

**Fremont Community Schools
Board of Trustees
Meeting Summary May 19, 2014
Fremont Community Schools Board Room
1100 West Toledo Street
Fremont, Indiana**

Visitors in Attendance: Anna Creager, Jennifer Decker, Ken Filmore, Chris Folland, Betsy Fowler, Mark Fowerbaugh, Melissa Hardwick, Jim Hummer, Drew Kuespert, Curt Pletcher, Roger Probst, Kim Quick, Mary Sacquitne, Mark Sherbondy, Nancy Swager, Susie Swager, Joni Thompson, Kari Vilamaa,

Board Members Present: President Sheri Thomson, Vice President Christine Seiler, Liaison Officer Cindy Saltzman, Peggy Bailey, Marty McNeal

Administration Present: Superintendent Loraine Vaughn, Business Manager Brandon Penrod, Head Start Director Susan Swager

**Meeting #9 – Special
5:45 PM**

Project Hearing - Proposed 2014 General Obligation Bonds

Curt Pletcher, CPA for H. J. Umbaugh & Associates was present and provided information for the project hearing for issuance of the 2014 General Obligation Bonds. No questions or comments were offered by the audience.

**Meeting #10 – Regular
6:00 PM**

Board President Sheri Thomson led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed visitors to the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting agenda was adopted with the following additions/revisions:

Employment Recommendations: Add High School Instructional Assistant
 Add Resignation of Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach

Move ANNOUNCEMENTS under COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD to allow for prior commitment by Ms. Fowler.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from Meeting #7 – Special and Meeting #8 Regular were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CLAIMS APPROVAL

All financial reports and claims totaling \$354,108.93, were approved as provided by Business Manager Brandon Penrod.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

During Spring Break our High School Band and Choir took a trip to New York City to perform at the Festivals of Music. Superintendent Vaughn read a congratulatory letter from the President of the music festival and commended Ms. Fowler and Ms. Hardwick for planning and preparing our students for this once in a lifetime experience. As quoted from the congratulatory letter, "Certainly the group's on-stage performance/s demonstrated a remarkable degree of dedication, but it should also be noted their off-stage deportment and demeanor were equally as admirable." Both Ms. Fowler and Ms. Hardwick stood and spoke of their experiences and presented the two trophies awarded to our group at the festival.

Ms. Vaughn also recognized the efforts of our Middle School and High School art students for their successful participation in the Steuben County Art Show. For the second year in a row Fremont Middle School received "best piece" recognition out of all of the middle schools in Steuben County. The students' work will be on display at the Carnegie Library in Angola now through May 30. The Tri-Kappa Sorority will be hosting a cookies and punch reception for the students and their teachers this Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Library.

Fremont Elementary School will be hosting the "Summer Up!" summer school program beginning on Wednesday, June 11 and ending on Tuesday, July 1. Students will attend from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. daily. Teachers for the program will be Candee Arnold, Nichole Jahnke, Melissa Marckel, Jenny Stuckey, and Joni Thompson. Jill Perry will serve as the office assistant. The program is being funded by the Steuben County Literacy Coalition.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request Approval and Award Bid for the Tennis Court Renovation
Kari Vilamaa, Architect Engineer for Barton-Coe-Vilamaa was present to read aloud the bid tabulation for the tennis court renovation project. Brooks Construction submitted the lowest bid for asphalt and surfacing for the project which included an alternate fencing bid.
2. Request Approval and Award Bid for the Wireless Project
Mr. Vilamaa also presented the sole bid tabulation for the corporation-wide wireless network project, noting that the project was bid on by Clear Lake Electric. The board voted unanimously to accept both bids.
3. Request Adoption of Project Resolution
The board approved the PROJECT RESOLUTION which is necessary for the purpose of providing an improved educational program and environment for students following a public hearing held prior to the regular meeting. The Project Resolution was approved by the board.

4. Request Adoption of Preliminary Bond Resolution
This resolution outlines the general scope of the project, which includes various renovations and improvements to all school facilities, as well as what we will be allowed to spend our bond proceeds on. Resolution approved.
5. Request Adoption of Reimbursement Resolution
This resolution allows FCS to reimburse funds for money spent prior to receiving the funds from the fore mentioned bond sale. Resolution approved.
6. Appoint Wage Committee
In the event a need for a Wage Concession Hearing should arise, Mr. Penrod recommended to the board that they appoint Ms. Vaughn and himself to the Wage Committee in case a wage hearing is needed. The board approved this recommendation.
7. Request Approval of Resolution Granting Authority to Sign on Behalf of the FCS School Board
The board approved this resolution which grants Superintendent Vaughn and Business Manager Penrod the authority to sign said project contracts and documents as necessary to keep the projects on schedule.
8. Employment Recommendations
Resignations/Retirements Kathleen Stalter, EL Custodian
Amy Bruney, EL Music Teacher
Lashell Hall, HS Cafeteria Cashier
Sally Heller, 5th & 6th Grade Student Council
Chris Snyder, Varsity Assistant Football Coach
Kagan Gentry, Varsity Assistant Football Coach
Ted Bookwalter, Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
Hiring Jim Hummer, Varsity Head Football Coach
Susan Hasse, HS Instructional Assistant
9. FMLA Leave Request – granted
10. 2014-2015 Fundraisers
A list of fundraisers was submitted to and approved by the board for next school year.
11. Field Trip Requests
Overnight field trip requests for both the varsity golf team and hopefully members of the FHS Track Team were presented by High School Athletic Director Roger Probst and approved by the board. On May 30, the golf team will be traveling to the Lafayette Jeff Golf Invitational held at the Battle Ground Country Club on May 31. The state track meet takes place in Bloomington on June 6 and 7.

12. Handbooks

Policy revisions for student, staff and Corporation handbooks were distributed and discussed with the FCTA prior to the board meeting. The board voted to approve all revisions.

13. Steuben County Health Department Request for Facility Use

The Steuben County Health Department has asked Fremont Community Schools to allow them to use Fremont Middle School during any type of community emergency/disaster such as pandemic flu, disease outbreak or any such event requiring mass treatment, vaccination or medication dispensing to provide care and/services for the citizens of Steuben County. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by members of the board to allow for future facility use should it become necessary.

14. Head Start Report

Director Susan Swager reported that the second Home Visit was conducted with 91% of the families participating. 11 children have behavior coaches. 21 children have IEPs. Current enrollment stands at 167. Drop out for the month included 3 moving out of the county and 1 for transportation issues.