

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Board Meeting In Person/Via Zoom  
September 13, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by President, Matt Hendrie, at 7:07 p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

**Approval of Agenda**

# 6723 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Carrie to approve the agenda. *Matt requested adding a closed session under MCR 15.268 (a) to discuss personnel issues related to the Superintendent.*

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

**Public Participation**

Toni Rich discussed graduation being switched to Thursday night indoors and limited number of tickets. She has a number of questions that Ken will be getting back with her to answer within 48 hours. Brooklyn Prevette, her senior daughter, reiterated.

Tracy discussed concern regarding forced vaccination in other counties.

Is concerned – Ken did advise that the district has no plan to force vaccinations on students.

DJ expressed concerns regarding the forced vaccinations also. Is also concerned about mask mandates. Discussed that he trusts the district with his children and would like communication from the district.

Astra expressed concern about the baseball coach/football coach and his violating of school policy, athletic handbook.

**Recognitions/Presentations**

None

## **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

# 6724 – Motion by Rick and seconded by Jen to approve the Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Approve the minutes of the August 23, 2021 Board of Education meeting.
- b. Approve the disbursements from the month of August in the amount of \$1,633,440.46

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion passed.

## **Leadership Reports**

### **Ken Haggart, Superintendent**

- The maintenance department is doing a phenomenal job this fall.
- Schools of Choice is officially closed. We still have a lot of parents applying for SOC. We do investigation into reasons, etc. in each case.
- Student enrollment – looks as if we are over 2000 which is up. Jen asked about where the student enrollment uptick has come from. There was discussion on that.
- Next Friday is professional development across the district. There are many focuses in the buildings – early elementary focus is benchmark literacy and third grade literacy.
- GSRP has three rooms in our building. Allison just received a grant for \$64,000 to put in a new playground for Packers Pride. GSRP has asked to use that playground equipment. We are looking at doing a rental program to use those funds for replacing the equipment as it gets broken.

### **Bing Hanson, Director of Finance**

- Bing passed out a financial report for the 20-21. Auditors were here, and she hasn't heard back yet on any changes. ESSER funds are expected to be received in full soon.

## **Board Committee Reports**

Finance/Personnel – Met on September 13 at 6:00 p.m. Pete discussed how the principals have been advised that the money train ends when ESSER funds are done. ESSER II funds are approximately 1.5 million which is being used to take care of staffing, technology, PPE, etc. Nothing on ESSER III yet. The on-site work for the auditors has been done. John Rosenberg came in to give update on Nutrition Services. They are short on food, supplies, but they are still feeding kids which is the number one priority. They are trying to determine how to deal with the Packer Pride lunch program and whether it will be free for all or still have to be paid lunches.

Kim discussed the personnel committee report. FESPA doesn't have a union any more. They are suggesting an association in order to better negotiate. MSU extension office is looking for a

home – they will pay rent. There have been grievances at Daisy Brook regarding breakfast in cohorts.

Facilities/Policy – Next meeting September 27 at 6:00 p.m.

**Closed Session:**

**# 6725** – Kim made the motion and seconded by Pete to move to closed session *per the Superintendent's request*.

Roll Call Vote: Rick – aye; Kim – aye; Michael – aye; Carrie – aye; Jen – aye; Pete – aye; Matt – aye

Return to open session at 8:31 p.m.

**Action Agenda**

- None

**Board Communications/Discussion**

- Staff appreciation – October 8 - Matt is heading up the committee. State Farm Insurance is going to sponsor it. Barb to send out a school-wide invitation with RSVP with number of attendees.
- Homecoming parade – The Board will walk/ride the bus again for the parade. Barb will get shirts ordered for them to wear.

**Adjournment**

**# 6726** - Motion by Pete and seconded by Jen to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Ayes – 7; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

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Michael Campeau, Secretary