

**Fremont Community Schools
Board of Trustees
Meeting Summary
March 16, 2015
6:00 PM
Fremont Community Schools
Administration Office
1100 West Toledo Street
Fremont, Indiana**

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

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

Visitors in Attendance: Marti Slee, Sally Heller, Chris Folland, Kim Quick, Jenny Hoffbauer, Joni Thompson, Nancy Swager, Mary Sacquitne, Barbara Wheeler, Mark Fowerbaugh, Mark Sherbondy, Chris Snyder, Mike Marturello

Board President Marty McNeal welcomed visitors in the audience and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

The agenda for Regular Meeting #5 was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from Regular Meeting #4 held on February 16, 2015, were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CLAIMS APPROVAL

Business Manager Brandon Penrod presented a brief overview of the monthly claims, noting that check voucher 1867 to MSD Steuben County was for membership payment to the Educational Opportunity Center. Mr. Penrod also explained that as shown on the General Fund Actual/Projected Monthly Receipts and Expenditures worksheet, we will see a decrease in our Basic Grant Receipts next month.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

1. The Women of the Fremont Moose Lodge were recognized for their donation of hats and gloves/mittens to Fremont Elementary School. These items were collected through their giving tree project. Heartfelt thanks to the WOTM!

2. Mr. Penrod once again provided an overview and explanation of the recent proposed budget and House Bill 1001. At the present time, if this budget passes as written, Fremont Community Schools stands to lose approximately \$253,000.00. This will have an extremely negative financial impact on our corporation. Superintendent Vaughn added that we are paying very close attention to what is happening in Indianapolis and plan to host a community-wide meeting after Spring Break to provide additional/current information regarding HB 1001 and Fremont Community Schools.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS

None to report

NEW BUSINESS

1. Indemnification Policy

This policy may, as approved by the school board, pay all costs and fees incurred by or on behalf of an employee or school board member, in defense of any litigation arising out of the good faith performance of duties for or employment with Fremont Schools.

First Reading

Second Reading waived

Policy approved 7-0

2. 2015-2016 School Calendar

The Fremont Community Schools Calendar for 2015-2016 was unanimously approved.

First Student Day - August 12

Fall Break - October 16

Thanksgiving Break - November 25-27

Winter Holiday Break - December 21-January 1

Option Days - January 18 and February 15

Spring Break - March 25-April 1

Last Student Day – May 24

FHS Graduation – June 5

Calendars will be distributed to all employees and will be posted on the Corporation web-site.

3. Employment Recommendations

Resignations: Amanda DeLong, MS Cafeteria Cook
T.J. Schroeder, Varsity Assistant Football Coach

Retirement: Jo Ellen Hostetter, MS Nurse/Receptionist

Hiring: Mike Fagan, Substitute Bus Driver
Nicole Fagan, Substitute Bus Driver
Neal Frantz, Varsity Girls' Tennis Coach
Bruce Pitt, Varsity Girls' Tennis Coach
Amy Vanderpool, MS Cafeteria Cook

Volunteer Coach: Luke Frey, HS Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach

4. Leave Request

Unpaid Leave Request granted to Jill Perry, effective April 7(.5), 8, 9, and 10.

5. Additional Elementary Volunteers

One additional volunteer for the Elementary was approved.

6. American Red Cross Shelter Agreement

The Board unanimously approved signing the annual agreement entered into by and between Fremont Community Schools and the American Red Cross so that the Red Cross can use our facilities, if necessary, as an emergency shelter during a disaster.

7. Credit Card Information

Fremont Community Schools continues to consider the possibility of taking credit card payment for textbook rental. Mr. Penrod presented additional information regarding usage agreement and costs. He will continue to research this possibility and report findings in next month's board meeting.

8. Head Start Report

Director Susie Swager reported that they have received the remaining balance of their FY funding. Mrs. Swager was pleased to share that gains in all of the readiness goals were achieved. The on-site review will take place the week of March 20. Mrs. Swager is preparing for a visit from the Regional Director on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Fremont Town Manager, Chris Snyder stood and acknowledged the financial difficulty facing our small town and schools. Mr. Snyder offered his support and assistance on behalf of the Town of Fremont.