

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 12, 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: Jared Hanna, Kim Rasch, Steve Paulsen and Jennifer Scott

Absent: Justin Visser, Pete Slovinski and Carrie Crosley

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Jennifer Scott

Approval of Agenda:

#6987– Motion by Steve and seconded by Jared to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation: NONE

Recognitions/Presentations: Terry and Stephanie Price came to present on the Fremont Community Aquatic Center that members of the community would like to see built. They shared an outline of the overview of the project and the initial project scope. This is just a very basic beginning they are on a fact-finding mission to see about interest.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

#6988 Motion by Jared and seconded by Steve to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Approve the minutes from the July 22, 2024 Board of Education regular meeting
- B. Approve the disbursements from the month of July in the amount of \$2,108,261.55.
- C. Retirement of Jodi Ferris, Principal of Pathfinder
- D. Resignation of Trenton Smith from Pathfinder

Ayes –4 Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Leadership Reports

Brad Reyburn, Superintendent:

Brad discussed the negotiations and the final contract that was presented to the teaching staff last week.

He also met with the school-based health care center director from the Family Health Center. This center is based in White Cloud and would offer services to our students. Tracy Sanchez and the Quest staff have noticed a growing need for their students to have access to health care.

Julie Reams, Director of Finance:

Julie share the financial report and went over changes and some of the final numbers. She explained why some of the numbers are different due to funding changes.

She also went over the 2 quotes for the needed replacement of the accounting software in the business office. Discussed the pro and cons of each and what her recommendation would be.

Board Committee Reports:

Finance/Personnel – Met 07/22/2024

Topics Covered:

- Negotiations with the FEA
- Interview for a new elementary principal
- Need a 2nd grade teacher
- Brad has offered a settlement to Tower Pinkster
- Settlement in the Special Education suit
- New accounting software for the business office

Facilities/Policy – Met 07/22/2024

Topics Covered:

- The Policy Manual & Administrative Regulations
- Several projects are wrapping up as we are preparing for the first day of school.
Sealcoating, painting, new home ec classroom set up
- Insurance is paying to replace the chiller at Pathfinder

Board Communications/Discussion:

- A. Second reading of the Policy Manual & Administrative Regulations update
The board has read through the manual and regulations and will approve under action items
- B. Bids and Quotes for the replacement of the boiler at Daisy Brook
The board reviewed the 3 bids that Sean got for the replacement of the boiler. His recommendation is going with Pleune
- C. New software for the business office to replace School Finance
Julie discussed the 2 options for replacing this software and made her recommendation
- D. Student handbooks for Pathfinder, Daisy Brook, Middle School, High School, Quest & Athletics.
There are a few things that need to be updated in the handbooks such as the new mission and vision statements. Everyone needs to be consistent on that. The athletic handbook the board would like to see pared down.
- E. The FEA Master Agreement
Brad shared in during his report concerning the contract
- F. MOU between Newaygo County Tourism Council and Fremont Public Schools
Brad shared on his meeting with Terry Grabill and tht the council would like to use the pond area behind the high school (after school hours) for some of their activities.

Action Agenda

6989 Motion by Jared and seconded by Kim to approve the Policy Manual & Administrative Regulations update

Ayes –4; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

6990 Motion by Steve and seconded by Kim to approve the replacement of the boiler at Daisy Brook using Pleune.

Ayes –4; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

6991 Motion by Jared and seconded by Steve to approve the new software LinQ for the business office to replace School Finance

Ayes –4; Nays – 0; Motion passed

6992 Motion by Steve and seconded by Jared to approve the Student handbooks for Pathfinder, Daisy Brook, Middle School, High School, Quest & Athletics.

Ayes –4; Nays – 0; Motion passed

6993 Motion by Jared and seconded by Kim to approve the FEA Master Agreement

Ayes –4; Nays – 0; Motion passed

6994 Motion by Steve and seconded by Kim to approve the MOU between Newaygo County Tourism Council and Fremont Public Schools

Ayes –4; Nays – 0; Motion passed

Adjournment

6995 - Motion by Jared and seconded by Steve to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Kim Rasch, Secretary