

FREMONT CITY SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION



AGENDA

Monday, January 8, 2024

Board of Education Meeting
Fremont Middle School
1250 North Street

Live Stream District Website
<http://www.fremontschools.net/livestream>

6:00 p.m.

Board Members

Lori Bloom
Laura Lehmann
Sarah Lewis
Don Nalley
Thomas Price

Jon C. Detwiler
Superintendent

Megan Parkhurst
Treasurer

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the Agenda.

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Regular Meeting
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Fremont Middle School
6:00 p.m.
and
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President Pro Tem – Thomas Price

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Oath of Office- (newly elected Board Members) - Administered by Treasurer

Administered to Laura Lehmann by Megan Parkhurst

Administered to Sarah Lewis by Megan Parkhurst

Administered to Don Nalley by Megan Parkhurst

Roll Call

Mrs. Bloom ____ Ms. Lehmann ____ Ms. Lewis ____ Mr. Nalley ____ Mr. Price ____

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Nominations for President

1. _____ nominated by _____

2. _____ nominated by _____

3. _____ nominated by _____

Motion to Close Nominations for President

Made by _____ seconded by _____

Roll Call

Mrs. Bloom____ Ms. Lehmann____ Ms. Lewis____ Mr. Nalley____ Mr. Price____

Vote on Presidency

Mrs. Bloom voted for: _____

Ms. Lehmann voted for: _____

Ms. Lewis voted for: _____

Mr. Nalley voted for: _____

Mr. Price voted for: _____

Oath of Office of President - Administered by Treasurer

Administered to _____ by _____

(New President assumes role and gavel)

Nominations for Vice President

1. _____ nominated by _____

2. _____ nominated by _____

3. _____ nominated by _____

Motion to Close Nominations for Vice President

Made by _____ seconded by _____

Roll Call

Mrs. Bloom ___ Ms. Lehmann ___ Ms. Lewis ___ Mr. Nalley ___ Mr. Price ___

Vote on Vice Presidency

Mrs. Bloom voted for: _____

Ms. Lehmann voted for: _____

Ms. Lewis voted for: _____

Mr. Nalley voted for: _____

Mr. Price voted for: _____

Oath of Office of Vice President - Administered by Treasurer

Administered to _____ by _____

Item 1. Fixing Time and Place of Meeting (R.C. 3313.15)

It is recommended that the Board sets the date, time and place for the 2024 Board of Education meetings at 6:00 p.m. (see attached).

Item 2. Resolution Establishing Service Fund for 2024(ORC 3315.15)

It is recommended that the following resolution establishing the Service Fund for 2024 be approved:

WHEREAS, Section 3315.15 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio provides for the setting aside from the general fund a sum not to exceed Two Dollars for each child enrolled, or Twenty Thousand Dollars, whichever is the greater, except that in the case of a county

board of education, the fund shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars, such sum of money to be known as the "Service Fund," to be used only in paying the expenses of members of such boards of education actually incurred in the performance of their duties, or in paying the expenses of members-elect of such boards of education actually incurred in training and orientation to the performance of their duties from the date of election to the date of administration of the oath of office, such payments shall be made only in such amount as may be approved by the Board of Education on statement of the general members, or members-elect, furnished at the next succeeding regular meeting of such board of education; and

WHEREAS, no school district shall appropriate to expend a sum greater than sixty thousand dollars in any one school year from such service fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Fremont City School District does hereby establish a service fund, such fund to be set aside as an account within the general fund, and there is hereby appropriated for the purpose of said service fund the sum of Two Dollars per enrolled student which amount shall be incorporated into the appropriations for this school district for 2024.

Item 3. Legislative Liaison Appointment

It is recommended that _____ be appointed Legislative Liaison to OSBA.

Item 4. Delegate to OSBA Annual Conference Appointment

It is recommended that _____ be appointed Delegate to OSBA Annual Conference.

Item 5. Alternate Delegate to OSBA Annual Conference

It is recommended that _____ be appointed Alternate Delegate to OSBA Annual Conference.

Item 6. Student Achievement Liaison Appointment

It is recommended that _____ be appointed Student Achievement Liaison to OSBA.

Item 7. Trustee for Learning and Liberty Foundation of Fremont City Schools

It is recommended that _____ be appointed as a trustee to serve on the Learning and Liberty Foundation of Fremont City Schools.

Item 8. Payment of Annual Membership Dues – OSBA

It is recommended that annual membership dues (\$8,519.00) to OSBA for 2024 and the 2024 Briefcase subscription be approved.

Item 9. Treasurer's Committee Appointments

It is recommended that the following Committee appointments be approved:

Audit/Records Committee (2)

Item 10. Superintendent's Committee Appointments

It is recommended that the following Committee appointments be approved:

Policy Committee (1)

Curriculum Quality Control Council (1)

Finance Committee for FY 2024 (1)

Health/Wellness (1)

Item 11. Business Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting Dates/Times/Location

It is recommended that the Superintendent attend Quarterly North Point ESC Business Advisory Council Meetings on dates/time/location to be set by North Point ESC Business Advisory Council.

Item 12. Authorization for Superintendent to Act as Representative for Grants

It is recommended that the Superintendent be appointed as the authorized representative and grants officer for all local, state and federal grants for 2024.

Item 13. Participation in State and Federal Programs

It is recommended that approval be granted for Fremont City Schools to participate in all state and federal programs for 2024.

Item 14. Appointment of Purchasing Agent

It is recommended that the Superintendent or his designee be appointed Purchasing Agent for 2024.

Item 15. Appointment for Public Records Training

It is recommended that the Treasurer be appointed as the Board's designee for public records training.

Item 16. Authorization for Investment of Funds

It is recommended that the Treasurer be authorized to invest all available funds in securities as permitted by law and Board policy.

Item 17. Request for Available Monies

It is recommended that the Treasurer be authorized to request tax advances from the county auditor as monies become available, and the Board further requests the County Auditor to advance 90% of all funds available at any time as required by law.

Item 18. Petty Cash Authorization

It is recommended that the Treasurer be authorized to establish Petty Cash funds on an as-needed basis up to \$7,000.00.

Item 19. Authorization to Issue Warrants

It is recommended that the Treasurer be authorized to issue warrants in payment of bills and contractual obligations in 2024 with the exception when special action should be considered by the Board.

Item 20. Authorization to Pay Mileage

It is recommended that the Treasurer be authorized to pay mileage at the IRS rate.

Item 21. Authorize Superintendent to Hire Staff

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Superintendent to employ such temporary personnel as needed for emergency situations; such employment to be presented for approval at the next regular meeting.

Item 22. Consider Approval of Bricker Graydon, LLP to be retained as the Board's Legal Council

It is recommended that Bricker Graydon, LLP be retained as the Board's Legal Council.

Item 23. Consider Approval of Brindza McIntyre & Seed, LLP to be retained as Legal Council

It is recommended that Brindza McIntyre & Seed, LLP be retained as Legal Council for property tax representation

Mrs. Bloom ____ Ms. Lehmann ____ Ms. Lewis ____ Mr. Nalley ____ Mr. Price ____

Item 24. Tax Budget Hearing (see attached)

- **Alternative Tax Budget Information**
- **Division of Taxes Levied**
- **Statement of Fund Activity**
- **Voted and Unvoted Debt Outside 10 Mill Limit**
- **Tax Anticipation Notes**

Mrs. Bloom ____ Ms. Lehmann ____ Ms. Lewis ____ Mr. Nalley ____ Mr. Price ____

Regular Meeting

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call:
Mrs. Bloom ____ Ms. Lehmann ____ Ms. Lewis ____ Mr. Nalley ____ Mr. Price ____
- IV. Approve or amend and sign the minutes of the regular meeting held December 4, 2023.
Mrs. Bloom ____ Ms. Lehmann ____ Ms. Lewis ____ Mr. Nalley ____ Mr. Price ____
- V. Legislative Report
- VI. Walk on Items
- VII. Community

Hearing of the Public

A Fremont City School District citizen, recognized by the Chair, may speak on any issue, during the Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of the Public Sessions, but the Chair may limit remarks pursuant to the debate regulations of *Robert's Rules of Order* and Fremont City School District Policy:

Fremont City Schools Public Participation

- Please state your name and address
- Please limit your statement to five (5) minutes
- Please direct your comments to the Board of Education President

- VIII. Superintendent's Report
- IX. Recommendations of the Superintendent

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

Donations

Item 1. Consider approval of donations

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following donations:

| <u>Donor:</u> | <u>Item:</u> | <u>Value:</u> | <u>Donated to:</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Chris Hirt | Cash | \$ 35.00 | FCS Food Pantry |
| Kroger | Gift Card | \$250.00 | FCS Food Pantry |
| Richard & Sandra Manateuffel | Cash | \$500.00 | Fremont Ross PBIS |
| Courtney Warner | Candy Canes | \$ 42.00 | Fremont Ross 9th Grade Cabinet |

Mrs. Bloom____Ms. Lehmann____ Ms. Lewis____ Mr. Nalley____ Mr. Price____

Item 2. Consider approval of the revised 2023-2024 Calendar

It is recommended that the revised calendar for the 2023-2024 school year be approved (see attached).

Item 3. Consider approval of the 2024-2025 Calendar

It is recommended that the calendar (option _____) for the 2024-2025 school year be approved (see attached).

Mrs. Bloom____Ms. Lehmann____ Ms. Lewis____ Mr. Nalley____ Mr. Price____

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

Staff

Item 4. Consider approval of the following resignations

Resignation
Certified: Constance Cahill
Head Volleyball Coach
Reason: Resignation
Effective: December 15, 2023

Resignation
Certified: Jacqueline Tomlinson
Teacher
Reason: Resignation
Effective: December 18, 2023

Resignation
Classified: Sherri Beckley
Cook
Reason: Resignation
Effective: December 21, 2023

Resignation
Classified: Anita Pool
Cook
Reason: Resignation
Effective: January 2, 2024

Resignation
Classified: James Sleek
Paraprofessional Aide
Reason: Retirement
Effective: March 1, 2024

Item 5. Consider approval of the following appointments

A. Appointment for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name: McKenzie Frey
Certified Staff: School Nurse
Account: General
Salary: BA + 15, Step 9 @ \$56,338 effective January 9, 2024*

Certified Staff Substitute: Peyton Veers*

*Employment of the above certified employee is contingent upon successful completion of all pre-employment requirements.

B. Appointments for the 2023-2024 school year:

Support Staff Substitutes: Sherry Corthell, Stephanie Patterson, Richard Sherer
Eric Horsley (*effective December 11, 2023*)

Item 6. Consider approval of the following supplemental contracts

Appointments for the 2023-2024 school year:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Building</u> | <u>Duty</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|--|---------------|
| Travis Bates | Ross | Indoor Track Coach | Volunteer |
| John Elder | Ross | Indoor Track Coach | Volunteer |
| Nicole Kulasa | Ross | Varsity Asst Softball Coach F-4 (0.75 stipend) | \$2,592.00 |
| Meghan Michaels | Ross | Varsity Asst Softball Coach F-1 (0.5 stipend) | \$1,536.00 |
| Brent Parker | District | Lead Communication Liaison F-6 | \$3,648.00 |

Item 7. Consider approval of resolution for supplemental duty positions

It is recommended that the following resolution be approved for adoption:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. The supplemental duty positions set forth in Section 2 of this resolution have been offered to those employees of the Fremont City Schools who have a license issued under O.R.C. 3319.22, and no such employees who are qualified to fill the positions have accepted them, and the positions have then been advertised or otherwise made available to any individuals with such a license who are qualified to fill them and who are not employed by the Board, and no such persons have applied for and accepted the positions.

Section 2. The Board hereby employs the following non-certified persons to perform the listed supplemental duties at the stated rate of pay for the 2023-2024 school year:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Building</u> | <u>Duty</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|--|---------------|
| Alyssa Fields | Ross | Varsity Asst Softball Coach F-1 | \$2,304.00 |
| Trey Grine | Ross | Varsity Asst Wrestling Coach-Boys E-0 (0.60 stipend) | \$2,304.60 |
| Aaron Hammer | Ross | Varsity Asst Softball Coach | Volunteer |
| Luke Kingsborough | Ross | Varsity Asst Swim Coach | Volunteer |

Section 3. The Board President, Superintendent and Treasurer are authorized to execute supplemental duty contracts with the person identified in Section 2 of this resolution.

Section 4. The Board finds that the resolution has been adopted in accordance with all legal requirements including O.R.C. Sec. 121.22.

Item 8. Consider approval of the following student teacher mentors

It is recommended that the Board approves the following methods/student teacher mentors for the 2023-2024 school year to be paid from Heidelberg University through the General Fund:

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Deborah Bates | \$50.00 |
| Elizabeth Swaisgood | \$50.00 |

Item 9. Consider approval of adoption of resolution for School Board Recognition Month

It is recommended that the following resolution be approved for adoption:

WHEREAS, it shall be the mission of the Fremont City School District to provide all students with the best possible education;

WHEREAS, the school board sets the direction for our community's public schools by envisioning the community's education future;

WHEREAS, the school board sets policies and procedures to govern all aspects of school district operation;

WHEREAS, the school board keeps attention focused on progress toward the school district's goals and maintains a two-way communications loop with all segments of the community;

WHEREAS, serving on a school board requires an unselfish devotion of time and service to carry on the mission and business of the school district;

WHEREAS, the school board must respond on behalf of the community to the educational needs of students; and

WHEREAS, the school board voluntarily accepts the above-mentioned responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fremont City School District does hereby proclaim January 2024 as "School Board Recognition Month" and encourages all citizens to publicly and privately thank the school board members for their dedicated service to our children.

Mrs. Bloom____Ms. Lehmann____Ms. Lewis____Mr. Nalley____Mr. Price____

Item 10. Consider approval of adoption of resolution for National Mentoring Month

It is recommended that the following resolution be approved for adoption.

WHEREAS, mentors in Fremont City Schools demonstrate daily their professional commitment to providing students help and encouragement to facilitate their development; and

WHEREAS, studies show that mentoring is a highly effective strategy for preventing several key problems that young people face; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fremont City School District's Board of Education hereby recognizes that January 2024 is National Mentoring Month and urges all parents, students and employees to thank them for their special efforts.

Mrs. Bloom____Ms. Lehmann____ Ms. Lewis____Mr. Nalley____ Mr. Price____

Item 11. Consider approval of adoption of resolution to authorize OSBA to review policies in light of HB 33 Legislative Changes

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly passed the state's biennial Operating Budget for FY 24-25 ('Amended Substitute HOUse Bill 33" or "HB33") which Governor DeWine signed into law on July 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, HB 33 made significant legislative changes impacting the Ohio Department of Education ("ODE") and State Board of Education ("SBOE"). including renaming ODE the Department of Education and Workforce, creating the position of Director of Education and Workforce, establishing within the Department of Education and Workforce a Division of Primary and Secondary Education and a Division of Career-Technical Education, creating the Department of Children and Youth, creating the position of Director of children and Youth, and reallocating powers and duties between the State Board of Education, Department of Education and Workforce and Department of Children and Youth; and

WHEREAS, the Board of education recognizes the need to assess each of its board policies to determine necessary updates to ensure alignment with the new HB 33 legislative requirements impacting ODE and SBE;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of education authorizes the Ohio School Boards Association to commerce a thorough review of its individual board policies to identify those requiring updates due to the new HB 33 legislative requirements impacting ODE and SBOE;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education requests that the Ohio School Boards Association create a chart for the Board outlining the specific policy sections requiring updates and provide a brief summary of the proposed modifications for each affected policy to facilitate a clear understanding of the recommended updates.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Mrs. Bloom ____ Ms. Lehmann ____ Ms. Lewis ____ Mr. Nalley ____ Mr. Price ____

FISCAL

Report of the Treasurer

Recommendation of the Treasurer

Item 12. Consider approval of supplemental appropriations

It is recommended that the following changes be made to the FY-2024 Permanent Appropriations approved on June 26, 2023.

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Increase</u> |
|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 300-0590 | Athletic Contracted Services | \$20,000.00 |

Mrs. Bloom ____ Ms. Lehmann ____ Ms. Lewis ____ Mr. Nalley ____ Mr. Price ____

IX. Board Member Communications and Information

X. Adjournment:

Mrs. Bloom ____ Ms. Lehmann ____ Ms. Lewis ____ Mr. Nalley ____ Mr. Price ____

Resolution for Executive Session (O.R.C. 121.22)

WHEREAS, as a public board of education, the Fremont City School District Board of Education may hold an executive session only after a majority of a quorum (or, in the case of item O, below, a unanimous quorum) of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

- A. To consider the appointment of a public employee or official.
- B. To consider the employment of a public employee or official.

- C. To consider the dismissal of a public employee or official.
- D. To consider the discipline of a public employee or official.
- E. To consider the promotion of a public employee or official.
- F. To consider the demotion of a public employee or official.
- G. To consider the compensation of a public employee or official.
- H. To consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or student.
- I. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes.
- J. To consider the sale of property at competitive bidding.
- K. To confer with an attorney for the Board concerning disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
- L. To prepare for, conduct, and/or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.
- M. To consider matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes.
- N. To discuss details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for the Board.
- O. To discuss confidential information related to an application for economic development assistance, or negotiations with other political subdivisions related to the application, as executive session is necessary to protect interests of the applicant or related expenditure of public funds. (Unanimous vote required.)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fremont City School District Board of Education does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on items _____ as listed above.

Mrs. Bloom____Ms. Lehmann____ Ms. Lewis____ Mr. Nalley____ Mr. Price_____