Kim did have some questions via text – the SRO will be here every day on campus. Chief said if it is approved here tonight, it will be posted for two weeks tomorrow, and then will go to the City for their approval. Jen asked the Chief regarding whether this will alleviate the work load of being called to so many calls here at the school. Chief said it will be a huge help. Jen asked regarding the selection committee – that will be decided at a future date.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0; Motion Passed

## **Board Communications/Discussion**

- Staff Appreciation Tailgate is scheduled for October 14 – pulled pork, hotdogs, prizes. Set up at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Expectation is around 100-150 people. The band will arrive around 6:15 and play the fight song.
- Trunk or Treat – October 31 1-2:30 at Pathfinder
- Christmas Dinner for December 15 – Lakes 23 –
- NCRESA dinner – October 25 –
- Matt brought up conferences – in person conference and phone conferences He would like to see virtual conferences added to the choices. Brad will check into that option.

## **Adjournment**

**# 6830** - Motion by Carrie and seconded by Jen to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

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Michael Campeau, Secretary