

**Fremont Community Schools  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting #1  
January 7, 2016  
5:30 p.m.  
1100 West Toledo Street  
Fremont, Indiana**

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

**Administrators Present:** Superintendent Loraine Vaughn, Corporation Business Manager Brandon Penrod, Middle School Principal Mark Fowerbaugh, High School Principal Mark Sherbondy, Elementary Principal Barbara Wheeler, Head Start Director Susan Swager

**Visitors Present:** Connie Hantz, Cheri Nofziger, Terri White, Kathy Griffis, Drew Kuespert, Eric Pentecost, Jennifer Squires, Julie Thober, Sally Heller, Sandy Brewbaker, Sarah Koch, Kim Quick

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**Meeting Summary**

Superintendent Vaughn welcomed visitors in the audience and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Due to annually required organization Superintendent Vaughn presided over the meeting until the Board Organization took place.

1. Adopt Agenda

The agenda was adopted with the following additions:

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:**

ISTEP+ Update

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Set 2016 Regular Board Meeting Schedule Dates and Times
- Accept Donations
- Employment Recommendation

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Meeting #18 – Regular, December 14, 2015
  2. Executive Session, December 14, 2015
- Minutes approved as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CLAIMS**

Claims approved as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

1. School Presentations

Several members of the Fremont Middle School Faculty and Staff provided the Board and audience with entertaining and informational presentations that were enjoyed by all. All were entertained by a visit from Joe Buck Antler (AKA Dan Cairl). Many thanks and KUDOS to Sandy Brewbaker, Dan Cairl, Mark Fowerbaugh, Kathy Griffis, Sally Heller, Sarah Koch, Drew Kuespert, Cheryl Nofziger, Eric Pentecost, Jill Perry, Jennifer Squires,

Jennifer Stukey, Julie Thober, and Terri White for the time, energy and expertise it took to provide these outstanding presentations!

2. Lease Rental Bond Information

Corporation Business Manager Brandon Penrod provided detailed and specific information on timelines and potential projects that may result from this bond issue.

3. ISTEP+ Update

Scores were released Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at 6:00 a.m. Elementary Principal, Barbara Wheeler and Middle School Principal, Mark Fowerbaugh shared and briefly summarized the percentage of students who passed English/language arts, science, and social studies. Both principals also shared remediation plans in preparation for the next round of testing beginning on February 29.

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Board Organization

2016 Board Officers:

President, Marty McNeal

Vice President, Laura McLatcher

Secretary, Jill Cox

Liaison, Peggy Bailey

The following reappointments were made:

Warrick and Boyn, LLP – Corporation Attorneys at Law

Brandon Penrod – Corporation Treasurer

Shayne Tresenriter – Deputy Treasurer

Board Member Compensation - The Board voted to remain status quo for 2016. Each member will receive \$2,000 for their service on the FCS Board of School Trustees.

Conflict of Interest Forms were distributed and completed by board members as applicable.

2. Finance Meeting

This is an annual requirement and requires the following:

- a. Investment Report (IC 5-13-7-7): The FCS investment report will include the total amount of funds on hand as well as interest earned over the course of FY2015.
- b. Financial Goals: This is a restatement of the FCS financial goals as required by state law. The board has approved a resolution that states FCS will work to increase the percentage of expenditures on the categories of expenses that fall under the classroom category.
- c. Designate a Depository: Farmers State Bank is the primary depository and Indiana Trust is the secondary depository.
- d. Establish a Board of Finance: All Board members are eligible. The officers for the Board of Finance will be the same as above.

3. General Obligation Bond Resolutions

- a. Preliminary Bond Resolution allows FCS to proceed with the General Obligation Bond process.
- b. Reimbursement Resolution allows FCS to reimburse funds that may have expenditures related to the bond prior to FCS receiving proceeds from the bond sale.

4. Consider Resolution to pre-pay January Claims  
Due to the timing of the January board meeting date, claims may not be ready for board consideration. Thus a resolution is needed to pre-pay January claims.
  
5. Employment Recommendations
 

Resignations:	Vickie Brandenburg, MS Math Teacher Moses Castillo, HS Assistant Track Coach Kayla Johnson, HS Assistant Track Coach
Hiring:	Arlene Adams, MS Operetta Assistant Moses Castillo, HS Head Track Coach
Coaching Volunteers:	Andrea Applegate, 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Brock Baker, MS Wrestling Cory Hull, HS Ski Club Assistant
  
6. Leave Request  
Leave request approved for Lauren Bryan.
  
7. Head Start Report  
Director Susan Swager reported that the Head Start Regional Office Call Questions for the month were on School Readiness.
  
8. Accept Donations
  - a. Fremont Women of the Moose to Fremont Elementary School – additional hats and gloves/mittens. This is their second donation this winter.
  - b. Terri Hague to Fremont Elementary School – hats and gloves/mittens

**COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Elementary Art Teacher, Staci Siebert and Middle and High School Art Teacher, Rachel Bavis and their students were recognized for their award winning work and contribution to the Christmas Card Contest held by the Prime Outlet Mall.
  
2. Superintendent Vaughn announced that the 2016-2017 school calendar is now being planned and is welcoming Board and public input.