

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting In Person
March 14, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President, Matt Hendrie, at 7:01 p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda

6777– Motion by Pete and seconded by Kim to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation

- None

Recognitions/Presentations

- None

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

6778 – Motion by Rick and seconded by Jen to approve the consent agenda items:

- A. Approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 Special Board of Education meeting
- B. Approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022 Special Board of Education meeting

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Leadership Reports

Jim Hieftje, Interim Superintendent

- Jim is enjoying his third week of being interim superintendent. Things are going very well. Targeting staffing for next year is priority. Has thoroughly enjoyed working with Blake Prewitt, NCRESA Superintendent. Is working on updating the Emergency Operations Plan for the district. County is looking at special education delivery system here at Fremont.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Bing will allow Pete to give the report during Finance committee report.

Board Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel – Met tonight. Pete gave the financial report. Did a year/year – right now we are a little bit more with expenditures than we would be normally, but most of that is Esser funds. Schedule of investments was reviewed. Nothing is making a lot with interest right now. Basically better than earning zero. Major budget influences for the 2022-2023 year. We are expecting a \$435 increase for each student - \$890,000 for the year approximately. Budgeting for a 20 student loss; conservative budgeting. At risk funding – by using the information provided by the State of Michigan will go up to the tune of just under \$600,000; special ed funding will go up about 5%. Expenditures – looking at increase in wages, insurance will go up a little bit. Probably an additional first grade teacher will be necessary.

We are behind in our technology. Recommendation that Rick Webb had was how to perpetually fund these things with a budget. AV upgrades for the high school was explained by Rick to the Board. Pete explained why the committee recommended the purchase of 40 AV units to be installed at the bid price of \$201,620.57 through All Covered. Matt asked how this was going to help the situation of the technology problem of having to upgrade all at once. Pete explained that this is the big drop with the sinking fund monies. The committee will start to allocate funds each year towards technology to start the process of replacing some each year. Possibility of looking at grants as well. Jen asked about the previous problem of projectors being left on and dying more quickly because of that. These work better than that and do not have that much of the same problem. We recycle the old ones, or replace other electronics that might be even older than these. Michael asked regarding the extra 2 years on top of the 3 year warranty and if it is cost effective. Rick said that we would have to have three fail in order to break even if we upgraded to the 5-year warranty.

Carrie asked about the security system - Rick advised that everything is up and going. Scott Sherman said that there are cameras that need to be replaced which are being taken care of. Rick told the Board that the new VMS system was completed the beginning of March.

Carrie asked about softball coaches and whether those positions had been filled - they have.

Facilities/Policy – Next meeting will be scheduled. Jenn will get with Ryan to decide the date/time and let Barb know.

Action Agenda

6779 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Michael to approve the bid from All Covered for the interactive panels in the high school in the amount of \$201,620.57

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0

6780 – Motion by Michael and seconded by Pete to approve replacing Ken Haggart, Superintendent in General Policies 8002 and 8003 regarding Section 504/ADA Compliance Officer with Scott Sherman, H.S. Principal.

Michael asked whether Scott really wanted the job. Scott said that he really didn't want the job but was asked by Jim to do this temporarily. Matt explained that these were the only two spots in the policies where Ken was actually named. There was discussion on whether an actual name had to be identified which appears to be the case.

Ayes – 7; Nays - 0

Board Communications/Discussion

- Superintendent search – Michael asked if we could move the process along because he doesn't want to lose the best candidate by dragging the process along. He was ready to vote last week. Jen asked if everyone was sitting there thinking each person had a choice. There was much discussion on how to continue with the process. Matt asked Ed Wosinski as the past Board President who explained that we really had to continue with the process. Jim applauded the process. There was extensive discussion. The plan is to have the candidates come back April 11 starting at 6:00 p.m. – 45 minutes each - 7:00 p.m. – in front of stakeholder groups at which time there will be questions. The board will deliberate after that. Brad at 6:00 p.m. and Dan at 7:00 p.m.
- Discussion regarding the land swap with the city regarding the 1.5 acre piece at the middle school NW corner of Cedar and Gerber and the piece by football field – Stewart and Cedar N.W. corner. Jim will approach Todd Blake regarding this.

Adjournment

6781 - Motion by Rick and seconded by Pete to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Michael Campeau, Secretary