

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
July 23, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

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

Present: Ed Wosinski, Matt Hendrie, Jen Scott, Kevin Kaastra, Rick St. Peter and Crystal Calkins.

Absent: Terri Blake

President Ed Wosinski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

6424– Motion by Crystal and seconded by Rick to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation

- None

Recognitions/Presentations

- None

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

#6425 – Motion by Jen and seconded by Rick to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

- Approve minutes of June 25, 2018 Board of Education Meeting.
- Approve disbursements for the month of June, 2018 in the amount of \$2,289,624.65.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Ken brought to the Board's attention the Michigan Council for the Arts grant application for \$4,000 to bring in authors to Daisy Brook. Typically, the Board does not need to approve these types of things, but this grant specifically requires the Board to review the application.
- Ken met with Jodi Ferris, the Literacy Coach, this morning. That position will be a quasi-director position and will report to Ken, although she will be under the two elementary principals. She is putting a lot of time into conferences and preparing for that position. Her focus area this year will be 3rd grade. We are the first school in Newaygo County to have a full-time literacy coach. She will also be coaching teachers as well as working with students.
- Bing will be spending a lot of time this summer trying to balance our Title I, Title II, At Risk, etc. monies. Under new guidelines from the State we are responsible for making sure the buildings with the largest percentage of high need students receive equal or more general fund dollars.
- Student count is being watched as far as kindergarten enrollment. We have budgeted for 30 less students.
- We have two open positions still at Pathfinder. Interviews will be held later this week.
- As far as the Sinking Fund, Pathfinder is set to go except for the glass. Daisy Brook is progressing from week to week.
- In the next six weeks, all the technology expenditures for Pathfinder will be implemented with approximately \$200,000 of the technology sinking fund dollars.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Auditors will be here tomorrow. Three weeks ago the auditors came for two days and did the preliminary audit.
- Bing was informed on Friday that next week there will be a Title audit for 2016-2017 by the MDE.
- Jen Kraus will be going on maternity leave at the beginning of the school year, so Bing and Jen are trying to get things ready for her absence.
- GRBS shorted us a large sum of money and gave us a refund. This is the last year before we bid again on custodial services.

Board Committee Reports

- Finance – Matt Hendrie, Chair – will meet after Personnel meets on contracts
- Policy – Rick St. Peter, Chair – will meet in August to go over the Administrative Rules.
- Facilities – Jen Scott, Chair – will meet on August 27.
- Personnel – Terri Blake, Chair – met on 4/23/18 - needs to schedule a meeting.

Action Agenda

6426 - Motion by Matt and seconded by Crystal to approve the proposed field trips for 2018-2019. There was a discussion on funding of certain field trips. Two field trips (Beaver Island and Art Prize) were put on hold until clarification on the funding.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

6427 - Motion by Matt and seconded by Crystal to approve the proposed fundraisers for 2018-2019.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

6428 - Motion by Matt and seconded by Crystal to approve the Resolution of School Bond Qualification and Loan Program – School Loan Revolving Fund.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

- Discussion regarding the August retreat. Tentatively scheduled for August 21 at 3:00 p.m. with team building after. Ken is investigating holding the meeting at Tower Pinkster's conference room in Grand Rapids to alleviate travel for some board members.
- Welcome Back – will have to be August 27 at noon since the first PD day is a full day. Options for catering are being discussed, as Nutrition Services is unable to provide services that day.

Adjournment

6429 - Motion by Matt and seconded by Crystal to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Richard L. St. Peter II, Secretary