

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting In Person/Via Zoom
August 23, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President, Matt Hendrie, at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Jen Scott, Michael Campeau, Carrie Crosley, Kim Rasch, Matt Hendrie, Rick St. Peter and Pete Slovinski (via ZOOM)

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, Matt Hendrie.

Approval of Agenda

6716 – Motion by Carrie and seconded by Jen to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation

- Shelly Klochack (school nurse) spoke to the Board regarding the recommendations by the Health Department for masks. Newaygo County is at a level D according to the Health Department. Under the public transportation mandate, wearing a mask on the school bus is required. The goal is to keep staff and students in school.

Recognitions/Presentations

- Jodie Ferris, Principal at Pathfinder, introduced Brea Bays (K), Nicki McCue (K), and Megan Braspenninx (2nd).
- Fran Clemence, Principal at Daisy Brook, introduced Mattea Rogers (5th)
- Carrie Miller-TerVeer, Assistant Principal at Fremont Middle School, introduced Lydia Seaver (LA), James Finney (Social Studies) and Brenda Chalko (Art)
- Scott Sherman, Principal at Fremont High School, introduced Taylor Scheidel (Science), Graciela Sanchez de Pinales (Spanish), Michael Krapp (Social Studies), Ty Miller (Technology), Sara Forman (Language Arts) and Zach Lienau (Assistant Principal)

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

6717 – Motion by Mike and seconded by Carrie to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion passed.

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

Ken advised that Hudsonville and other districts are facing difficulties with decisions their Boards of Education are making.

Weaver Street is officially closing tomorrow. Chris Howell will be working quickly to find alternative driving routes for the busses.

Ken has been in contact with the CEO of Spectrum regarding daily rates of Covid positive cases. There will be a letter going out to parents to outline what the beginning of the school year will look like.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

Bing advised that the Consolidated App has not gone anywhere when it should have been in progress months ago. The same with the ESSER II money.

The official audit dates should be set soon.

Bing has been busy getting all new employees' paperwork and financial work put in place.

Board Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel – Met on July 12. Next meeting September 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Facilities/Policy – Met on July 12. Next meeting September 27 at 6:00 p.m.

6718 – Motion by Rick and seconded by Carrie to go into closed session to discuss the FEA contract under MCL 14.268c at 7:33 p.m.

Roll call vote: Rick – yes; Kim – yes; Carrie – yes; Pete – yes; Michael – yes; Jen – yes; and Matt – yes.

Returned to open session at 8:34 p.m.

Action Agenda

6719 – Motion by Kim and seconded by Carrie to approve the FEA contract.

Roll call vote: Kim – yes; Carrie – yes; Michael – yes; Matt – yes; Jen – yes; Rick – abstained

6720 – Motion by Rick and seconded by Kim to approve the Work Policy after the second reading.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion Passed.

6721 – Motion by Mike and seconded by Carrie to approve the proposal from Racquet Sports in the amount of \$29,950 to recoat the tennis courts.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion Passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

The Board discussed the frustration with the City of Fremont closing a section of Weaver Street without knowledge or communication with Fremont Public Schools prior to this agreement. It was discussed that the decision to close a section of Weaver Street was solely a City of Fremont and Nestle decision. Fremont Public Schools had no part in this decision that will negatively impact the movement of busses, parents and students throughout the district. It was also discussed that Fremont Public Schools was given no advanced warning of the City of Fremont's decision to close this section of Weaver.

Adjournment

6722 - Motion by Pete and seconded by Kim to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Michael Campeau, Secretary