

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting In Person/Via Zoom
March 22, 2021
7:06 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, Michael Campeau, Carrie Crosley, Kim Rasch, Rick St. Peter, Jen Scott and Pete Slovinski.

Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda

6676 – Motion by Jen and seconded by Pete to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation

- None

Recognitions/Presentations

- Fran Clemence, Daisy Brook Principal, presented performance data for the building as well as initiatives for the staff.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- None

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Ken thanked Mrs. Clemence for coming to the Board and presenting. Daisy Brook has come a long way with the culture of the building.
- The State of Michigan has had four evaluation measures in the past. There is a bill in the legislature right now to change that to three evaluation measures. Evaluation is meant to be a growth tool.

- Senator Bumstead has proposed a bill that would make the third grade reading law null and void this year, and he would like to see no testing this spring for our students.
- It feels like we are going backwards with athletics this spring. All athletes will face antigen testing at least once per week for spring sports. The first parents have begun coming forward requesting that this not happen and wonder what the school will do about it. It is a MDHHS rule and is being supported by the MHSAA at this time.
- Michael asked about Senate Bill 268 which gives the parents the option of putting their children up for retention. There does not appear to be anything in the bill that negates the fact that the superintendent has the final decision on retention.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Bing will wait until we get to the action item regarding the amended budget. Still waiting on the details on the Covid monies supposed to be coming in.

Board Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel – Next meeting is April 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Facilities/Policy – Met tonight at 6:00 p.m. The track wasn't finished last year, and we have to have three consecutive days of 50 or above temperatures. The contractor has looked at it and feel it will be completed by June 3. Graduation is currently scheduled for May 22. If we want to hold graduation outdoors, we cannot hold it prior to them completing the track which will void our warranty on the track. There was discussion on whether graduation could be held at the soccer field again this year. For middle school, we have potential to be getting money that can be used for HVAC and air quality. At the middle school all heating is old and needs to be updated which would be done in May, 2022 with the government money (ESSER2 money). For 2021-2022 school year, PPE was discussed. Grant has already begun ordering theirs. It was felt that we should wait until later since there doesn't appear to be a shortage at this time. Next meeting will be Monday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m.

Action Agenda

6677 – Motion by Michael seconded by Pete to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Motion Passed.

6678 – Motion by Pete seconded by Rick to approve the 20-21 Amended Budget Bing asked that everyone had a chance to look over the budget and the changes. There are so many changes right now, and there are going to be more changes. The State used a two-year average for count, even though we were down 74 students from fall, 2019 to fall, 2020. With the

uncertainty of everything with staffing, substitutes, long-term subs, etc., will do the final budget in June. Matt asked regarding 8th graders going in compared to seniors graduating. Bing will send the Board the spreadsheet she has created.

Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Motion Passed.

6679 – Motion by Jen seconded by Carrie to approve the Computer Science Continuum at Career Tech. There was discussion on whether this will affect our technology classes in the high school.

Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Motion Passed.

6680 – Motion by Pete seconded by Kim to approve the link on the website in the Board Policy Manual for the 504 manual which has been read and approved through Policy Committee.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Motion Passed.

6681 – Motion by Jen and seconded by Kim to approve joining the West Michigan conference for the 2022-2023 school year.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Motion Passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

- NCRESA Board – Ken advised that NCRESA has a board of five members who traditionally represented one of the areas in Newaygo County. Dave Hewitt has tendered his resignation and currently represents Fremont. They would like to have a community business person if possible. At the first meeting in May, we will choose to acknowledge who is running through a resolution, and then we finalize that resolution at the 2nd Board meeting in May, and the election is the beginning of June. Ken will send the advertisement that NCRESA just sent to him. If the Board can send him suggestions by April 12, that would be helpful.
- Board room technology – Matt and Ken had discussions on board room technology which would give the public more of an opportunity to be involved. It could be paid out of ESSER money. Barb will get the cost estimates out to the Board.

Adjournment

6682 - Motion by Jen and seconded by Pete to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

- Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Michael Campeau, Secretary