

## **Fremont City Schools to bring back high school busing**

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FREMONT -- After a five-year absence, high school busing will likely return to Fremont City Schools in January at the same time the district opens its new middle school building.

The school board had a first reading Monday for a revised transportation policy that reintroduces high school busing to the district.

Superintendent Traci McCaudy said the district looked at the busing issue and decided it didn't make sense to pick up and drop off middle school students and not do the same for high school students with the opening of the new building.

"We're happy to reinstate high school busing. It's been a hardship for many of our families for a number of years," McCaudy said after the meeting.

McCaudy said the district's rough estimate puts the cost of busing high school students at an additional \$100,000 for the 2011-12 school year's second semester.

She said the cost would depend on how many students ride the bus and what the state reimburses the district for the additional transportation costs.

In December 2006, the school board revised its transportation policy to eliminate high school busing beginning January 2007, McCaudy said.

She said that move was dictated by the continued failure of levies at the ballot box and a \$6 million deficit at the time.

The board will have a second reading of the policy revision at its next meeting in October.

In other business Monday, the school board approved Tiffin-based Hanks and Associates to complete surveying services at the current Fremont Middle School site.

Project Manager Curt South said the survey will be used to prepare bidding documents for the demolition of the Croghan Street building.