

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 14, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President, Matt Hendrie, at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Matt Hendrie, Jen Scott, Michael Campeau, Crystal Calkins, Rick St. Peter and Pete Slovinski.

Absent: Kim Rasch

### **Approval of Agenda**

# 6624 – Motion by Crystal and seconded by Pete to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

### **Public Participation**

- None

### **Recognitions/Presentations**

- Fran Clemence, Daisy Brook Principal, introduced new teachers in her building. Katie Orchard, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Rick Girgenti, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Kala Kieft, Special Education.
- Shelly Klochack introduced herself to the Board. This is her third year through the School health Program with Spectrum Health Med Now. She discussed her role in the process of the Covid plan for the district. She is following the Health Department guidelines. There have been no positive student cases at this time. If a student is tested and is negative, they may return to school when they are symptom free for 24 hours.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

# 6625 – Motion by Crystal and seconded by Pete to approve the consent agenda items:

- Approval of the minutes of the August 24, 2020 Board of Education meeting.
- Approval of the disbursements from the month of August in the amount of \$2,014,193.86

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

## Leadership Reports

### Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Ken advised the Board that there is still no sign of a budget with 15 days let to go until the deadline.
- Covid has taken a back seat with the rise of EEE. The DHHS-10 is spraying Newaygo County which is non-choice on Wednesday. Some have suggested early starts to athletic events which does require checking with the coaching staffs and refs for both teams.
- We are having a field check by a ref tomorrow to determine if our football field is playable. Newaygo has agreed to host the game on Friday if our field is not playable for any reason.
- Virtual learning – 15% of our students are in it. The administrative team is spending at least 50% of their time on it – K-5 Edgenuity isn't up and running yet.
- ECOL – Extended Continuity of Learning Plan is due by the end of the month – it only applies to K-8. There are requirements to the plan – two goals for ELA and Math – the plan itself should be in the Board's hands by next Friday. We need to demonstrate one year's growth for one year in school.
- Our virtual program at Quest prior to this year was a remedial program. Now it is parent driven. All districts in the county are different. Newaygo is 30% virtual with one teacher from each grade level a virtual teacher. Muskegon County is using a hybrid version – virtual and in person.
- We have ordered 700 devices – 50 arrived; we should have 100 more by the end of the week; and another 100 by September 25.
- The question was raised regarding wearing masks while playing sports. If the Health Department says no sport; the MHSAA gives the green light; the Governor gives an executive order to play safely and wear masks – there is most likely no liability for the school should something happen due to the masks per our attorney. It falls back on "gross misconduct" as the baseline.
- Ken asked Wendy St. Peter to report on how her middle school students were doing with in person learning. She said it was going well. The class sizes range from 12-19. They clean the tables at the end of each hour, give two mask breaks a day, try to be outside for at least 3-4 minutes. Mostly they are getting into a routine.
- Heidi Bonnema and Rachael Jaunese were also asked regarding in person classes. They expressed concern that the chromebooks were disseminated to virtual students. Due to this, their testing is on hold until the chromebooks arrive.

### Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- No report.

## **Board Committee Reports**

- Finance/Facilities – Met on August 24 – No report.
- Policy/Personnel – Met August 20 – No report.

## **Action Agenda**

- **None**

## **Board Communications/Discussion**

- Pete thanked the teachers and administrators for all their hard work and for being so talented and dedicated to our students.
- Ken advised that the cameras will hopefully be up and running in order to live stream the football games.
- Jane Cook mentioned that the QT Plus is so much better than the Re-Juve-Nal which seemed to be an irritant.

## **Adjournment**

**# 6626** - Motion by Crystal and seconded by Jen to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

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Richard L. St. Peter II, Secretary