

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting Minutes AMENDED
May 13, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President Jennifer Scott at 7:01 pm.

Present: Jennifer Scott, Jared Hanna, Kim Rasch, Steve Paulsen and Carrie Crosley

Absent: Pete Slovinski and Justin Visser

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Jennifer Scott

Approval of Agenda

#6963– Motion by Carrie and seconded by Steve to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation:

Recognitions/Presentations:

A. Chloe McCarthy, Chloe Marie Media LLC

Chloe shared a power point presentation introducing herself to the board officially and sharing some of the work she has done for the district since coming aboard in January. She highlighted the update that she made to the district Facebook page along with her input/help with the website redesign. Chloe travels to our district at least twice a month and is always in contact with the administration on upcoming events and the great things happening around the district. The spotlights and shout outs to the staff have been great too. Chloe and Wendy are working on some more great ideas to kick off the next school year. Chloe is looking forward to continue to build FPS's brand and positivity.

B. Greg Janicki on the Strategic Plan

Greg connected with the board via teams to share the strategic plan summary. He had a power point (copy in the board book) highlighting all the work from the strategic planning retreat and the implementation meeting. He shared the new vision, mission and belief statements that come from the planning day. Greg shared the Strategic goal areas: Academics/ Programs, Learning Environment and Culture, communication and Community Engagement, Personnel and Leadership along with Operations/Finance. Under each of these goals' priority objectives were listed and the administration will be moving forward on designing and implementing each of the goals.

Brad will be sharing the results from the strategic planning day with the community partners that made it happen along with regular updates to the board on the progress being made in each area. Chloe will also be posting the plan to the community once approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

#6964 Motion by Kim and seconded by Carrie to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Approve the minutes from the April 8, 2024 Board of Education regular meeting
- B. Approve the disbursements from the month of April in the amount of \$5,020,932.35
- C. Approval of staff changes:
 - New teacher hires: Lisa Murphy, 3rd grade teacher at Daisy Brook School
Angela Vis, Elementary Music
Connor Hardy, Quest High School
 - New Director of Nutrition Services: Bill Strong

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Leadership Reports

Brad Reyburn, Superintendent:

Brad talked about the new hires and how the district was sitting on filling open vacancies. Bill Strong, local Fremont resident with lots of experience, was hired to replace John Rosenberg in nutrition services. Bill will be starting June 10 with John.

Brad thanked the board for their part in the strategic plan. From giving up an entire Saturday to supporting all that goes into making this plan successful.

Julie Reams, Director of Finance:

As of April, the fund balance increased to \$4,844,715, or 15.79% of expenditures. Local revenues increased due to investment earnings. State revenue resources increased due to MPSERS funding, District Transportation funding, Student Loan Reimbursement grant funding, an increase to the Educator Compensation grant, and the addition of the MiKids Back on Track grant that we are using for summer school. Inter-district revenues increased due to additional one-time funding from NCRESA for GSRP transportation. Expenditures also increased due to adjustments to update insurance and retirement expenditures, in addition to adding in the estimated expenditures for the summer school grant and the Student Loan Reimbursement grant. An expected transfer to the Capital Projects fund for future projects is also included in the total expenditures. These are not the final amounts, that will come with the budget amendment in June.

Board Committee Reports:

Finance/Personnel – Met 04/22/2024

Topics Covered:

Negotiation

New Hires

Facilities/Policy – Met 05/13/2024

Topics Covered:

Summer Projects

Retention

Board Communications/Discussion

- A. Section 31aa mental health grant from 22-23
This was a grant given in 22-23 and community input driven. Possible uses for the monies would be support for the behavior interventionist and to help Daisy Brook gain space to have more areas available for outside agencies to work with students. The board gave the okay that the remaining funds be spent as determined by the administration.
- B. Section 97 safety grant from 22-23 remaining funds allocation.
Most of this funding was spent purchasing 2-way radios and fencing the playgrounds. Also paid for ½ of the SRO position. The remaining funding will be used for a camera in the weight room, id badges, a camera at Pathfinder and replacing blinds as they break. The board gave the okay that the remaining funds be spent as determined by the administration
- C. School of Choice Application for 2023-2024 school year.
The board was given a copy of the school of choice application and the brochure that goes along with that for their review.
- D. Board Meeting dates for 2024-2025 school year
The dates for the upcoming meeting year will follow the second Monday of each month same as this past year.
- E. Board Elections coming up in November
We have 4 board positions that are up for reelection in November. Any board members wishing to rerun must have their information submitted to the clerk's office by July 23, 2024.
- F. Strategic Plan Discussion
The board was very happy with how smooth the process went and feel working with Greg made the whole process much easier. They are looking forward to hearing the updates and seeing how the goals get implemented.

Action Agenda

6965 Motion by Jared and seconded by Steve to approve the School of Choice application

Ayes –5; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

6966 Motion by Carrie and seconded by Jared to approve the NCRESA budget

Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

6967 Motion by Steve and seconded by Kim to approve the Vision, Mission Statement, Beliefs and Goal Statements from the strategic plan

Ayes –5; Nays – 0; Motion passed

Adjournment

6968 - Motion by Carrie and seconded by Jared to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm.

Ayes –5; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Kim Rasch, Secretary