

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
Via Zoom
May 18, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting via Zoom of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President Matt Hendrie at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Matt Hendrie, Jen Scott, Kim Rasch, Michael Campeau, Crystal Calkins and Pete Slovinski.

Absent: Rick St. Peter – Arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Others present: Scott Sherman, Wes Zerlaut, Fran Clemence, Jodi Ferris, MEA Executive Board and several community members

Approval of Agenda

6597– Motion by Crystal and seconded by Pete to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed

Public Participation

- None

Recognitions/Presentations

- None

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- None

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Ken informed the Board that the Senior Parade on Sunday was a huge success.

- Kindergarten round-up is planned for May 27 and May 28 with social distancing in place. We are hoping to get some early numbers for planning.
- Session III began today for classwork.
- The Consensus Revenue Estimating conference (CREC) was held on Friday. There is a lot of missing information, and another one is planned for later in the summer.
- Tracy Sanchez is wondering about summer school sessions, and if we can go ahead with our June and July sessions.
- Tomorrow is a meeting with the State Superintendent, Dr. Rice, which will hopefully give more insight into education going forward.
- MICIP – pilot begins tomorrow afternoon for the school improvement process.
- Policy and Personnel will meet May 21 – we will be reviewing the lay-off language in the contracts.
- We are included in the State Region 2 which includes Kent County. This will affect our opening date for school.
- Board election packets are available from White Cloud from May 18 to July 21 at 5 p.m. at which time they are due.

Matt asked if kindergarten round up was going to be by appointment. Jodi addressed that question. We will have two tents in front of Pathfinder – one will be for those requesting enrollment packets. The second will be to collect completed packets. There will be two people there who will take the information from the parents, go into the building and make copies, and then return the documentation back to the parents. All parents will be outside.

Matt questioned if we knew the percentage of enrollees of those at round up last year. Jodi said that we had about 100 at round up last year, and approximately 149 enrollees.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Bing advised that we are watching the State day to day, but there is absolutely nothing solid on which to plan a budget.

Board Committee Reports

- Finance/Facilities – Met May 18 via ZOOM. Pete addressed the CREC and what an eye opener that was. The State is most likely going to pro rate this year's budget which will cost the district 1.3 million dollars out of our fund equity. The State is still working on what to do for next year as far as per pupil changes. We may have to look at cuts, but have nothing solid. We do have differing projected plans, but nothing solid.

Ken advised that we will have a massive shortfall this year, and we could make no cuts this year, as the Governor dictated that all employees would be paid through June 5.

Matt asked if there would be another budget amendment in June. Bing said that we typically get state aid payments in the summer, and she is wondering if those payments will reflect the pro rated reduction. Schools are asking that their budgets do not need to be finalized until September, since the State budget is due October 1.

Facilities – Jen reported that the irrigation has been completed for the football field. GRBS has started the deep summer cleaning. Crystal asked if they will be completed earlier or will they be doing more deep cleaning. Ken advised that everyone is to be out of the buildings by June 5, so maybe we can save some money by having them completed earlier.

- Policy/Personnel – Will meet on May 21 at 7:00 a.m.

Action Agenda

6598 – Motion by Crystal and seconded by Pete to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2020 Board of Education meeting.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

6599 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Michael to approve the Resolution in support of the 2020-2021 NCRESA budget.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

6600 – Motion by Crystal and seconded by Kim to approve the MHSAA Membership for 2020-2021 school year.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

- Ken advised that our current fund equity is 10.8% and with the pro-ration, we may need to use about half of that, which will start the 2020-2021 school year with a 5.38% fund equity. The legislature has stated the priority is going to be their general fund for June/July, and then they will look at the school aid fund.
- The estimates for Fall 2021 state that we will most likely have our state aid cut by \$500 to \$800 per pupil. A second pro-ration is possible next winter. There will be a third CREC scheduled for late August/early September to help inform the 20-21 budget.
- Supposedly the economy will get back to December, 2019 levels by December, 2021 as long as there is no second wave of the virus.
- Matt asked about looking at getting back to school. The Governor has created a Return to Learning Advisory Council to formulate plans – adjustments will be made through the summer – opening may look different depending on where schools are located.

- Ken showed a brief clip of a video that Wendy St. Peter and Chris Rosenberg worked on for the Middle School Talen Show.
- Pete wanted to thank Scott Sherman again for the wonderful senior memories he is making for the Class of 2020. Scott says they have a few other things up their sleeves.

The next Board meeting will be June 8, 2020 at 6:45 p.m.

Adjournment

6601 – Motion to adjourn the meeting by Crystal and seconded by Kim at 7:41 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Richard L. St. Peter II, Secretary