



**Fremont Community Schools
Board of Trustees
Meeting Summary
April 21, 2014**

**Fremont Community Schools Board Room
1100 West Toledo Street
Fremont, Indiana**

**Meeting #7 – Special
5:45 PM**

Board Members Present: President Sheri Thomson, Vice President Christine Seiler, Liaison Officer Cindy Saltzman, Peggy Bailey, Marty McNeal,

Administration Present: Superintendent Loraine Vaughn, Business Manager Brandon Penrod, Head Start Director Susan Swager

Visitors in Attendance: Randy David, Jennifer Decker, Kim Quick, Nancy Swager, Kari Vilamaa

Board President Sheri Thomson called Special Meeting #7 to order, welcomed visitors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A public hearing was conducted by Business Manager Brandon Penrod for the purpose of hearing comment on Rainy Day Fund Additional Appropriations. No Board action was required during this hearing. However, Mr. Penrod will ask for approval during Regular Meeting #8.

**Meeting #8 – Regular
6:00 PM**

Board Members Present: President Sheri Thomson, Vice President Christine Seiler, Secretary Hope Korte, Liaison Officer Cindy Saltzman, Peggy Bailey, Laura McLatcher, Marty McNeal

Administration Present: Superintendent Loraine Vaughn, Business Manager Brandon Penrod, Head Start Director Susan Swager

Visitors in Attendance: Shawn Caldwell, Randy David, Jennifer Decker, Jim Measel, Kim Quick, Mary Sacquitne, Mark Sherbondy, Chris Snyder, Nancy Swager, Joni Thompson, Kari Vilamaa

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from Regular Meeting #6 were approved.



FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CLAIMS APPROVAL

Financial Reports were shared and claims were presented for approval.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

1. Fremont Park Board
Town Manager Chris Snyder presented information and spoke on behalf of the Fremont Park Board Trail Committee about the proposed extension of a trail that would connect Vistula Park to the Willow Prairie housing addition north of Fremont.
2. Bond Timeline
Business Manager Brandon Penrod asked the Board to authorize moving forward with the legal steps required to complete the sale of bonds on June 17, 2014. All bond hearings will correspond with regular board meeting dates and will begin at 5:45 p.m.
3. Introduce Architect – Update on progress of project
Kari Vilamaa, President of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa Architectural Firm was present to meet the Board and provide updates on the progress of our summer projects. Mr. Vilamaa is personally working on the specs for our tennis courts. His firm is also working with us on the development of specs for the wireless infrastructure project also planned for this summer. Tennis courts and wireless equipment and/or install will be advertised in accordance with the law and a pre-construction meeting will be held on May 5, 2014, for contractors who may have questions or would like to tour the facility. Bids are due on May 13, 2014, and a request to the Board will be made on May 19, to accept the winning bid.
4. Update Security System Progress
The first phase of our security system upgrade is set for summer, 2014, and will include IP cameras to cover the surveillance of the majority of our school buildings. This project includes monitors, software and training. Phase two will complete the project by adding the necessary additional equipment to needed areas.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request permission to proceed with 2014 Bond Sale
Business Manager Penrod requested permission to proceed with the 2014 Bond Sale. Mr. Penrod explained that plans to sell the bonds have been discussed with the Board of Finance Sub-Committee. The timeline now moves the sale from October to June which may allow us to begin projects that were scheduled for 2015 to 2014.
2. Request permission to approve Additional Appropriations for 2014 Rainy Day Fund
Mr. Penrod requested permission to approve Additional Appropriations for the 2014 Rainy Day Fund. This is the request to approve the additional spending from the Rainy Day Fund in 2014. This will not impact taxes or rates. It will only allow us to spend money that is already in the fund.
3. Request permission to accept contract for facility improvements with EMCOR
The Board granted permission to accept the contract for facility improvements with EMCOR. This contract is necessary to proceed with our security system, lighting renovations, more mechanical improvements, roof replacement, and exterior maintenance of the buildings.

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4. Employment Recommendations

Resignations:

Cecyl Joan Panyard, MS Dishwasher
Jo Hostetter, MS Canteen Manager
Sharon Abriani, Freshman Class Sponsor
Kagan Gentry, HS Instructional Assistant
Art Baughman, HS 2nd Shift Custodian
Ken Hansen, Bus Driver
Jennifer Squires, MS Intramural Volleyball Coach

Employee Dismissal:

Maria Kugler, EL Receptionist/IA

Hiring:

Betty Glasco, 2nd Shift Custodian

5. Leave of Absence Request

Stacey Grimm – Request denied for second year of unpaid leave.

6. High School Prom/Post-Prom Volunteers

Approved

7. Additional Middle School and High School Volunteers

Approved

8. Fundraiser

The Board approved a fundraiser for Mrs. Farnham’s High School Life Skills class. They would like to raise money for this year’s Special Olympics.

9. Donation

The Board accepted a \$1,348 donation to the Fremont High School Athletic Department for track equipment.

10. Head Start Report

Director Susan Swager asked the Board to approve the Cost of Living increase for Head Start employees and the restoration of grant funds that were removed last year, but have now been reinstated. The Board also approved the resignation of Crystal Hurraw, Head Start Bus Driver.