

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 26, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President, Matt Hendrie, at 7:06 p.m.

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

Absent: Rick St. Peter

### **Approval of Agenda**

# 6634 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Crystal to approve the agenda with the addition of Michael Campeau’s presentation from the NCRESA Fall Banquet.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

### **Public Participation**

- Angela Smalligan spoke as a concerned parent regarding her thoughts that the regulations being implemented on our children and staff are unconstitutional.
- Another individual spoke in support of Angela’s statement.
- Joel Smalligan spoke in support also.

### **Recognitions/Presentations**

- Don Farmer spoke as the Fremont Public Schools representative to the Fremont Public Library. Randy Puff spoke with Don to express his appreciation for the Board’s support Jackie Roseberry also expressed appreciation to the Board for their support. An update on the library was given. The first three complete months of being open were July, August and September, since the pandemic. Open more hours and headed in a positive direction. Looking at purchasing some wifi hotspots for patrons to check out and take home. Don and Randy would like to continue on the library board as the school’s representatives.
- Jodi Ferris and Ed Wosinski presented a review of PBIS Intervention at Pathfinder.

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

- None

## Leadership Reports

### Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Ken thanked Randy, Jackie and Don for coming. Next meeting we will have the Library representatives' approval on the agenda.
- Ken thanked Ed and Jodi for their presentation.
- When we talk about finance, Bing has a lot on her plate concerning Covid money, the differing leaves involved, consolidated apps, hazard pay, etc. At the end of December, these programs are eliminated; after that, we are unsure of what the finances will be.
- We have been watching the numbers – we continue to be fortunate only having one elementary and one high school student this year. We currently have three adults quarantined in the district, but fortunately only one is a teacher.
- Virtual learning continues. We continue to have a number of elementary students wanting to return to in person.
- What is on everyone's mind is the possible need to go to remote learning. Last Friday professional development focused on this. We have a directors' meeting tomorrow to discuss what maintenance, nutrition services and transportation will look like should we need to go to remote learning. Jen asked regarding the ability to quickly distribute devices should the need arise. We currently have 420 devices to distribute.
- It was a year ago in February that we had set up our teams to start strategic planning. It was all put on hold. It is time to start thinking about this again.

### Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Bing advised that she has not worked any more on the day to day budget. Auditors will present on November 23, 2020.

## Board Committee Reports

- Finance/Facilities – Met on October 26. Pete discussed the hazard pay for school districts. There is an eligibility check list. There is a questionnaire to be distributed to staff that must be returned by December 4 and then on to the State. The money does not funnel through us; it comes directly from the State. Finance also took a look at where we are at with the Sinking Fund. Jen discussed the plan for the sinking fund. Pathfinder is going to need at least one or two boilers in the near future. We are in decent shape right now. We are in the process of repurposing our old drinking

fountains to do water bottles. About half our air purifiers are in need. We are looking at what our other needs are for the rest of the year. Next meeting is November 9 at 6:00 p.m.

- Policy/Personnel – Will meet on October 29 at 7:00 a.m. No report.

## **Action Agenda**

**# 6635** – Motion by Pete and seconded by Kim to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of October 12, 2020.

Ayes – 6; Nays -0 Motion Passed.

**# 6636** – Motion by Jen and seconded by Pete to approve the Fremont Public Schools' Extended Continuity of Learning Plan. Discussion was held to explain what this entails. The only real difference from our Preparedness Plan is how special education students are being serviced virtually and in person.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion Passed.

## **Board Communications/Discussion**

- Ken will contact the folks who spoke by Friday.
- Michael presented from the Fall NCRESA presentation regarding the Board, Superintendent and differing roles. Trust, Respect, Understanding and Shared Purpose are the four pieces of the framework. About the three years in Michigan is the average tenure for a Superintendent. Unity of Purpose, Agreement on respective roles, Policies....the Board is the "What" and Ken is the "How it will be done". Trust between Board and Superintendent.
- Matt brought up the Superintendent Evaluation and wanting to have it done prior to December 31, 2020.
- Trunk or Treat this Friday. 11:40 – 12:00 for Virtual Learners; then thereafter with the in-person children at Pathfinder.

## **Adjournment**

**# 6637** - Motion by Crystal and seconded by Pete to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

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Richard L. St. Peter II, Secretary