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Board chooses design firm

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FREMONT -- The city school board members passed a resolution Monday night for a service contract with the architecture and design firm Fanning Howey for the new middle school project.

Following negotiations between Fremont Superintendent Traci McCaudy, the board's legal counsel and Fanning Howey Associates it has been agreed upon that Fanning Howey will be compensated on the basis of 6.4 percent of the construction costs for the new school, with any modifications required by the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission up to and not to exceed the 6.5 percent amount budgeted by the OSFC.

"It saves a little bit of dollars," McCaudy said of the 6.4 percent rate.

McCaudy also explained that if the district chooses to demolish the building if it doesn't sell, Fanning Howey will also have to come up with a design to demolish the building.

Also during the meeting, board members approved the fiscal year 2010 tax budget for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

After the meeting, district Treasurer David Chambers explained they are looking at keeping the tax millage they have without losing it, which is the purpose of the tax budget. The maximum rate authorized is 23 mills.

The board approved the following:

- Alex Gorobetz as substitute administrative staff; Suzanne Norris and Jeanne Tucker as substitute certified staff and Lisa Rau as a substitute certified tutor.
- Travis Bates and Mark Sheidler as varsity assistant track coaches for Ross High School for the school year.
- A pupil activity contract, where the school board can employ a non-licensed person to direct, supervise or coach a pupil activity program. Those appointed for the school year are Charles Chapman as varsity assistant track coach, Roger Hetrick as varsity assistant baseball coach, Robert Kusmer as varsity assistant softball coach, Michael Rankin as varsity assistant track coach and Pryde Yost as varsity assistant track coach.
- A Sony digital camera, memory stick and camera bag to Atkinson Elementary School at a value of \$175 donated by Atkinson 2007-08 student council.
- TI calculator, overhead view screens and calculator based laboratory valued at \$1,560 to the Ross Mathematics Department given by the Workforce Development Council - Tech Prep Consortium.

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Additional Facts

Reorganizational meeting

The Fremont Board of Education's reorganizational meeting was also Monday before the regular board meeting. Marc Glotzbecker was voted as board president. Tim Ellenberger was voted as vice-president.

During the reorganizational meeting, board members passed a resolution establishing the service fund for 2009. The fund is to be set aside as an account within the general fund, whereas the sum of \$2 per enrolled student is incorporated into the appropriations for the district this year.
