

**Fremont Community Schools
Board of School Trustees
Meeting Summary - #3 Regular
March 18, 2013**

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

Representing Administration: Lori Vaughn, Superintendent
Dick Wirtz, Corporation Business Manager

Representing Head Start: Susan Swager, Director

Visitors: Shawn Caldwell, Cindy Callahan, Jennifer Decker, Mark Fowerbaugh, Laurie Freed, Chris Grant, Amber Hafner, Carol Hudson, Chad Kuespert, Dori McEntarfer, Nathan McEntarfer, Jim Measel, Kim Quick, Mary Sacquitne, Mark Sherbondy, Nancy Swager, Joni Thompson, Hope Wilson

Board President Sheri Thomson began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting agenda was adopted with two additional items.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CLAIMS APPROVAL – Mr. Wirtz

Board members received financial statements to refer to when reviewing the list of claims. The reports provide a list of actual fund expenditures to be approved by the Board.

A pie chart was shared to show the relative proportions of the General Fund expenditures that go to payroll, the related fringe benefits and other miscellaneous vendor payments. Payroll and fringe benefits make up 97% of the General Fund. Mr. Wirtz then shared a list of the dollar amounts (2013 budget figures) that comprise or are represented by the pie chart.

A line chart showed that over the past several years revenues have been decreasing while expenditures increased. A bar chart showed declining student enrollment. Student enrollment dictates the amount of basic grant funding that we receive annually. As enrollment declines so does our basic grant. Finally, excerpts from the Financial Health Analysis conducted in September were provided for further Board review.

Claims were approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Employment Recommendations

Resignations:

Robert Head, HS Math Teacher
Kim Quick, MS Head Football Coach
Scott Sprague, MS Boys' Track Coach

Hiring:

Melissa Hardwick, MS Set Design, Lights & Sound for Spring Musical
Arlene Adams, HS Guidance Secretary
(A substitute will be used for the remainder of the school year in the Elementary Library.)

Jennifer LaRose, MS Girls' Track Coach
(Frank Hall will move to MS Boys' Coach)
Ashley Miller, MS Assistant Track Coach

Volunteer:

Rebecca Noyes, HS Girls' Tennis Coach

2. Additional Public Library Parking

Hope Wilson, Director of the Fremont Public Library presented information pertaining to an agreement made in prior years granting the library a 20 year option to purchase FCS property for additional parking. The parking plan has changed from the property in front of the School's District Office to the area

adjacent to the existing 13 spots designated for library parking. Issues surrounding drainage will need to be addressed prior to final plans evolving. The Board requested that Hope have a legal document drawn up with conditions and/or parameters spelled out for Board review by the April meeting if possible.

3. Authorize Publication of Notice of Additional Appropriations

Mr. Wirtz asked permission for the Board to approve the advertising of a notice of public hearing for the purpose of re-appropriating cash balances in the General, Rainy Day, and Bus Replacement funds. Approval was granted.

4. Corporation Policy Regarding Convicted Sex Offenders – Second reading

The Board unanimously approved the second reading and passing of the Corporation Policy Regarding Convicted Sex Offenders. The policy will be put into effect immediately. Copies of the policy will be added to the FCS Policy Handbook. A copy of the policy is available upon request from the District Office.

5. Textbook Adoption Committees

Principals Shawn Caldwell and Mark Fowerbaugh submitted lists of teachers and parents who have agreed to serve on textbook review and selection committees for reading.

6. Special Trip Request

Drew Kuespert asked to share a special request with the Board that would allow him nine days paid leave of absence to participate in a goodwill tour to Mongolia. The Board's final decision aligned with the current contract language allowing no more than three consecutive school days to be used at one time for personal leave.

7. Head Start Report – Susan Swager

Mrs. Swager reported that The Office of Head Start (OHS) issued a Program Instruction on March 1, 2013, informing all Head Start Programs that their FY 2013 funding would be reduced by approximately 5%. After reviewing the information provided by OHS Mrs. Swager asked for Board approval to reduce her current budget by approximately \$62,000. Her recommendations were approved as follows:

- The current school year will end seven days earlier than originally scheduled.
- All staff will have their number of work days reduced by seven.

2013-14 School Year

- Classes will begin seven to eight days later and the children will attend 120 days instead of 128.
- Transportation may be reduced for children living inside city limits.
- The number of students served may be reduced.
- Reduction in staff

8. 2013-14 School Calendar

The final version of the 2013-14 School Calendar was presented and approved. Copies have been sent to the buildings for distribution to all employees. It is also posted on our web-site/pages.

Next FCS Board of School Trustees Meeting

Monday, April 15, 2013

6:00 p.m.

1100 West Toledo Street

Fremont, Indiana