

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting In Person/Via Zoom
May 24, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by Vice-President, Jen Scott, at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Jen Scott, Michael Campeau, Carrie Crosley, Kim Rasch

Absent: Matt Hendrie, Pete Slovinski, Rick St. Peter

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-President, Jen Scott.

Approval of Agenda

6696 – Motion by Kim and seconded by Carrie to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation

- Jane Tuls spoke thanking the Board, the superintendent and Dave Walls for the support of the Tennis Program and the coaches.
- Astra Keena expressed her concern regarding the baseball and football programs.
- Sharon Langley expressed her concern regarding the baseball program.
- Dave Walls thanked the coaches who attended the Board meeting. He spoke in support of his coaches, reminding all that there are processes in place for a reason.

Recognitions/Presentations

- None

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- None

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Ken thanked the Board and all who were involved for the graduation yesterday.
- MICIP is going on with school improvement. We will start talking about the strategic plan and goals at the Board retreat.
- There are many parents asking what the fall is going to look like.
- The Board retreat is scheduled for June 28; the Administrative retreat is scheduled for August 16.
- Michael asked about virtual next year. Ken said that we are having tough conversations with parents at this time who might still be considering virtual for their students next year. Virtual K-12 in this district was devastating on our educational process. Our students performed better than any other district around us, but there were so many mental health issues, struggling with work and struggling with trying to survive. We are planning to offer it, but about 95% of the parents who are still on virtual at this time state they cannot make a decision before August on whether they will do virtual again next year or not. Just under 100 are virtual at this time.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Bing stated that we are still waiting on the ESSER funds to see where they are going to fall. For next year's budget, she is hoping within the next 2-3 weeks we will know where we are.

Board Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel – Met on May 10.

Facilities/Policy – Met on April 26. Will start to schedule a tour of all the buildings to discuss and identify building needs. Michael asked about the bid request for the entrance to the high school. Ken advised that it was determined that when we built the high school, the first thing that was completed was the entrance road. That road was used for all the heavy equipment running through to construct the building which then destroyed the underlayment. Our hope is to have the work completed prior to school starting. The plan is to take out ground down three feet, new drainage, new gravel and completely repaving the entire thing which is sinking fund eligible.

Action Agenda

6697 – Motion by Michael and seconded by Carrie to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held May 10, 2021.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

6698 – Motion by Kim and seconded by Michael to approve the Board Resolution authorizing Michael Campeau to represent the Fremont Board of Education to vote for NCRESA candidate, Dale Twing, for a six-year term to the NCRESA Board.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

6699 – Motion by Carrie and seconded by Kim to approve the purchase of two busses for a total cost of \$129,348.00 and one van at a cost of \$37,000.

Michael asked what the difference was between these two busses and a brand new bus, since these are gently used. Ken explained that these are leased busses. Carrie asked if we then sell two busses. Ken explained that one of the two busses will become our parts bus. Our worst bus which is currently the parts bus will be sold for approximately \$1500 stripped down. Michael asked if 10-15 years is a good life span.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

- Jen asked about sports physicals. Dave answered that we are going to provide sports physicals. He is working with the physicians' office to hold them whenever the providers are available hopefully prior to August 1.
- Michael asked regarding times of instruction and if we are going back to normal with 8-3. We are planning on that at this time. Student discipline was dramatically reduced with smaller class sizes. Jen would like to hear at the Board Retreat the positives as well as the negatives of what we learned this year.
- Michael asked about the track. Jen said it looks like there is something going on. Dave said that the rubber for the track is being moved in.

Adjournment

6700 - Motion by Michael and seconded by Kim to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Ayes – 4; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Michael Campeau, Secretary