

**Fremont Community Schools
Board of School Trustees
Regular Meeting #15 Summary
August 18, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.
FCS Administrative Office
1100 West Toledo Street
Fremont, Indiana**

Board Members in Attendance: President Sheri Thomson, Vice-President Christine Seiler, Secretary Hope Korte, Peggy Bailey, Laura McLatcher, Marty McNeal

Administration in Attendance: Superintendent Lori Vaughn, Business Manager Brandon Penrod, Elementary Principal Barbara Weber, Middle School Principal Mark Fowerbaugh, Middle School Assistant Principal Carol Hudson, High School Principal Mark Sherbondy

Visitors in Attendance: Cindy Callahan, Anna Creager, Susan Swager, Nancy Swager, Jill Cox, Todd Austin, Gary Baker

Board President Sheri Thomson led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone to Regular Meeting #15.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting agenda was approved with the following additions recommended by Superintendent Vaughn:

- 1) Remove Theodore Schroeder, Varsity Football Assistant Coach Volunteer
- 2) Remove Julie Thober, 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach
- 3) Add Laura Pentecost, 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach
- 4) Add Acceptance of Donation to Fremont Elementary School
- 5) Approve Unpaid Leave Requests (2)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Regular Meeting #14
- 2) July 21, 2014 - Executive Session

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CLAIMS

Reports and claims presented by Business Manager Penrod were approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

1. ISTEP+ Data
Superintendent Vaughn presented 2014 trend data for grades three through eight, noting the importance of being able to track student achievement from year to year on the same group of students. Ms. Vaughn also congratulated students, parents, administrators, teachers, and staff for their continued hard work which resulted in Fremont Community Schools exceeding the state average of percent passing and being the highest performing school in the corner of our state. Superintendent Vaughn went

on to say how proud she was of our caring and professional staff, our well-rounded and rigorous curriculum and our highly competitive extra-curricular programs and activities, noting that continued success comes from an ongoing partnership with our schools and the Fremont Community.

2. 2015 Budget Presentation

Business Manager Penrod presented numbers that are ready for advertisement. Because of the process, the said number will be higher than the final approved budget. Mr. Penrod explained that when building the budget, excess in certain accounts are kept to allow for cuts when we are mandated by the Department of Local Government and Finance to do so. Mr. Penrod presented approximate amounts to be cut from the Capital Projects Fund and the Transportation Fund. He also reviewed estimates from the Indiana Department of Education Basic Grant. In addition debt schedules were presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Meeting Change of Date

The Regular September Board Meeting has been moved to Wednesday, September 17, 2014. Same time – 6:00 p.m. Same place – Fremont Community Schools Administrative Office.

2. Employment Recommendations

- Resignations: Hannah Hewes, 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach
Jeff Olds, MS Assistant Wrestling Coach
Bruce Pitt, Varsity Girls' Tennis Coach
Scott Sprague, MS Cross Country Coach
Frank Hall, HS Science Teacher, MS Assistant Football Coach, 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach, MS Track Coach
Chad Baker, Varsity Assistant Football Coach
Kathleen Belcher, EL Instructional Assistant - Library
Lisa Eisinger, EL Instructional Assistant – Office
- Non-Renewals: Ellen Sattison, MS Secretary/Treasurer
Vern Smith, HS Girls' Assistant Softball Coach
- Hiring: David Grimm, Varsity Assistant Football Coach
Rebecca Rupp, MS Cross Country Coach
Tayler Brandenburg, Freshman Boys' Basketball Coach
Laura Taylor, Freshmen Class Sponsor
Angela Wirick, Freshmen Class Sponsor
Katlyn Beard, Sophomore Class Sponsor
Laura Taylor, HS Social Studies Academic Coach
Kathleen Belcher, EL Secretary/Treasurer
Lisa Eisinger, EL Yearbook
Rachel Bavis, EL Set Design
Drew Kuespert, 7/8 Grade Assistant Football Coach
Jennifer LaRose, MS Cheerleading Coach
Laura Pentecost, 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach
- Volunteers: Andrea Applegate, MS Volleyball Coach

Chassity Baker, MS Volleyball Coach
William Schmucker, MS Cross Country Coach

3. Head Start Reports

The Fremont Community Schools Board of Trustees approved the following resignations and employment recommendations from Head Start Director Susan Swager:

Resignations: Jessica Charlton, Teacher
Lauren Howdyshell, Teacher Assistant
Nichole Schrock, Bus Driver
Laura Miller, Bus Monitor
Christine Faust, Cook LaGrange Center
Jinger Kaufman, Health/Family Service Assistant

Hires: Lydia Stevens, Teacher
Allison Hall, Teacher
Robin Lape, Teacher Assistant
Jennifer Kennedy, Teacher Assistant
Jessica Miilu, Teacher

Mrs. Swager reported that the 2014-2015 school year for Head Start begins on September 8. Professional development training will include Zoo Phonics, Conscious Discipline, and Child Plus. Head Start is celebrating their 50th anniversary in Fremont. Our program was one of the first programs serving 109 children in the summer of 1965.

4. The FCS Board of Trustees voted to accept a \$250 donation to Fremont Elementary School from the Fremont Chamber of Commerce. This generous donation will be used to provide school supplies and other necessary items for children at the Elementary.
MANY THANKS TO THE FREMONT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE!
5. The FCS Board of Trustees voted to approve unpaid leaves for cafeteria employees Kelly Crawford and Cheryl Howe. The leaves were arranged prior to new addendum language that now discourages unpaid leaves and requires prior Board approval.