

**Fremont Community Schools
Board of Trustees
Meeting Summary
August 17, 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, Business Manager Brandon Penrod, Head Start Director Susan Swager

Visitors in Attendance: Caleb Frederick, Nancy Swager, Kim Quick, Barbara Wheeler, Jenny Hoffbauer, Mark Sherbondy, Jessica Sattison, Connie Hantz, Rand Ehinger, Carol Hudson, Joni Thompson, Mary Sacquitne, Connie Sweeney, Mark Fowerbaugh, Jim Measel, Mike Marturello

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

CALL TO ORDER

The FCS Board Meeting Agenda was adopted with the following additions:

- Three (3) Employment Recommendations added for consideration and approval
- One (1) volunteer added for consideration and approval

Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from Meetings #10 (Special) and #11 (Regular) held on July 20, 2015, were approved as presented. Unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CLAIMS APPROVAL

Mr. Penrod presented the **2015 Actual/Projected Monthly Receipts and Expenditures** to the Board for review, and asked that all claims be approved as presented. Unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

1. First Week of New School Year
Superintendent Vaughn reported that the new school year appeared to be off to a good start. Employees spent part of Monday receiving annual training which included topics on Bullying, Duty to Report and Title IX Regarding Sexual Harassment. In addition, on Tuesday morning all teachers, instructional assistants and administrators received Crisis Prevention and Intervention (CPI) training from Mary Burton, Director of the Northeast Indiana Special Education Cooperative (NEISEC). Ms. Vaughn added that about half of our bus drivers received CPI training in July and another training session is being set up which will capture the remaining drivers. Ms. Vaughn also reported that attendance is down. Seat counts will be taken for the first couple of weeks, but all indications point to a decrease in enrollment with approximately 910 students attending the first three days of school.
2. Administrative Team Presentations
The Board heard brief presentations from the following members of the Administrative Team:
Rand Ehinger, Director of Transportation

Caleb Frederick, Director of Technology
Kim Quick, Director of Facilities and Grounds
Nancy Swager, Food Service Director
Connie Sweeney, Corporation Nurse

3. Construction Update – Preliminary Future Projects

For discussion purposes, Mr. Penrod presented potential future projects including the next phase of the HVAC project, improving school entries for purposes of safety and security, flooring, and locker refurbishing. Mr. Penrod also explained and it was discussed that future financing of projects would be done so with the continued use of GO Bonds and/or Lease Bonds. Additional information will be brought forth on September 21, 2015, at the Regular Meeting of the Fremont Community Schools Board of Trustees.

4. 2016 Budget Presentation

Mr. Penrod shared information on the preliminary 2016 budget figures, explaining that the budget is advertised slightly lower than what was approved last year for the General Fund. Other funds total a higher advertisement mostly due to the \$2.2 million that needs to be advertised in the event the proposed referendum passes in November.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Vaughn received an email from Fremont Public Library Director, Hope Wilson, on August 6, 2015, that indicates the Library's engineer is working on a plan for Option II, for the purpose of additional parking for the library. He hopes to have something to present to the Fremont Public Library Board by the end of September. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Employment Recommendations

Resignations: Arlene Adams, Senior Class Sponsor
Jeana Hartman, HS Guidance Secretary, Health Clinic Aide
Nichole Jahnke, EL Visual Arts Teacher
Holli Miller, Senior Class Sponsor
Jillian Scharlach, EL Physical Education Teacher and P.L. 221 Steering Committee Member

Hiring: Vickie Bice, MS Secretary/Receptionist
Pamela Harger, MS Guidance Counselor
Ashley Miller, HS Guidance Secretary/Health Clinic Aide
Edwina Myers, EL Extra-Curricular Treasurer
Kelsey Roband, 1st Grade Teacher
Staci Siebert, EL Visual Arts Teacher
Julie Thober, MS Technology Mentor
Trina Wisel, 7th Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach

Volunteer: Alexis Skeens, 7th Grade Girls' Volleyball

All employment recommendations approved unanimously.

2. Head Start Report

Director Susan Swager reported that Head Start enrollment is up to 180 students – 187 would bring them up to full capacity. Classes begin on September 8, 2015. Interviews are being conducted for the teacher vacancy at the Fremont Center. All employment recommendations approved unanimously.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing none, Board President Marty McNeal adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.