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Fremont board approves bus sale

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FREMONT -- School board members approved the district selling three buses that would be too costly to fix.

Dr. Kimberly Theller, director of facilities and operations, said the three buses are 1995 Wayne models, and parts are no longer manufactured.

"We need to do some downsizing," she said, noting it's hard to find the replacement parts.

The buses would also need to be completely re-painted from top to bottom.

"We would need to invest about \$30,000 for them to be legally useful on the road," Theller said.

Although there were some very interested buyers, a church school in Michigan will be purchasing all three of the buses for a total of \$7,500. The money from the sale will then be designated in a special budget for buses.

"They've purchased from us before and know what they are getting," Theller said.

After the sale of the buses, the district will have 43 buses on the fleet.

In other news, Superintendent Traci McCaudy said a new committee has been developed regarding campus wear to communicate to parents and students on what to expect in the coming months. There will be a campus wear fashion show as well as working with vendors to have displays in their stores.

"We're looking to organize a vendor fair during orientations," McCaudy said, noting parents and students will be able to see what is offered and for what price.

Board member Linda Hershey asked if it would be possible to reconsider letting students wear to gym class what they are wearing now, instead of what is proposed for gym class campus wear.

McCaudy said they will be looking at that, as they have been keeping a running list of concerns on the campus wear. She said the area of physical education may be tweaked, and that parents should watch for future mailings.

McCaudy also said the district is in the process of developing a new three year comprehensive continuous improvement plan.

"We are in the process of creating a mission, vision and belief statements," she said.

The board also approved the following:

n The renewal of administrative limited contracts for a three-year term beginning Aug. 1 through July 31, 2012 for Ross High School Principal Jose Hernandez, Otis Elementary Principal Denice Hirt,

psychologist Kim Huffman, directors Christine Opelt and Dr. Kimberly Theller and Food Service Supervisor Michaeleen Rogers.

n The renewal of administrative limited contracts for a two-year term beginning Aug. 1 through July 31, 2011 for Assistant Principal Gracy Hinojosa-Lloyd, Atkinson Elementary Principal Diana McNulty, Assistant Treasurer Kelli Cleveland and Rhonda Schmidt, director of technology.
