

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting via ZOOM
November 9, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President, Matt Hendrie, at 7:02 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda

6638 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Michael to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation

- None

Recognitions/Presentations

- Rick Webb presented the Technology Board report for 19-20 COVID 20-21. There were several major achievements and deployments of Chromebooks. Along with what has been accomplished, Rick discussed what the plan is for Technology moving forward. There were questions as to whether the district is ready should we have to go to remote learning via Google classroom. Flash drives are being built with the assignments for students who do not have access to internet. There was a question regarding doing hybrid Board of Education meetings using the Promethian board in the Administration Office.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

6639 – Motion by Rick and seconded by Pete to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

- Approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of October 26, 2020
- Approve the disbursements for the month of October in the amount of \$3,833,719.38

Ayes – 7; Nays 0 Motion passed

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Ken advised that the high school SAT had an average score of 1047 which is the highest ever.
- K-12 Technology teachers – With retirements, we are looking at a K-12 systemic program for our children.
- High school Assistant Principal position will be posted in January.
- In Person vs. Virtual/Concerns of Remote – we all agree that in-person learning is the way to go. We were told in August that if we passed the 5% positivity rate we needed to take it very seriously. If we got to 10% we needed to seriously consider closing according to the Health Department. We have not been below that for the past week. Other districts in Newaygo County are struggling with staying open due to staffing problems with quarantining. There was discussion regarding the fact that none of our teaching staff has been positive, and that our students are doing what they need to do.
- School Equity Caucus has the primary goal to ensure equity in funding for districts. Those schools with a greater percentage of free and reduced lunch should receive more funding than those that do not. We hopefully will see some movement in the State legislature to obtain some of that equitable funding.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Bing advised that most of her time appears to be being spent on the hazard pay grant. Lloyd got the information on our website with very little notice. The employees have to return their applications by December 4 at which time the administrators will review them. There is an appeals process if employees feel they should receive the pay and have not been approved for it.
- We did not get the Cares Competitive Grant – this will lessen the relief funds.
- Bing will send the October financial report to the Board tomorrow.
- Auditors will be at the November 23, 2020 Board meeting.

Board Committee Reports

- Finance/Facilities – Will meet on November 23 at 6:00 p.m. No report.
- Policy/Personnel – Will meet on December 3 at 7:00 a.m. No report.

Action Agenda

6640 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Michael to approve the Fremont Public Schools' Extended Continuity of Learning Plan for November.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion Passed.

6641 – Motion by Michael and seconded by Rick to approve Don Farmer and Randy Puff as Fremont Public Schools' Representatives to the Fremont Community Library Board.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion Passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

- The Superintendent Evaluation will be on December 14, 2020.
- Hendon and Slate will present on November 23, 2020.
- There was a discussion on following the law regarding Board meetings and election of officers in January.
- Matt expressed appreciation to the Board of their participation in the Trunk or Treat.

Adjournment

6642 Motion by Pete and seconded by Michael to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Richard L. St. Peter II, Secretary