

**Fremont Community Schools
Board of School Trustees
Meeting Summary – Regular #8
November 19, 2012
6:00 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Peggy Bailey, Donna Hanna, Hope Korte, Sheri Thomson, Cindy Saltzman, Christine Seiler

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

Visitors in Attendance: Judy Aldrich, Todd Aldrich, Eric Bryan, Dan Callahan, Moses Castillo, Barb Caruso, Joe Caruso, Jonathan Cress, Bob Head, Laura McLatcher, Jim Measel, Roger Probst, Kim Quick, Cindy Ritter, Mary Sacquitne, Nancy Swager, Susan Swager, Joni Thompson, newly inducted members of the Fremont High School National Honor Society, members of the Fremont High School Girls' Cross Country Team

Vice President Sheri Thomson welcomed and led our large group of visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was adopted and Vice President Thomson called the meeting to order.

Minutes from Regular Meeting #6 and Special Meeting #7 minutes were approved.

Financial Reports and Claims were approved.

With great pleasure and pride Superintendent Vaughn introduced and congratulated the following students and their co-sponsors for recently being inducted into the Fremont High School National Honor Society: Allison Arnos, Sidney Dunn, April Hart, Audra Lantz, Rebecca Mann, Glen McClain, Logan Peel, kylie Pifer, Kyla Regadanz, Leeah Reidenbach, Kaitlin Roebel, Zachary Roebel, Arman Salim, Samuel Stuckey, Spencer Stuckey, Andrew Thomas, Anna Thompson, Sarah Vacala, Miranda White, and Co-sponsors Bob Head and Cindy Ritter.

Following this recognition the 2012 Girls' Cross Country Team and their coaches were also honored. High School Athletic Director Roger Probst provided a detailed overview of their extremely successful season. The following were introduced and congratulated: Anna Aldrich, Lexie Bowen, Alexis Buck, Makenna Cade, Brandie Cessna, Katie Culler, Alex Friend, Abby Hostetler, and Coaches Moses Castillo and Todd Aldrich.

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General Obligation Bond Issue

The following items were addressed as follow-up to the Public Hearing held at the October 30th Special Board Meeting:

1. Hearing held on additional appropriations;
2. Resolution to adopt additional appropriation resolution; and
3. Adopt final bond resolution - including approval form of continuing disclosure undertaking and appointment of bid committee to receive bond bids.

Business Manager Wirtz recommended that following the hearing the two resolutions be adopted. The Board voted unanimously to do so.

Bond Bank Resolutions

Mr. Wirtz explained that a resolution is needed to authorize the issuance of temporary loan tax and revenue anticipation warrants. He went on to explain that the State of Indiana operates a Bond Bank to provide advance funding of property tax collections. The money is repaid when and from the tax collection disbursed by the county in June and December. Such loans are based upon cash flow projections for the calendar year 2013.

This will enable us to make Debt Service Payments due January 5, 2013, since the tax draw will not arrive until June of 2013. The final determination for the need and amount of the loans will occur on Friday, December 7, 2012. Recommendation to adopt the resolution, directing the President and Secretary to sign same, and the related Warrant Purchase Agreement was made and approved unanimously.

ICE Miller LLP Confirmation and Approval of Terms of Engagement and Employment

This was a procedural measure necessary for ICE Miller LLP to continue as legal counsel for the bond issues. The Board unanimously approved the acceptance.

Frisbee Golf Course

The Board voted to approve the building of a Frisbee golf course. Eric Bryan presented his plans and process for building a Frisbee Golf Course on school property. He was given the go-ahead to order equipment last year. However, his budget did not include installation costs. He recently presented his idea to the Fremont Town Council and they in turn helped support him in a grant application. He is ready to move forward, but our insurance representative advised us to seek Board approval prior to doing so.

American Red Cross Shelter Survey and Agreement

The local chapter of the American Red Cross has asked that we consider signing a shelter survey and agreement. The survey consists of an assessment of our facilities that could serve as a Red Cross shelter during an emergency or disaster. The written agreement would be between the Red Cross and Fremont Community Schools that would state that the Red Cross could use our facilities as emergency shelters during a disaster. The Board approved entering into an agreement between FCS and the American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana.

Employment Recommendations

Resignations: Monica Shirey, Bus Driver

Hannah Pohl, HS Varsity Volleyball Coach

Sarah Pohl, HS Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach

Travis Foster, HS JV Baseball Assistant Coach

New Hire: Krystal Davis, HS JV Cheerleading Coach

Volunteers: Joe Patterson, HS Wrestling

Ian Burkhart, HS Assistant Baseball Coach

Scott Porath, HS Assistant Wrestling Coach

EL and MS Parents

Reappointment of the Fremont Public Library Board Member

Hope Wilson requested Mary Ann Wehrenberg be reappointed by the Board to serve another four-year term, beginning January, 2013. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

Policy: Advance Disbursements and/or Pre-Pay and Trade Discounts

ACH payments (a direct withdrawal from our bank account instead of a check) are now a fact of life and are required for many of our debtors. These advances benefit the school in allowing us to keep our money in our account and earning interest right up until the day it is withdrawn to make the payment. However, in order to avoid additional finance charges, penalties for late payments or accrued interest the FCS Board of School Trustees as a result of adopting this policy can authorize pre-payment of certain claims.

Permission for Board President to Appoint Members to a Finance Sub-Committee

Permission was granted for the Board President to appoint members to a financial sub-committee that could meet on occasion to discuss current and pending financial issues.

Corporation and School Letter Grades

FCS Corporation Grade = A

FHS Grade = A

FMS Grade = B

FES Grade = B

Superintendent Vaughn presented a brief overview of our schools and district performance and letter grades. Vaughn commented that there has been an abundance of publicity and conversation surrounding the letter grading, its calculations, consistency and fairness. However, we see the information released by the IDOE as a “road map”, if you will, of where we were, where we are, and where we need to go next. Vaughn highly commended all stakeholders – students, teachers and staff, parents and community for an outstanding united effort to continue our growth toward excellence.

Fremont Youth League Eaglet Spring Fury

Jonathan Cress addressed the Board seeking approval to hold a two-day basketball invitational for boys and girls, grades 2-6. The Board agreed to allow the Fremont Youth League to use our facilities for the tournament, with specific use agreement and cost to follow.

Head Start Report

Director Susan Swager reported that all is going well. They have received 80% of their FY 2013 Grant. 90% of their enrolled families participated in parent/teacher conferences in October. Teachers recently completed their students’ first assessment and have established baseline scores for the entire program.

Next Regular Meeting:
Monday, December 17, 2012
6:00 p.m.
Administrative Board Room