

**Fremont Community Schools
Board of Trustees
Meeting Summary
Meeting #14 – Regular
November 18, 2013
Fremont Community Schools Board Room
1100 West Toledo Street
Fremont, Indiana
6:00 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Peggy Bailey, Tim Knoblauch, Hope Korte, Laura McLatcher, Cindy Saltzman, Christine Seiler, Sheri Thomson

Representing Administration: Brandon Penrod, Lori Vaughn

Visitors: Mark Fowerbaugh, Carol Hudson, Marty McNeal, Kim Quick, Mark Sherbondy, Nancy Swager, Susan Swager, Ryan Welch

Board President Sheri Thomson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed all visitors. She then called Regular Meeting #14 to order and called for a motion to adopt the meeting agenda. Superintendent Lori Vaughn requested that the following change be made to the agenda prior to adoption:

- 1) Remove Volunteer Assistant JV Baseball Coach

Minutes from Meeting #13 - Regular were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CLAIMS APPROVAL

Corporation Business Manager Brandon Penrod noted that revenue in November and December will be approximately \$8,000 less than in previous months due to declining enrollment numbers from the September Student Count Day. This decrease in funding will continue through the next ADM count day taking place in February.

All claims were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mr. Penrod also shared that we are wrapping up the HVAC and lighting upgrade projects from the 2012 Bond Sale. The 2013 Bond project is now in the planning stages. We will continue to meet and prioritize the district's needs as we move forward with the next projects which include technology upgrades, roof repairs, interior and exterior doors, athletic facilities, continuation with HVAC/lighting upgrades, and additional security measures. Superintendent Lori Vaughn also announced that Fremont Community Schools will be receiving a \$34,500 matching grant through the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Secured Schools Safety Grant Program. This money will be used to address additional security measures throughout our school buildings.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Employment Recommendations
 - Resignation/Retirement Tim Knoblauch, FCS Board of Trustees Member

 - Employment Ryan Allman, JV Baseball Coach
Amy Bruney, MS Set Design
Brooks Bryan, HS Assistant Wrestling Coach
Tamilla Kline, MS Cheerleading Coach
Angela Wirick, HS P.L. 221 Committee Member

Volunteer

John Buell, MS Assistant Wrestling Coach

2. FCS 2013-2014 Policy Handbook
Proposed revisions and updates were approved.
3. FCS 2013-2014 Teacher Evaluation and Development System
Proposed revision to the number of short observations (originally three (3)/year reduced to one (1)/year) was approved.
4. Indiana State Police Presentation
Board members unanimously agreed to allow Superintendent Vaughn to move forward with scheduling an active shooter and school safety program for our employees with the Indiana State Police. Dates and times will be announced once decided.
5. Head Start Report
Director Susan Swager reported that our program has received 70% of the FY2014 Grant Award. The balance of funding will depend on the final Government Budget. The FY2014 Grant Award is a five (5) year award. Funding amounts for each of the five years will be determined when the Government passes a budget for that year.
New grant requirements include:
 - Close out of previous year will include an inventory of equipment valued at \$5,000 or more
 - A Health and Safety Screening completed at each center and certified by the School Board (LEA) within the first 45 days of the award.
 - A Governance, Leadership, and Oversight Capacity Screener completed within the first 60 days of award. It was determined that Mrs. Swager would meet with Board President Thomson to complete this screener tool.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anyone interested in seeking the vacant seat on the FCS Board of Trustees should submit a letter of interest to the following address by the end of the business day on November 22, 2013:

Fremont Community Schools
Attn: Board President
1100 West Toledo Street
P.O. Box 665
Fremont, IN 46737