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School district working on new plan

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FREMONT -- The city's school district has been working to put a new three-year strategic plan in place.

During the Monday night board of education meeting, District Superintendent Traci McCaudy outlined the district's goals, belief statements, the management process for the strategic plan, along with the plan itself.

"The district's new strategic plan focuses on improving student achievement specifically in the areas of reading and math, integrating technology within the curriculum and providing highly qualified professional development for all of its school employees," she stated in the strategic plan report.

McCaudy also noted the plan addresses the need to improve the academic support areas of facilities, finances and human resources "so that a strong infrastructure is in place."

The district's strategic planning team consists of teachers, paraprofessionals, building and district administrators as well as two consultants from the Ohio Department of Education's State Support Team. The team was created last school year to develop the comprehensive plan based on the Ohio School Improvement Model. Under the plan, the following will be the main focuses, Fremont Middle School organization, reading and math focus, full day kindergarten and the first grade model.

McCaudy said under the first grade model, all children leaving the first grade will be able to read.

"I believe this will be used throughout the state," she said of the model.

The goals of the plan are to increase student achievement, close socio-economic, ethnic and disability gaps in student achievement and build hope, trust and respect with the community.

In other news, the board passed the following:

- A one-year contract for Laura Bryant as assistant elementary principal at Stamm. Her salary will be \$67,500 as her contract runs Aug. 1 through July 31, 2010.
- Effective Aug. 26, a teaching contract in the family and consumer science department will be suspended because of low student enrollment in the course.
- A service agreement with Memorial Hospital to provide athletic training services at Ross High School for the year. The amount for the service is \$9,000.
- Buying textbooks and materials for chemistry, physics, physical science, elementary music and adoption of environmental biology curriculum.

- A pitching mound and home plate covers were donated by the Fremont Area Foundation to Fremont Ross baseball and Alumni fields valued at \$850.
 - A \$1,000 donation from Wal-Mart for campus wear.
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