

**Fremont Community Schools
Board of Trustees
Meeting Summary
March 17, 2014
Fremont Community Schools Board Room
1100 West Toledo Street**

**Meeting #6 – Regular
6:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Peggy Bailey, Secretary Hope Korte, Laura McLatcher, Marty McNeal, Liaison Cindy Saltzman, Vice-President Christine Seiler, President Sheri Thomson

Representing Administration: Business Manager Brandon Penrod, Superintendent Lori Vaughn

Visitors: Todd Austin, Shawn Caldwell, Cindy Callahan, Dan Callahan, Randy David, Kris Folland, Caleb Frederick, Carol Hudson, Jim Measel, Kim Quick, Greta Robinson, Mary Sacquitne, Mark Sherbondy, Nancy Swager, Susan Swager

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Sheri Thomson called Regular Meeting #6 to order by welcoming visitors and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting agenda was adopted with the following additions being requested by Superintendent Vaughn prior to voting:

- Recommendation for Middle School Golf Coach
- 2013-14 NECC All-Academic Team
- Middle School ISSMA
- Elementary Fame Festival

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from Special Meeting #5 were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CLAIMS APPROVAL

Business Manager Brandon Penrod asked and received approval on the submitted claims. He also distributed the General Fund Cash Flow worksheet to all Board Members for summary and review.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Corporation Technology Coordinator, Caleb Frederick provided an update on the wireless project that FCS plans to embark on in June. Mr. Frederick explained that the project will include all three school buildings and the team building as well. Every classroom will have Wi-Fi capability. Plans for the first year will consist of a teacher pilot program, including professional development to prepare for student use and implementation.

Network infrastructure devices will be added in necessary locations. Pre-existing devices will be replaced. New network cable runs to all classrooms and common areas will be installed to accommodate the necessary access points along with the increased network bandwidth. Wiring and fiber connections will also be upgraded. This will be a complete network infrastructure upgrade both at the building level and between buildings. After this project is complete we will be ready to start utilizing wireless devices.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Employment Recommendations
Resignation/Retirement Ken Wertz, MS Science
Hiring Paul Allison, JV Golf Coach
 Jeff Olds, MS Golf Coach
 Mike Smith, JV Softball Coach

2. Elementary Principal
Superintendent Vaughn requested the Board's approval to begin the search process for a new Elementary Principal. The vacancy will be posted not only on our web-site, but on multiple professional sites as well.

3. Authorize Publication of Notice of Additional Appropriation – Rainy Day Fund
Business Manager Penrod explained that when the budget was advertised in August of 2013, the Rainy Day Fund was advertised at a lower rate. However, now that additional money has been moved into the fund to cover General Fund expenditures we need Board approval to expend it accordingly.

4. Request Permission to Work With Barton-Coe-Vilamaa Architect on Projects
Business Manager Penrod asked the Board to consider and authorize working with Barton-Coe-Vilamaa Architects-Engineers, a school design firm located in Fort Wayne, for upcoming projects beginning with the tennis courts.

5. Donation
Superintendent Vaughn asked the Board to accept a \$400 donation from Mrs. Bobbye Champion, on behalf of the Fremont American Legion Auxiliary #257. This donation is to be used for students in grades K-12 who are in need of lunch money. The Auxiliary calls their program, "No Kids Go Without" and held an afghan raffle to raise funds for this very worthy project. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to this special group of ladies.

6. Additional Elementary School Volunteers
An additional list of Fremont Elementary Volunteers was submitted and approved by the Board.

7. Final List of Chaperones for Band/Choir Trip to New York City
The final list of chaperones for the band and choir trip was submitted and approved by the Board.

8. Head Start Report
Director Susan Swager reported that she has applied for a five-day waiver from the Federal Government for days missed due to inclement weather. She has not received a reply as of yet. Head Start Staff received training on conducting home visits. Fremont Police Officer Jordon Trippe assisted in this worthwhile in-service. The Head Start Regional Director from Chicago will be visiting our programs on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. It is expected that she will want to meet with a Board Member. Peggy Bailey volunteered to be available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 2013 Field of Excellence Award

Pioneer Athletics proudly announces that Fremont Community Schools has once again been selected as a winner of the *2013 Fields of Excellence Award*. Director of Facilities and Grounds, Kim Quick shared that we have been the recipient of this award 15 out of 16 years. As a winner, FCS will receive a certificate of recognition and a *Fields of Excellence* banner that we can proudly display at the football field. Pioneer may also use our winning field picture in upcoming publications and annual calendar. Congratulations and much appreciation go to Mr. Quick and his crew, Cody Crawford, Ian Burkhart and Bob Spidel for continued time, energy and commitment to maintaining our grounds and facilities.

2. 2013-14 NECC All-Academic Team

Congratulations and special recognition go to Fremont High School Principal, Mark Sherbondy and student-athletes, Sidney Dunn, Leeah Reidenbach and Zach Roebel for being chosen as members of the 2013-14 Northeast Corner Conference All-Academic Team! The NECC All-Academic Team consists of twenty-five young men and women from Northeast Indiana. Team membership is determined by a combination of a student's grade point average and a standardized test score (SAT or ACT). Grades in academic core subjects of English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, and Foreign Language are used.

3. Middle School ISSMA

On Saturday, March 15, the Fremont Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Band and Choir performed at the Indiana State School Music Association contest held at Garrett-Keyser-Butler School Corporation. Both groups place GOLD in their respective units. Congratulations Band and Choir students and directors on your outstanding performances!

4. Elementary Fame Festival

Thanks and congratulations are in order for Elementary Art Teacher, Rachel Harmon and her students. Miss Harmon entered many of our Elementary students' art work in the FAME Festival at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne this past weekend. Special congratulations to 1st grader Jackson Foster, whose artwork was selected by Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry, to be displayed in his lobby April 8th - 30th. The teacher's choice award recipient was 4th grader, Kaydance Garr. Her work will be on display at the University of Saint Francis May 12th - 30th.