

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
January 14, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President Ed Wosinski at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Ed Wosinski, Kevin Kaastra, Jen Scott, Crystal Calkins, Rick St. Peter, Kim Rasch and Matt Hendrie.

Absent: None

President Ed Wosinski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

6460 – Motion by Jen and seconded by Rick to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Oath of Office

Oath of Office was taken by Matt Hendrie and Kim Rasch as newly elected school board members.

Election of Officers

6461 – Motion by Kevin to nominate Ed Wosinski as President. Voting presided by Rick St. Peter, Secretary.

Vote for President: Roll Call Vote – Ayes – 7; Nays – 0
Ed Wosinski elected President by majority vote.

6462 – Motion by Jen to nominate Matt Hendrie as Vice President. Voting presided by Ed Wosinski, President.

Vote for Vice President: Roll Call Vote – Ayes – 7; Nays – 0
Matt Hendrie elected Vice President by majority vote.

6463 – Motion by Crystal to nominate Rick St. Peter as Secretary. Voting presided by Ed Wosinski, President.

Vote for Secretary: Roll Call Vote – Ayes – 7; Nays – 0
Rick St. Peter elected Secretary by majority vote.

6464 – Motion by Matt to nominate Kevin Kaastra as Treasurer. Voting presided by Ed Wosinski, President.

Vote for Treasurer: Roll Call Vote – Ayes – 7; Nays – 0
Kevin Kaastra elected Treasurer by majority vote.

Public Participation

None

Recognitions/Presentations

None

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

#6465 – Motion by Crystal and seconded by Matt to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

- Approve minutes of December 10, 2018 Board of Education Meeting.
- Approve disbursements for the month of December, 2018 in the amount of \$1,762,015.92.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Mr. Haggart advised the Board that today was the beginning of the second semester.
- Fremont Public Schools is piloting a Read Now Program, K-3. This program will allow us to provide books to the students throughout the summer and also includes parents in the program with activities for them to do with their children.
- Today was Every Day Math 4 training. We hosted teachers from Muskegon County as well as approximately 12 of our own new teachers at Daisy Brook and Pathfinder.
- Mr. Haggart asked Herb Lindsey how P.E. and technology were going at Pathfinder. The art program has started at Pathfinder.
- The winter sports are going along. Our programs have had success including our bowling and wrestling programs.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- There is an update in each board member's packet on where we are with finances. Our fund equity is down from the 10%.
- Nutrition Services has excess funds. John Rosenberg has a plan and will present it to the State.

Board Committee Reports

- Finance – Matt Hendrie, Chair – Last meeting 10/14/18
- Policy – Rick St. Peter, Chair – Last meeting 10/8/18
- Personnel – Terri Blake, Chair – Last meeting was 11/20/18
- Facilities – Jen Scott, Chair – Last meeting was 12/10/18

Action Agenda

6466 - Motion by Crystal and seconded by Jen to approve the Resolution Ratifying the Sale of the District's 2019 Refunding Bonds.

At this time, Christopher Iamarino from Thrun Law Firm was available to answer any questions. The idea of a refunding is the opportunity to replace/refund bonds that are at a higher interest rate with ones that have lower interest rate....not unlike refinancing your house. Our issue has a savings of 6.635% - \$2.585 million saved. This is money that will save our taxpayers over the life of the bond.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – 7; Nays - 0 Motion passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

- Board Committees/meetings structure. The Board has talked about combining committees in the past. Ed's recommendation is putting Finance/Facilities and Personnel/Policy with each sub-committee has its own chair. Kevin as chairperson for Finance; Jen for chairperson of Facilities; Crystal as chairperson for Policy; Matt as chairperson for Personnel. Kim will serve on P/P and Rick will serve on F/F. There was extensive discussion on whether there needs to be a chairperson for each committee, and the importance of sharing the agenda prior to the meeting for any questions that may arise.
- Next meetings: F/F - 1/28/19 at 6:00 p.m. P/P - 1/31/19 at 8:00 a.m.

Closed Session in accordance with MCL 15.268(a) to consider the Superintendent's evaluation.

6467 - Motion by Crystal and seconded by Jen to go into closed session at 7:49 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Returned from closed session at 8:04 p.m.

Adjournment

6468 - Motion by Matt and seconded by Jen to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Richard L. St. Peter II, Secretary