

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
February 13, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President, Jennifer Scott, at 6:16 p.m.

Present: Kim Rasch, Carrie Crosley, Michael Campeau, Pete Slovinski, Jen Scott, and Justin Visser.

Absent: Steve Paulsen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jennifer Scott, President.

Approval of Agenda

6855 – Motion by Pete seconded by Michael to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation

- None

Recognitions/Presentations

- None

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

6856 – Motion by Michael and seconded by Justin to approve the consent agenda items:

- A. Approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 Board of Education meeting.
- B. Approve the disbursements for the month of January in the amount of \$2,398,240.51

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Leadership Reports

Brad Jacobs, Superintendent

Brad advised the Board regarding the Weaver Street closure and traffic problems. Brad did meet with the City regarding the problems and is trying to work through solutions.

There is an odor at the high school. It was thought to be a sewer issue, but upon consultation with Egan decided that it may be the grease traps at the high school which have never been cleaned in the lifetime of the high school. These have been cleaned out and the smell is dissipating.

Staff meeting progress for Brad personally, he is about 2/3 of the way through middle school. Pathfinder and Daisy Brook have been completed. He has Quest and the high school yet to do upon completion of the middle school.

Custodial issues – GRBS is struggling to find custodial staff. We have taken Quest away from them and we are looking at hiring students to clean Quest. We are piloting that project to see how it goes. GRBS will credit us for that portion of the cost which will then offset our expense of employing the cleaning staff for Quest.

Tech director interviews are tomorrow afternoon for the second interview. We hope to have a recommendation shortly for the board.

Support staff – the last year they have been disassociated from the MEA due to lack of participation. Administration has been honoring their contract, however. They are now associating with the bus drivers' union who will negotiate for them.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

Bing was not in attendance. Julie Reams was introduced as the new Director of Finance. She went over the amended budget for the Board. The governor did come up with her budget this week.

Board Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel – Met February 2. Michael informed that there was no finance discussion as they were waiting for the amended budget. Kim advised the Board that they are four retirements currently, and that Brad had already informed the Board of most of what they discussed.

Facilities/Policy – Met tonight. Carrie informed the Board that they mainly talked about a facilities plan of attack. Intense walkthroughs were done in 20-21/21-22 and the principals were given a form to cross out the ones that have been completed. The sinking fund was discussed. Pete informed the Board that they really didn't go over policies much – just that there has been a major overhaul of the policies. Will be diving into school handbooks as there have been some legal changes and the handbooks need to be updated. Next Facilities/Policy meeting will be March 13.

Action Agenda

6857 - Motion by Pete and seconded by Michael to approve the Amended Budget for 2022-2023.

There was some discussion regarding the changes that Bing had discussed previously.

Ayes – 6; Nays -0; Motion passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

- A. First reading of the updated Board Policy Manual – Jen asked if everyone had the chance to go through the policy manual for the first reading and if there were any questions. There will be a second reading next month and then approval.
- B. Board Picture – Will reschedule since Steve was not able to be here tonight.
- C. Board Training was held by Frank Pytlowany of MASB.

Adjournment

6858 - Motion by Pete and seconded by Kim to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Kim Rasch, Secretary