

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting via ZOOM
January 11, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President, Matt Hendrie, at 7:01 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda

6653 – Motion by Jen and seconded by Pete to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Election of Officers

6654 – Jen Scott, Vice President, took nominations for President three times. Kim nominated Matt. Kim made the motion to approve Matt as President. Pete seconded.

Ayes via roll call vote: Rick, Kim, Carrie, Pete, Mike, and Jen Nays – 0 Motion passed.

6655 – Matt Hendrie, President, took nominations for Vice President three times. Pete nominated Jen. Pete made the motion to approve Jen as Vice President. Rick seconded.

Ayes via roll call vote: Mike, Pete, Carrie, Rick, Kim and Matt Nays – 0 Motion passed.

6656 – Matt Hendrie, President, took nominations for Secretary three times. Rick nominated Michael. Rick made the motion to approve Michael as Secretary. Carrie seconded.

Ayes via roll call vote: Jen, Pete, Carrie, Rick, Kim and Matt Nays – 0 Motion passed.

6657 – Matt Hendrie, President, took nominations for Treasurer three times. Mike nominated Pete. Mike made the motion to approve Pete as Treasurer. Rick seconded.

Ayes via roll call vote: Jen, Mike, Carrie, Rick, Kim and Matt. Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation

- None

Recognitions/Presentations

- None

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

6658 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Mike to approve:

- A. The minutes of the December 14, 2020 Board of Education meeting.
- B. The disbursements for the month of December in the amount of \$1,915,711.87.

Ayes – 7; Nays -0 Motion passed.

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Vaccinations are imminent hopefully for our school employees. The District received a survey from the Health Department that was sent to the buildings to ascertain who might be interested in receiving the vaccine.
- Winter athletics are supposed to start on Saturday.
- There is a Revenue Estimating Conference in January. The legislature's school year runs from October 1 to September 30. We hope to know what the state budget will look like.
- FFCRA was passed by the Federal Government on December 28. This is similar to the Cares Act of the fall and is expected to run through March 1.

Pete asked how the first week back from Christmas break has gone. Ken explained that it appeared the students were excited to be back, and the high school especially to be back in person. Staff feels like there is a life raft with the vaccine and are just waiting to jump on.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Bing talked about amending the budget in February. We do not know how much money we might be receiving from the Cares Act. We used a lot of that money in the first semester, and some of those costs will be carrying over into the second semester.
- We are hoping to know more after the Revenue Estimating Conference. Pete wondered about when we would know how much money we would be getting. Bing explained that it might be as much as four times what we received in the

fall, but will have more restrictions on its use. Ken said a lot appeared to be tied to Title I costs.

Pete asked if the Hazard Pay paperwork had been turned in. Bing advised that it had been.

Board Committee Reports

Matt discussed the new structuring of the committees. We will have a Facilities/Policy Committee with Jen as chairman of the Facilities, and Michael as chairman of the Policy. Carrie will serve on that committee. The next meeting will be 1/25/21 at 6:00 p.m.

The other committee is Finance/Personnel with Pete serving as the chairman of both. Kim and Rick will serve on that committee. No meeting date/time has been set yet.

Action Agenda

6659 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Kim to approve the Superintendent’s evaluation.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

- Matt wanted to express what a great job Ken has done. The Board will discuss the merit pay portion of his contract which needs to be paid out before spring break.
- Pete thanked Ken for his hard work and expressed how fortunate the district is to have him.
- Matt said we were waiting to see if the Board could meet in person before the next Board of Education meeting.
- January is Board Appreciation Month, and Ken showed the Board Hockey Sweatshirts he had gotten for them. He asked that they come in to his office and pick them up along with their copy of the audit from Hendon and Slate.
- Mike asked about the virtual report in the Board packets.....in particular, the rate of students who had two-way contact with the school. Some are choosing not to communicate. There have been discussions with parents indicating that in person learning is in the best interest of the child. We do have some seniors who have gotten off track for graduation, and they are of primary concern right now.
- Carrie asked a question regarding exams for the end of the first semester.
- Matt asked if Rick Webb was working on a hybrid type system of livestreaming Board of Education meetings for the public when we are able to meet in person again.
- Matt informed the rest of the group that he has attended other school districts’ Board of Education meetings and how informative and interesting they are.

Adjournment

6660 - Motion by Pete and seconded by Rick to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

- Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Michael Campeau, Secretary