# AGENDA Fremont Middle School 1250 North Street February 10, 2020

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call: Mrs. Espiritu\_Mr. Gorobetz\_Ms. Laird\_Mr. Price\_Mrs. Rhea\_
- IV. Approve or amend and sign the minutes of the regular meeting held January 27, 2020.
   Mrs. Espiritu Mr. Gorobetz Ms. Laird Mr. Price Mrs. Rhea
- V. Board Member Communications and Information Requests
- VI. Walk on Items
- VII. Superintendent's Report
- VIII. Recommendations of the Superintendent

# COMMUNITY

**Recognition of Visitors** 

First Hearing of the Public

A Fremont City School District citizen, recognized by the Chair, may speak on any issue, during the Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of the Public Sessions, but the Chair may limit remarks pursuant to the debate regulations of *Robert's Rules of Order* and Fremont City School District Policy:

- Please state your name and address.
- Please limit your statement to five (5) minutes.
- Please direct your comments to the Board of Education President.

# Item 1. Consider approval of resolution for House Bill 166

It is recommended that the following resolution be approved for adoption.

**Whereas,** the Ohio General Assembly has added last-minute amendments to HB 166, the State's 2019-2020 biennial budget: and,

**Whereas,** the Ohio General Assembly added a last-minute amendment regarding the expansion of EdChoice Vouchers prior to approving HB 166, the State's biennial budget: and,

**Whereas,** the similar legislation related to voucher expansion (HB 200 & SB 85) stalled in the House Education and Career Readiness Committee (HB 200) and in the Senate Education Committee (SB85) in 2017: and,

Whereas, the Lawmakers added to HB 166 without committee discussion in both chambers a requirement that School Districts are now prohibited from reducing bus service after the first day of school: and,

Whereas, the Fremont City Schools Board of Education believes that every piece of legislation introduced into The Ohio House of Representatives or The Ohio Senate should follow a consistent and thoroughly deliberate process of discussion and allow ample time for public review and comment: and,

**Whereas,** the Fremont City School Board is concerned that our legislators are bypassing legislative rules to avoid the important but difficult conversations about a legislative bill's merits: and,

Whereas, the above examples circumvented that thorough and deliberate process:

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved**, on February 10, 2020 the Fremont City Schools Board of Education urges all lawmakers for the State of Ohio refrain from approving any new legislation, or attaching any version thereof which has already been introduced into any House or Senate committee or subcommittee to a different piece of legislation that has not been properly vetted and heard by both chambers of the Ohio General Assembly, according to the rules established by the Ohio Constitution. Mrs. Espiritu\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Gorobetz\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Laird\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Price\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Rhea\_\_\_\_\_

#### Item 2. <u>Consider approval of adoption of resolution for Black History Month</u>

It is recommended that the following resolution be approved for adoption.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fremont is a multi-cultural community which celebrates its diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fremont City Schools seeks to reflect that cultural diversity by sharing the history and heritage of all its ethnic groups; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that all students learn to understand the ethnic diversity that is our country, which has always been a great strength of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the African-American contribution to America has been a consistent and vital influence in our country's cultural growth; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of celebrating African-American heritage is to support teachers, youth leaders and community leaders in their efforts to promote friendly awareness of the African-American historical and cultural presence with a positive, accurate global perspective; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fremont Board of Education recognizes that with knowledge of the history of various ethnic groups grows understanding, pride and appreciation in one's own culture, and respect and appreciation for the uniqueness of those groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fremont City Board of Education recognizes the many contributions and accomplishments of African Americans to the United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fremont Board of Education proclaims **February 2020** to be "**Black History Month**" in Fremont City Schools and encourages all citizens to participate in activities designed to highlight and celebrate our rich African-American heritage, particularly as it impacts the students of Fremont City Schools.

### Item 3. <u>Consider approval of adoption of resolution for National Counseling Week</u>

It is recommended that the following resolution be approved for adoption.

**WHEREAS**, school counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, school counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development; and

**WHEREAS**, school counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal and social growth of their children; and

**WHEREAS**, school counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and

WHEREAS, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive development school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fremont City Schools Board of Education does recognize **February 3-7, 2020** as **National School Counseling Week**.

Mrs. Espiritu\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Gorobetz\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Laird\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Price\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Rhea\_\_\_\_\_

## Item 4. <u>Consider approval of donations</u>

It is recommended that the Board of Education approves the following donations:

Donor:	Item:	Value:	Donated To:
Staples	School Supplies	not listed	Atkinson Elementary
Amanda Seigley	Book	not listed	Croghan Elementary
St. John's Luthern Church	Scarves, Hats, Headbands,	not listed	Fremont City Schools
	Mittens and Gloves		
Victory Church	Hygiene Products	not listed	Fremont Middle School

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#### Item 4. <u>Consider approval of donations (cont.)</u>

Donor:	Item:	Value:	Donated To:
Royce & Betsy Kohman	Coats and underwear	\$246.00	Hayes Elementary School
Staples, Fremont	School Supplies	not listed	Hayes Elementary School
Staples, Fremont	Office Supplies	not listed	Otis Elementary School
Terra State Community	T-Shirts, Certificates	not listed	Otis Elementary
College – Athletic Dept.	&Tickets to Basketball Gam	ne	
Brenda Fisher	30 Books	\$178.50	Ross High School
Tim & Kim Ellenberger	Cash	\$300.00	Ross High School
McDonalds, Fremont	400 coupons	not listed	Ross High School
Staples, Fremont	School Supplies	not listed	Stamm Elementary School

Mrs. Espiritu\_\_\_\_ Mr. Gorobetz\_\_\_\_ Ms. Laird\_\_\_ Mr. Price\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Rhea\_\_\_\_\_

# FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

- Master Facilities Report
- Legislative Liaison Report

Violetta Rhea

# Contracts

# Item 5. Consider approval of continued membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OSHAA)

It is recommended that the Board of Education reaffirms Policy IGDJ – Interscholastic Athletics regarding membership in the OHSAA and to conduct athletics in accordance with the OHSAA polices, bylaws and regulation for the 2020-2021 school year.

Policy

Alex Gorobetz

### Item 6. <u>Consider approval of revised Policy BD – School Board Meetings (First Reading)</u>

It is recommended that the Board of Education approves revised Policy BD – School Board Meetings (see attached).

### Item 7. <u>Consider approval of revised Policy BDDB – Agenda Format (First Reading)</u>

It is recommended that the Board of Education approves revised Policy BDDB – Agenda Format (see attached).

# Item 8. Consider approval of new Regulation GBIA-R (Also IGDFA-R) – Online Fundraising Campaigns/Crowdfunding Request Process (First Reading)

It is recommended that the Board of Education approves new Regulation GBIA-R (Also IGDFA-R) – Online Fundraising Campaigns/Crowdfunding Request Process (see attached).

# Item 9. Consider approval of new Form GBIA-E (Also IGDFA-E) – Online Fundraising Campaigns/Crowdfunding Request Form (First Reading)

It is recommended that the Board of Education approves new Form GBIA-E (Also IGDFA-E) – Online Fundraising Campaigns/Crowdfunding Request Form (see attached).

# Item 10. <u>Consider approval of revised Policy JED – Student Absences and Excuses (First</u> <u>Reading)</u>

It is recommended that the Board of Education approves revised Policy JED – Student Absences and Excuses (see attached).

# Item 11. Consider approval of revised Regulation KG-R – Community Use of School Premises (First Reading)

It is recommended that the Board of Education approves revised Regulation KG-R – Community Use of School Premises (see attached).

# Item 12. Consider approval of new Policy – Independent Educational Evaluations (First Reading)

It is recommended that the Board of Education approves new Policy – Independent Educational Evaluations (see attached).

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Mrs. Espiritu\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Gorobetz\_\_\_\_\_Ms. Laird\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Price\_\_\_\_\_Mrs. Rhea\_\_\_\_\_

# STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVMENT

# **Student Matters**

### Item 13. <u>Consider approval of Ross High School swim team to the OHSAA State Swim</u> <u>Meet in Canton, Ohio</u>

It is recommended that the Board approves the Ross High School Swim team's overnight trip to Canton, Ohio in order to compete in the State Tournament at Canton McKinley High School, February 21-23, 2020.

# Item 14. <u>Consider approval of Ross High School Wrestling team to the OHSAA State</u> <u>Tournament in Columbus, Ohio</u>

It is recommended that the Board approves the Ross High School Wrestling team's overnight trip to Columbus, Ohio in order to compete in the State Tournament at the Schottenstein Center in Columbus, March 13-15, 2020.

Mrs. Espiritu\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Gorobetz\_\_\_\_\_Ms. Laird\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Price\_\_\_\_\_Mrs. Rhea\_\_\_\_\_

# **Staff Matters**

#### Item 15. <u>Consider approval of the following resignations</u>

Resignation		
Certified:	Connie Close	
	Nurse – At	kinson & Croghan
	Reason:	Retirement
	Effective:	August 1, 2020
Resignation		
Certified:	Linda Long	
	Nurse – Lu	tz & Otis
	Reason:	Retirement
	Effective:	June 1, 2020

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# Item 15. <u>Consider approval of the following resignations (cont.)</u>

Resignation		
Classified:	Renee Goe	bel
	Cafeteria M	lanager - Atkinson
	Reason:	Retirement
	Effective:	August 1, 2020

#### Item 16. <u>Consider approval of the following appointments</u>

A. Appointments for the 2019-2020 school year:

Certified Staff Substitutes: Kelly Campbell\*

\*Employment of the above certified substitute employee is contingent upon successful completion of all pre-employment requirements and certifications.

B. Appointments for the 2019-2020 school year:

Support Staff Substitutes: Margaret Hirt, Carrie Lee, Heather Engler

#### Item 17. <u>Consider approval of the following supplemental contracts</u>

Appointments for the 2019-2020 school year:

Name	<b>Building</b>	Duty	Amount
Jennifer Bair	Ross	Varsity Asst Softball Coach F-7	\$3,472.00
Thomas Buckley	FMS	M.S. Track Coach G-5	\$2,924.00
Alexis Gedeon	Ross	Varsity Asst Tennis Coach-Boys'	Volunteer
Christie Howell	FMS	M.S. Track Coach G-0 (3/4 stipend)	\$1,919.25
Joanna Johnson	Ross	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Softball Coach F-2 (1/2 stipend)	\$1,553.50
Mark King	Ross	Varsity Asst Baseball Coach	Volunteer
Allison Lagrou	Ross	Varsity Asst Tennis Coach-Boys' I-0	\$1,828.00
Allison Macko	FMS	M.S. Track Coach G-7	\$3,107.00
Alysha Nye	FMS	M.S. Track Coach G-3 (3/4 stipend)	\$2,055.75
Cory Rohrbacher	Ross	Varsity Asst Baseball Coach F-4	\$3,290.00
Shelby Ronski	Ross	Varsity Asst Tennis Coach-Boys'	Volunteer
Alexander Wilhelm	FMS	M.S. Track Coach G-3 (3/4 stipend)	\$2,055.75

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#### Item 18. <u>Consider approval of the following supplemental contracts</u>

Appointments for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<b>Building</b>	Duty	<u>Amount</u>
John Elder	Ross	Head Cross Country Coach E-10	\$4,386.00
Melissa Frizzell-Joe	ergRoss	H.S. Cheerleader Coach E-10	\$4,386.00
Chad Long	Ross	Head Football Coach A-4	\$8,407.00

Note: Supplemental contracts for 2020-2021 reflect the payment charts in the FEA contract for 2018-2021. The 2019-2020 payment charts are subject to change due to contract negotiations.

#### Item 19. <u>Consider approval of resolution for supplemental duty positions</u>

It is recommended that the following resolution be approved for adoption:

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. The supplemental duty positions set forth in Section 2 of this resolution have been offered to those employees of the Fremont City Schools who have a license issued under O.R.C. 3319.22, and no such employees who are qualified to fill the positions have accepted them, and the positions have then been advertised or otherwise made available to any individuals with such a license who are qualified to fill them and who are not employed by the Board, and no such persons have applied for and accepted the positions.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Board hereby employs the following non-certified persons to perform the listed supplemental duties at the stated rate of pay for the 2019-2020 school year:

Name	<u>Building</u>	Duty	Amount
Adam Bulger	Ross	Varsity Asst Basketball Coach	Volunteer
William Jones	Ross	Varsity Asst Track Coach	Volunteer
Andrew Mapus	Ross	Varsity Asst Baseball Coach	Volunteer
Princeton Price	Ross	Diving Coach E-0	\$3,655.00
Cody Rahe	Ross	Varsity Asst Softball Coach F-1	\$2,924.00
Vernon Seavers	FMS	M.S. Track Coach G-0 (3/4 stipend)	\$1,919.25
Matthew Wilson	Ross	Varsity Asst Baseball Coach F-4	\$3,290.00

<u>Section 3</u>. The Board President, Superintendent and Treasurer are authorized to execute supplemental duty contracts with the person identified in Section 2 of this resolution.

<u>Section 4</u>. The Board finds that the resolution has been adopted in accordance with all legal requirements including O.R.C. Sec. 121.22.

#### Item 20. <u>Consider approval of resolution for supplemental duty positions</u>

It is recommended that the following resolution be approved for adoption:

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. The supplemental duty positions set forth in Section 2 of this resolution have been offered to those employees of the Fremont City Schools who have a license issued under O.R.C. 3319.22, and no such employees who are qualified to fill the positions have accepted them, and the positions have then been advertised or otherwise made available to any individuals with such a license who are qualified to fill them and who are not employed by the Board, and no such persons have applied for and accepted the positions.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Board hereby employs the following non-certified persons to perform the listed supplemental duties at the stated rate of pay for the 2020-2021 school year:

Name	<b>Building</b>	Duty	Amount
Constance Cahill	Ross	Head Volleyball Coach C-1	\$5,117.00
Abby Schratt	Ross	Head Soccer Coach-Girls' C-1	\$5,117.00
Lisa Wolfe	Ross	Head Tennis Coach-Girls' E-10	\$4,386.00

<u>Section 3</u>. The Board President, Superintendent and Treasurer are authorized to execute supplemental duty contract with the person identified in Section 2 of this resolution.

<u>Section 4</u>. The Board finds that the resolution has been adopted in accordance with all legal requirements including O.R.C. Sec. 121.22.

Note: Supplemental contracts for 2020-2021 reflect the payment charts in the FEA contract for 2018-2021. The 2019-2020 payment charts are subject to change due to contract negotiations.

#### Item 21. Consider approval of the following special event workers

It is recommended that the Board approves the following special event workers for winter 2019 athletic events:

# Ross High School Events (Basketball, Diving, Swimming, Wrestling)

<u>Name</u>	Position	Rate
TaShanti Heidelburg - student	Freshman Scorebook Wrestling	\$10.00

#### Item 22. Consider approval of the following special event workers

It is recommended that the Board approves the following special event workers for 2019/20 tournament athletic events:

Abby Berndt Timi Kidwell Robin Mohr

#### Item 22. <u>Consider approval of the following special event workers (cont.)</u>

Jay Bower	Jared King	Philip Moran
Joseph Hershey	Jeffrey McNutt	Charmaine Smith
Reghan Hineline	Stephanie Martin	Chad Berndt (Non-FCS Events Only)
Gena Hoppes-Hineline	Brad Mohr	

#### Item 23. <u>Consider approval of the following College Credit Plus (CCP) instructors</u>

It is recommended that the Board approves the following CCP instructors for the 2019-2020 school year, second semester, to be paid \$500.00. This is a General Fund expenditure.

Russell Brennan	Scott Havice
Cynthia Burroughs	Alan Mehlow
Mark Gedeon	Tina Moses

It is recommended that the Board approves the following CCP instructors for the 2019-2020 school year, second semester, second class to be paid \$100.00. This is a General Fund expenditure.

Alan Mehlow

#### Item 24. <u>Consider approval of the following status changes</u>

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Samantha Burdue from BS+15 degree Step 7 @ \$49,416 to MS degree Step 7 @ \$53,655 effective September 27, 2019.

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Wendy Carrick from MA degree Step 16 @ \$68,680 to MA+15 degree Step 16 @ \$71,566 effective January 8, 2020.

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Cora Foos from ME degree Step 16 @ \$68,680 to ME+15 degree Step 16 @ \$71,566 effective January 24, 2020.

#### Item 24. <u>Consider approval of the following status changes (cont.)</u>

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Stephanie Johnson from BA+15 degree Step 8 @ \$51,495 to MA degree Step 8 @ \$55,911 effective August 24, 2019.

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Jennifer Kelly from MA degree Step 12 @ \$65,912 to MA+15 degree Step 12 @ \$68,680 effective January 23, 2020.

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Jaliya Lindsey from Cook (LR-1.02) at Ross Step 2 @ \$14.15 per hour to Student Monitor (A-22.2) at Lutz Elementary Step 2 @ \$14.31 per hour effective January 13, 2020.

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Gabriel Sanchez from Custodial 1 (A-29.00) at Ross Step 5 @ \$15.29 per hour to Custodial II (A-27.01) at Stamm Elementary Step 5 @ \$18.75 per hour effective January 13, 2020.

#### Item 25. <u>Consider approval of the following leaves of absence</u>

Leave of absence	
Classified Staff:	Darla Reese
	Cafeteria Manager
	Reason: Personal
	Effective: Feb. 3, 2020 – pending doctor release
Classified Staff:	Debra Bogner
	Custodial I
	Reason: Personal
	Effective: Jan. 29, 2020 – pending doctor release

#### Item 26. <u>Consider approval of Conference Attendance request out of state</u>

It is recommended that the Board approve the following three people; Lacy Schwochow, Kandyce Queenan, and Lyndsey Robinson to attend the NASP (National Association of School Psychologists) annual convention in Baltimore, Maryland, February 18 & 19, 2020, at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00. This is a Title VI-B expenditure.

#### Item 27. Consider approval of conference attendance request for Chad Berndt

It is recommended that the Board approves Chad Berndt, Athletic Director, to attend the OHSAA State Swim Championships in Canton, Ohio on February 21-23 at an estimated cost of \$680.00. This is an Athletic Department expenditure.

#### Item 28. Consider approval of conference attendance request for Chad Berndt

It is recommended that the Board approves Chad Berndt, Athletic Director, to attend the OHSAA State Wrestling Championships in Columbus, Ohio on March 13-15 at an estimated cost of \$834.00. This is an Athletic Department expenditure.

#### Contracts

# Item 29.Consider approval of the contract with Sandusky County Job and Family<br/>Services for a School Outreach Caseworker

It is recommended the Board approves the contract with Sandusky County Job and Family Services for the purpose of providing a School Outreach Casework from February 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This is a Health and Wellness Fund expenditure.

### Item 30. Services of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties

It is recommended that the Board enter into an agreement with the Mental Health and Recovery Services of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties for the K-12 Prevention and Education project. The K-12 project will support the expansion of prevention efforts in the schools.

Mrs. Espiritu\_\_\_\_ Mr. Gorobetz\_\_\_\_ Ms. Laird\_\_\_\_ Mr. Price\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Rhea\_\_\_\_\_

#### **CURRICULUM**

Curriculum Quality Control Committee Report
 Alex Gorobetz

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#### Item 31. Consider the approval of the Reading Improvement Plan

It is recommended that approval be granted of the Reading Improvement Plan as indicated by ORC 3301.0715 to be implemented during the 2019-20 school year.

Mrs. Espiritu\_\_\_\_ Mr. Gorobetz\_\_\_\_ Ms. Laird\_\_\_ Mr. Price\_\_\_\_Mrs. Rhea\_\_\_\_\_

# FISCAL

Report of the Treasurer

Recommendation of the Treasurer

#### VIII. Adjournment:

Mrs. Espiritu\_\_\_\_ Mr. Gorobetz\_\_\_\_ Ms. Laird\_\_\_ Mr. Price\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Rhea\_\_\_\_\_

# Resolution for Executive Session (O.R.C. 121.22)

**WHEREAS**, as a public board of education, the Fremont City School District Board of Education may hold an executive session only after a majority of a quorum (or, in the case of item O, below, a unanimous quorum) of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

- A. To consider the appointment of a public employee or official.
- B. To consider the employment of a public employee or official.
- C. To consider the dismissal of a public employee or official.
- D. To consider the discipline of a public employee or official.
- E. To consider the promotion of a public employee or official.
- F. To consider the demotion of a public employee or official.

- G. To consider the compensation of a public employee or official.
- H. To consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or student.
- I. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes.
- J. To consider the sale of property at competitive bidding.
- K. To confer with an attorney for the Board concerning disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
- L. To prepare for, conduct, and/or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.
- M. To consider matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes.
- N. To discuss details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for the Board.
- O. To discuss confidential information related to an application for economic development assistance, or negotiations with other political subdivisions related to the application, as executive session is necessary to protect interests of the applicant or related expenditure of public funds. (Unanimous vote required.)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fremont City School District Board of Education does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on items \_\_\_\_\_\_ as listed above.

Mrs. Espiritu\_\_\_\_ Mr. Gorobetz\_\_\_\_ Ms. Laird\_\_\_ Mr. Price\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Rhea\_\_\_\_\_

## FREMONT CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting SUMMARY January 27, 2020

Roll Call

- MOTION 16-20 APPROVAL OF MINUTES Special meeting held January 6, 2020, the organizational meeting held January 13, 2020, the tax budget hearing held January 13, 2020 and the regular meeting held January 13, 2020
- MOTION 17-20 APPROVAL TO LET UNHEARD MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE TIME TO SPEAK IF THEY WISHED
- MOTION 18-20 FINANCIAL MATTERS ITEM 1 Item 1 – Approval of the December financial report
- MOTION 19-20 FINANCIAL MATTERS ITEM 2 Item 2 – Approval of fund-to-fund transfers

## MOTION 20-20 FACILITIES MATTERS – ITEM 1

Item 1 – Approval of a Change Order to the CMR Agreement with Gilbane Building Company

MOTION 21-20 ADJOURNMENT

# Fremont City Schools Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes January 27, 2020

The Fremont City Board of Education of the Fremont City School District, in Sandusky County, Ohio met on Monday, January 27, 2020, at 4:03 p.m. in the Fremont City School District Office, 500 W. State Street, Suite A, Conference Room 126, Fremont, Ohio.

Board President Thomas Price presiding

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:	Thomas Price, Board President	Present
	Shantel Laird, Board Vice-President	Present
	Mary Alice Espiritu	Present
	Alex Gorobetz	Present
	Violetta R. Rhea	Present

# MOTION 16-20 <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>

Ms. Laird, seconded by Mr. Gorobetz, made the motion to approve and sign the minutes of the special meeting held January 6, 2020, the organizational meeting held January 13, 2020, the tax budget hearing held January 13, 2020 and the regular meeting held January 13, 2020.

#### Ayes: Laird, Gorobetz, Espiritu, Rhea, Price Motion carried. 5-0

# **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

• None

# FIRST HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

The Hearing of the Public began at 4:05 p.m.

There was much discussion with the Board regarding:

- 2019 challenge of Real Estate property values requested by the Board.
- Fair market value of properties not set at sales price.
- In spite of its appearance, comment made that this was not an organized group.
- Vote on upcoming levies won't pass due to the challenging of real estate values.
- Suggested forming a committee of Board and community members to resolve.
- Accused Board of creating bad public image.
- Need strong school system to help grow and develop strong economic plan for the community.
- Many attempts have been made to meet with the County Auditor regarding AMP. Most of those attempts have went unanswered.
- State's EdChoice initiative which suggested Fremont City School District is a failing District.
- AMP (American Municipal Power) repayment of over payment of utility personal property tax for the past 6 years.

# FIRST HEARING OF THE PUBLIC (cont.)

Board members reiterated their reasons for the challenge of real estate property values as well as their intent to schedule a meeting with legal counsel to review the matter. (With the exception of the State EdChoice initiative and AMP items mentioned above, Board member comments were a reiteration of the press release of November 6, 2019)

Public participants in the discussion included:

- Angie Ruiz
- Barb Wildermuth
- Cheryl Wendt

- Craig WendtSteve Durnwald
- Diann HamonsTina Durnwald
- Jill Swaisgood
- Tom Kern

**MOTION 17-20** 

At approximately 5:15 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Laird, seconded by Mrs. Rhea, to let the unheard members of the public have time to speak if they wished.

# Ayes: Laird, Rhea, Espiritu, Gorobetz, Price Motion carried. 5-0

The Hearing of the Public completed at approximately 6:05 p.m.

# **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

- Mr. Hamman gave an update on the State Audit for FY-2019. He had a preliminary meeting with the audit manager and it appears the District will have a clean report. There will be recommendations on the management letter. The final report should be completed by the end of February. I plan to schedule an exit interview with the audit manager, the Superintendent and myself. I would like for the Board or Board representative to be a part of that meeting.
- Mr. Detwiler and I attended a meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> in Port Clinton with Senator Gavarone regarding the EdChoice (voucher) program.
- Made bond construction payments on 1/15/2020 for the current building program and the refinancing of the 2008 debt for approximately \$3million. The next payment is due on 7/15/2020. The District incurred an \$11,148 Aid-to-Construction expense this month. (see Facilities Matters)

# **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TREASURER**

# MOTION 18-20 FINANCIAL MATTERS – ITEM 1

Ms. Laird, seconded by Mr. Gorobetz, made the motion to approve financial matters – Item 1.

#### ITEM 1. Approval of the December financial report

It is recommended that the December financial report be approved (copy on file at Birchard Public Library).

Ayes: Laird, Gorobetz, Espiritu, Rhea, Price Motion carried. 5-0

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TREASURER**

#### MOTION 19-20 FINANCIAL MATTERS – ITEM 2

Mrs. Rhea, seconded by Ms. Laird, made the motion to approve financial matters – Item 2.

#### **ITEM 2.** <u>Approval of fund-to-fund transfer(s)</u>

It is recommended that the following fund-to-fund transfer(s) be approved:

From	200-9151 Class of 2019 to	200-9153	Class of 2021	\$ 10,000.00
From	200-9151 Class of 2019 to	200-9130	Leadership	\$ 4,247.26
From	200-9151 Class of 2019 to	200-9121	Student Council	\$ 4,247.25

**Ayes: Rhea, Laird, Espiritu, Gorobetz, Price Motion carried. 5-0** 

#### **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

• None

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

#### MOTION 20-20 FACILITIES MATTERS – ITEM 1

Ms. Laird, seconded by Mr. Gorobetz, made the motion to approve facilities matters – Item 1.

#### ITEM 1. <u>Approval of a Change Order to the CMR Agreement with Gilbane Building</u> <u>Company</u>

The Superintendent recommends approval of a change order for \$59,968.64 and Columbia Gas Aid-to-Construction costs of \$11,147.76 at the New High School

**WHEREAS**, The Fremont City Schools Board of Education (the Board) previously approved and entered into a CMR contract with Gilbane Building Company for the construction of the new high school building; and

**WHEREAS**, While working on the site for the new high school, it was observed that the existing Columbia Gas line was leaking and would require a temporary repair; and

**WHEREAS**, A decision was made by the team to move the line and tap into an existing meter along Cedar Street; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbia Gas requires an Aid-to-Construction agreement and fee of \$11,147.76 for their participation in this work; and

**WHEREAS**, The project team would like to accept a change order to pay for the \$59,968.64 cost to Gilbane to relocate the gas line; and

## **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

### MOTION 20-20 FACILITIES MATTERS – ITEM 1 (cont.)

# ITEM 1. <u>Approval of a Change Order to the CMR Agreement with Gilbane Building</u> <u>Company (cont.)</u>

**WHEREAS**, The project team would like to sign the Aid-to-Construction agreement and pay the \$11,147.76 fee; and

**WHEREAS**, A board resolution is necessary to allow the superintendent to sign the \$59,968.64 change order; and

**WHEREAS**, The change order has been reviewed by the architect, Superintendent and Treasurer, and the OFCC Project Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board wishes to approve and authorize execution of the change order for a new gas line at the new high school in the amount of \$59,968.64.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, The change order to install a new gas line at the new high school, in amount of \$59,968.64 is approved, subject to the approval of the OFCC; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, The Superintendent and Treasurer are authorized to sign the change order.

Ayes: Laird, Gorobetz, Espiritu, Rhea, Price Motion carried. 5-0

# **OTHER MATTERS**

Justin Eilrich, Transportation Manager provided the Board with an overview of the redistricting of the school district to meet the needs of the District as we consolidate from 7 elementary buildings to 4 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Abby Berndt, Child Nutrition Supervisor provided the Board with an overview of the current food program along with changes as we consolidate to 4 elementary buildings beginning for the school year of 2020-2021. The current food program, Community Eligibility Program (CEP) is operating under a 4-year contract which provides for free and reduced lunches (K-5) via Direct Certification. The District is in the last year of this contract. We have requested a 1-year waiver allowing us to participate in CEP for 1 more year if approved by the Government. This will permit the District to collect new data, based on our redistricting to see if we can continue to qualify. The District will need to look at other options including Provision 2, (similar to CEP) and Meal Application. Both of these options will need additional general fund support and will probably reduce the number of children serviced. The Board agreed that the requested waiver (or 1-year extension) of the CEP is the best short-term option for the District.

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# **BOARD WORK SESSION**

Terri Morgan from OSBA facilitated this part of the public meeting with a focus on the District Strategic Plan and Boardmanship.

Cabinet Members presented an overview of their areas of responsibility. The order of presentations was:

- Tom Anway, Director of Facilities & Operations
- Denice Hirt, Director of Curriculum, Assessment & Staff Development
- Susan King, Director of Human Resources & Community Relations
- Abby Abernathy, Director of Student Services
- Chad Berndt, Athletic Director

After the Cabinet member's presentations, they were dismissed and Ms. Morgan guided the Board through the following agenda:

- Strategic Planning
- Governance
- Roles and Responsibilities
- High Functioning Boards
- Good Leadership
- Meeting Management
- Ethics and Trust
- Communications

The following suggestions were put on the table for consideration:

- 1. Change the title of "Curriculum" on the <u>District Goals, Strategic Objective and Action Steps</u> to "Student and Staff Achievement".
- 2. Align the activities on the monthly Board Meeting Agenda to fit with the 4 categories shown on the <u>District Goals, Strategic Objective and Action Steps</u>.
- 3. For walking on items at a Board Meeting, add to the Agenda a motion to accept the walk-on item(s) under the appropriate category.
- 4. Board policy governs the parameters for public participation. However, action taken at a Board Meeting can modify the parameters for that meeting.

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# MOTION 21-20 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Espiritu, seconded by Mrs. Rhea, made the motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Ayes: Espiritu, Rhea, Gorobetz, Laird, Price Motion carried. 5-0

**APPROVED:** 

President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer