

**Fremont Community Schools
Board of Trustees
Meeting Summary
June 15, 2015
6:00 PM
Fremont Community Schools
Administration Office
1100 West Toledo Street
Fremont, Indiana**

Board Members Present: President Marty McNeal, Vice President Laura McLatcher, Secretary Jill Cox, Liaison Officer Peggy Bailey, Gary Baker, Kim Bennett, Anna Creager

Representing Administration: Superintendent Lori Vaughn, Corporation Business Manager Brandon Penrod, Elementary Principal Barbara Wheeler, Middle School Principal Mark Fowerbaugh, High School Principal Mark Sherbondy

Visitors in Attendance: Christine Seiler, Connie Hantz, Jenny Hoffbauer, Dan Cairl, Kim Quick, Kate Hastings, Rick Rossi, Jackie Wooley, Jim Measel, Roger Probst, Cindy Callahan

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Marty McNeal welcomed visitors in the audience and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting agenda was approved with the following addition to COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

4. Fremont Community Schools Scholarship Foundation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting #7 – Approved as presented

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CLAIMS APPROVAL

Reports and claims approved as presented

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

1. 2016 Budget Timeline

Corporation Business Manager Brandon Penrod explained the budget calendar process noting the following dates set forth by the Department of Local Government and Finance and Indiana Code:

2016 Budget Calendar

July 20 Regular Board Meeting – 2016 Budget Update

August 17 Regular Board Meeting – 2016 Budget Presentation

September 11 (or before) – Advertise Bus Replacement and CPF in the Herald Republican newspaper

September 21 Regular Board Meeting – Hold Public Hearing on 2016 Budget, CPF Plan and Bus Replacement Plan

October 19 Regular Board Meeting – Adopt 2016 Budget, CPF Plan and Bus Replacement Plan

2. Update on Additional Appropriations

This process allows FCS to spend the money that is already in the Rainy Day Fund. It requires no tax levy.

2015 Additional Appropriations Calendar

June 15 Board Meeting – Update on Additional Appropriations

July 10 (or before) – Advertise in the Herald Republican newspaper

July 20 Prior to Regular Board Meeting (5:45 PM) – Hold Hearing on Additional Appropriations. Close Hearing. Adopt Resolution for Additional Appropriations.

3. Construction Update

Work is being continued on our HVAC system, combining heating/cooling plants between the Elementary and High School.

Fremont High School hallways are being painted as well as the gymnasium. New carpet has been laid in several classrooms. Fremont Elementary halls are also being painted.

We continue moving forward with our technology plan. Grades 2-12 will receive additional Samsung Chromebooks. Grades K-1 will receive five (5) Samsung Galaxy Tablets per classroom. The plan is to have this new technology operational by the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

4. Fremont Community Schools Scholarship Foundation

Christine Seiler was present to provide information about the Fremont Community Schools Scholarship Foundation, which was formally known as Dollars for Scholars. The scholarships provided by the Foundation are awarded to high school seniors who meet the qualifying criteria. All financial benefits are invested and distributed through the Steuben County Community Foundation. FCS Board Member, Gary Baker, will serve as the School Board's representative on the Foundation Committee.

UNFINISHED OR OLD Business

1. Staff Handbooks

Elementary, Middle School and High School Staff Handbooks were presented and approved.

2. Fremont Public Library Parking Lot

Members from the Fremont Public Library Board were present to once again express an interest and provide their input on purchasing from Fremont Community Schools, additional property to be used as parking for the Library. The Library Board has a 20 year option to purchase an additional tract (Tract II) of land from Fremont Community Schools. Following information and discussion the Library Board and the FCS Board agreed that the school would present a draft proposal in the very near future for their consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Employment Recommendations

Resignations: Bobbi Jo Daniels, MS Instructional Assistant
Neal Frantz, Varsity Girls' Tennis Co-Coach
Todd Johnson, MS Assistant Football Coach
Bruce Pitt, Varsity Girls' Tennis Co-Coach

Hiring: Angela Wirick, JV Girls' Volleyball Coach
Summer Custodial Employment

(Addition of two (2) summer custodians to be paid at the rate of \$8.50/hour.)

Volunteer: Mike Ritter, HS Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach

2. Leave Request

Granted

3. Athletic Handbooks

High School Athletic Director provided information and revisions in the FCS Athletic Handbook. Revisions:

- A student must be present for ½ of the school day to participate in practice or competitions.
- Changing sport teams must be done before the first competition. The athlete will only be allowed to join another team if given permission to do so by the coach of the sport that the athlete wants to change to.
- According to Indiana Code and the IHSAA, all athletic team participants must be provided with information concerning cardiac arrest.
- An athlete who violates a training rule during the off-season or for athletes, who have two violations and thus have been suspended for participation in sports for 365 days, must submit to a drug screen prior to the beginning of the next season.

4. 2015 Cross Country Team Camp

Permission for the Fremont cross country teams to travel to Grand Junction, Michigan for their annual team camp August 6-10, 2015. Coach Moses Castillo will supervise and chaperone the trip. Athletes will be traveling in a FCS white bus.

5. July 1 Employees' Contracts and Compensation Agreements

Approved as presented.

6. Head Start Report

Head Start Director, Susan Swager will be seeking approval for their FY 2016 Grant Application during the July 20 Regular Board Meeting. The grant will include the Budget, Program Goals and Self-Assessment. Mrs. Swager is currently working on the Program Narrative which is to also be included in the grant application.