

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 24, 2025  
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, Carrie Crosley, Jared Hanna, Kim Rasch, Justin Visser, Steve Paulsen and Pete Slovinski

**Absent:** NONE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Jennifer Scott

**Approval of Agenda:**

**#7024–** Motion by Pete and seconded by Kim to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Motion passed.

**Public Participation:**

**Scott Frody:** Came to introduce himself as a Rec Center board member. He wanted to share about the Rec Center also going for a millage renewal on May 6. He wished FPS good luck with our renewal also.

**Cali Smith:** Is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Fremont Middle School and she came to express concern about the food served in the cafeteria. She would like to see healthy options for the students to choose. The options currently offered are not the best choices for growing kids.

**Recognitions/Presentations:**

**Bill Strong:** Bill presented on his goals concerning the food we are currently serving in the cafeterias. His goal is to work us towards fresher foods...veggies, fruits and meat. He would like to change up what is served for breakfast and be able to offer the student less sugary loaded options. Another thing he is looking at is eliminating red dyes. He will be putting together an advisory board which will include students to give input and feedback.

**Officer Matt Hendrie:** Matt presented on the things he has been working on as the SRO for FPS. In 2024 he had over 478 calls for service and handled 145 investigations. He established a school safety committee and “Crisis Coordinator” for planning and training. He implemented a district wide reunification plan, conducted incident action plan training for the staff, and developed training for medical response teams in each school along with numerous other projects. Another huge focus for Matt is truancy among our students. He is working on developing plans to help families with this issue.

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

**# 7022**– Motion by Carrie and seconded by Justin to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Approve the minutes from the February 10, 2025 Board of Education regular meeting
  - B. Approve the disbursements from the month of February in the amount of \$ 4,094,232.78
  - C. Approval of the hiring of Elizabeth Scott MTSS/EL Coordinator
  - D. Approval of the retirement of Wes Zerlaut, Principal of Fremont Middle School
- Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Motion passed.

## **Leadership Reports**

### **Brad Reyburn, Superintendent:**

Brad thanked Wes Zerlaut for his dedication and leadership as the middle school principal and noted how missed Wes will be. He also shared that LeAnna Perkins has put in her retirement letter and that her position will be posted soon. Brad attend the city board meeting and Sheridan township meeting to share information on the sinking fund renewal. He plans to attend several athletic events this spring to share the information and answer any questions the public may have.

### **Julie Reams, Director of Finance:**

Julie presented on the amended budget. She shared the various changes that create the ebb and flow in a budget. The projected year-end fund balance is \$5, 570,971 or 17.95%. This is an increase but also a lot of this is 1-time monies.

## **Board Committee Reports:**

### **Finance/Personnel – Met 03/24/2025**

- Negotiations will be starting with all the employee groups that have contracts up for renewal.
- The posting for a middle school principal is up and interviews will take place in April.
- Tony Vandelaar, bus driver of 43 years, is Fremont’s recipient for the NCRESA I Care Award.
- Fund balance increase but also Sean, Kyle and the admin team are looking at ways to help with costs due to the fact that there is a lot of 1-time monies involved in tht increase.

### **Facilities/Policy – Met 03/24/2025**

- High School generator is fixed
- Cynergy came through the district and did an energy audit
- The hydration systems are being installed starting with the admin building
- Sean is working on the summer project list including asphalt repairs, sealcoating, redoing controls in the high school boilers
- There are new policy updates from Miller Johnson that need to be reviewed. Board members will receive them in their packets.

**Board Communications/Discussion:****A. Budget Amendment**

- Julie shared an amended budget packet and walked the board through the various updates.

**B. First reading of the updated policies**

The board has the updates to review, Brad shared a few of the highlighted ones.

- Title IX has been reverted back to the 2020 standards.
- Safe Storage gun laws ...we are required to notify parents by October 1<sup>st</sup> of the law and also post to our website
- The state is looking at mandating the same safety wording for all school districts and law enforcement agencies
- EST does not include coaches, game workers or daily subs

**C. Closed session to discuss the superintendent's evaluation**

- The board went into closed session at 8:21 to discuss the superintendent's evaluation. They returned to open session at 10:04.

**Action Agenda:**

**# 7023**– Motion by Jared and seconded by Pete to approve the budget amendment.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

**# 7024**– Motion by Steve and seconded by Jared to approve the superintendent's evaluation.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

**Adjournment:**

**# 7025** - Motion by Pete and seconded by Jared to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 pm.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

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Kim Rasch, Secretary