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## Debt service drives appropriations increase for Fremont City Schools

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FREMONT -- The Fremont Board of Education approved the school district's permanent appropriations Monday, which has increased from last school year.

For this school year, appropriations -- money designated for a specific purpose -- total \$65,724,604, up from \$48,468,960 from last year.

District Treasurer David Chambers said the increase mostly came in the debt service category, which is about \$10,848,051 because of the notes taken out for the new middle school. Last year, debt service was \$230,854.

In other news, the board approved a retail power sales agreement between the district and the Ohio School Council's supplier, Duke Energy Retail Sales LLC.

Also approved were donations that included \$4,500 school kits from the United Way of Sandusky County to Ross High School, Fremont Middle School and all of the elementary buildings. Books worth also were donated by an individual to the Atkinson Elementary School library. Fremont Federal Credit Union donated academic planners to staff at Washington Elementary, while Trinity United Methodist Church donated school supplies to the school.

The next board of education meeting will be 6 p.m. Oct. 19 in the W. David Carr lecture lab. At that meeting, the district's architects will share the design development phase of the new middle school, and the board will review the five-year forecast and costs associated with transportation, to see if that can be changed in the district.

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