

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
September 9, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President Matt Hendrie at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Matt Hendrie, Jen Scott, Kim Rasch, Rick St. Peter, Crystal Calkins and Pete Slovinski.

Absent: None

President Matt Hendrie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

6528 – Motion by Jen and seconded by Crystal to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation

- Mick Hanna spoke representing Outpost Immigrant Connection. He would like to inform the schools that they offer low cost immigration legal services. They also offer Citizenship classes. They have an office at the Rec Center at this time. He was seeking guidance on how to inform families throughout the school district of these services.

Recognitions/Presentations

- Bing Hanson delivered the Oath of Office and Acceptance of Office to Michael Campeau.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

6529 – Motion by Crystal and seconded by Kim to approve the consent agenda items.

- Approve the minutes from the August 19, 2019 Regular Board of Education meeting with a small correction.
- Approve the disbursements for the month of August, 2019 in the amount of \$2,982,502.16.

Ayes – 7; Nays - 0 Motion passed

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Ken advised the Board of some news from Lansing that Governor Whitmer and leaders of the House and Senate met this weekend and decided to set the roads aside and work on target budgeting with the goal of avoiding a government shutdown.
- Rachel's Challenge was last month in Grant. We are going to have another opportunity for this on October 15 and 16. The group from Rachel's Challenge will be back to do daytime presentations for our middle and high schools and then community presentations both nights. We had high school students attend a conference on this for two afternoons in September to learn about strategies to implement the change in the school culture.
- We have 140 kindergartners in seven classrooms which is 20 students per room. This is the maximum we want in a classroom. Small groups are very important in early elementary levels. Bringing the behavior interventionist into Pathfinder has made a tremendous difference.
- Daisy Brook is running well. M-Step scores show a huge jump.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Bing states we are watching the enrollment numbers. We budgeted for 30 down, and today the count was 9 down. As soon as we know something from the State, she can give a bottom line.

Board Committee Reports

- Finance/Facilities – Will meet on September 23 at 6:00 p.m. - Jen, Rick and Pete
- Policy/Personnel – Met tonight. Crystal reviewed what was gone over at the committee meeting. Athletic Director, Police Liaison, Literacy Coach and class sizes were the things they discussed. Looked at pros and cons of each.

Action Agenda

- # **6530** – Motion by Jen and seconded by Rick to approve the FEA contract – Ken advised there is a page entitled Contract Approval in each Board packet with the changes to the current contract itemized and three letters of agreement. It will be a two-year agreement.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

- First reading of Section 4005 - Prohibition of Referral or Assistance in strict compliance with MCL 380.1507 of the Revised School Code.
- Athletics – Ken presented the Athletics Program policy. We have 22 varsity sports in Fremont which means we have a lot of coaches. Are all the coaches getting the instruction and learning they need to ensure they are effective? We have been approached by parents who are unhappy with four of these sports. As a Board member, your job is to listen and then go to Scott or Ken if you have questions. A Board member should not get into a situation where they talk to any parent....just listen. There was discussion regarding an end of season survey of players and parents.
- MASB training – The Board needs training in CBA 101 and what your role is as a new Board member. There is cost to these on-line trainings. Discussion regarding taking one course as a group at a meeting. Discussion that maybe once or twice a year doing this as a group. There is also a fall conference in November in Traverse City.
- Visioning as a Board member – The Board needs to discuss their own vision individually and as a district. Over the next few months, Matt will talk to each Board member on what their individual goals are and what they feel their role is on the Board. We will highlight each Board member once a month on Facebook.
- Harvest Parade – October 3 – will either meet at the Christian School or the bus garage and ride the bus over.
- Tailgate on September 13 – Set up at 5:00 for grill firing up. Starts at 6:00.

Adjournment

6531 - Motion by Pete and seconded by Crystal to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Richard L. St. Peter II, Secretary