

FREMONT CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Summary
March 11, 2024

Roll Call

- MOTION 46-24 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
The regular meeting held February 26, 2024
- MOTION 47-24 STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT– STUDENT MATTERS – ITEM 1**
Item 1 – Approval of student band trip
- MOTION 48-24 STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT – STAFF MATTERS – ITEMS 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6**

Item 2 – Approval of resignations
Item 3 – Approval of appointments
Item 4 – Approval of supplemental contracts
Item 5 - Approval of resolution for supplemental duty position
Item 6 - Approval of the following special event workers
- MOTION 49-24 STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT – STAFF MATTERS – ITEM 7**
Item 7 – Approval of Youth Art Month
- MOTION 50-24 STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT – STAFF MATTERS – ITEM 8**
Item 8 – Approval of National School Social Worker Week
- MOTION 51-24 STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT – STAFF MATTERS – ITEM 9**
Item 9 – Approval of Women’s History Month
- MOTION 52-24 STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT – STAFF MATTERS – ITEM 10**
Item 10 – Approval of Music in Our Schools Month
- MOTION 53-24 FISCAL**
Item 11 - Approval of supplemental appropriations
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Item 12 - Approval of accepting tax rates as determined by the budget commission
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The Fremont City Board of Education of the Fremont City School District, in Sandusky County, Ohio met on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fremont Middle School, 1250 North Street, Fremont, Ohio and Live Stream District Website: <http://www.fremontschools.net/livestream>.

Board President Thomas Price presiding

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:	Thomas Price, Board President	Present
	Sarah Lewis, Board Vice-President	Present
	Lori Bloom	Present
	Laura Lehmann	Present
	Don Nalley	Present

MOTION 46-24 Approval of minutes

Motion by Mrs. Bloom, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve and sign the minutes of the regular meeting held February 26, 2024.

Ayes: Bloom, Lewis, Lehmann, Nalley, Price
Motion carried. 5-0

COMMUNITY

Legislative Liaison Report by Don Nalley

- Mr. Nalley shared a link from OSBA that talks about the ongoing budget process. Explains the traditional school funding and school voucher funding.
- Mr. Nalley also mentioned for members to go to OSBA and access all the information that is available to them.

Walk on Items

- None

First Hearing of the Public

- None

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Board of Education Work Session

- Chad Berndt, Athletic Director, gave a presentation on the policies that cover school athletics. Policy IGDJ/IGDK - Eligibility has become more difficult to determine for students. Students that want to participate in sports must meet the standards for eligibility.
 - OHSSA Standard- student must carry 5 -½ credit courses with passing grade
 - District Standard- OHSSA requirement plus
 - minimum GPA of 1.5
 - to not have or receive a failing grade within a nine week grading period

Eligibility goes into effect on the 5th day of a grading period. If a student is ineligible at that time they remain ineligible for that grading period.

If a student is suspended out of school - that means they are not at school for how many days the suspension is in effect so they are ineligible to participate the duration of the out of school suspension. If a student receives in school suspension- they are at school that day their eligibility is restored at the end of the day so they would be eligible to participate that day.

The coaches may have additional consequences for the athletes that receive suspensions as well.

- Policy IGDJB - Club Sports- explained a little bit about this policy and how club sports become sanctioned into being recognized as a school sport by OHSSA
- Policy IGDJA - Drug Testing Policy- explained the groups of students that could be tested
 - Athletes
 - Clubs/Band/Orchestra/after school groups
 - Drive to school

Forty students are tested and they can not refuse the test. Great Lake Biomedical is the company that is used for the testing.

Some schools are not testing as much after some recent legislative changes.

Also explained the process of protecting the students privacy and what happens if a student tests positive.

Superintendent's Report

- He thanked Chad Berndt for his presentation. Very well done.
- He asked Chad for a winter sports update- Fantastic year for winter sports

Swimming- Boys & Girls both won the NLL league and 8 swimmers (4 boys & 4 girls) went to State

Basketball- Boys- went to Sectionals

Girls- went to Semi-Finals

Wrestling - Boys- 3 went to Districts and 1 went to State

Girls - 5 went to State Jaiden Long finished 8th

- Fremont Ross held OMEA district event on March 8, 2024- Symphonic Band received a straight Superior rating
Fremont Ross Orchestra earned a Superior rating at State.
- Denice gave a quick overview of what staff participated in for their professional development day on March 11, 2024.

Recommendations of the Superintendent

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

Student

MOTION 47-24

Motion by Ms. Lehmann, seconded by Mrs. Bloom, to approve student matters – Item 1.

Item 1. Consider approval of Fremont Middle School 8th grade and Fremont Ross High School Marching Band Students’ trip to Columbus, Ohio

It is recommended that approval be granted for Fremont Middle School 8th grade and Fremont Ross High School Marching Band Students’ trip to Columbus, Ohio ,on May 17, 2024. This trip will be funded by the students with no cost to the school district.

**Ayes: Lehmann, Bloom, Lewis, Nalley, Price
Motion carried. 5-0**

Staff

MOTION 48-24

Motion by Mr. Nalley, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve staff matters – Items 2,3,4,5 and 6

Staff

Item 2. Consider approval of the following resignations

Resignation
Classified: Tracy Aldrich
Bus Driver
Reason: Resignation
Effective: March 18, 2024

Resignation
Classified: Debra Bogner
Custodial I
Reason: Retirement
Effective: June 1, 2024

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Resignation
Classified: Bruce Frederick
Custodial I
Reason: Resignation
Effective: March 4, 2024

Resignation
Classified: Vickie Nord
Custodial I
Reason: Resignation
Effective: April 2, 2024

Resignation
Classified: Diana Vara
Custodial I
Reason: Retirement
Effective: June 1, 2024

Resignation
Classified: William Willey
Custodial I
Reason: Resignation
Effective: June 1, 2024

Item 3. Consider approval of the following appointments

A. Appointments for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name: Devin Pollick
Certified Staff: Teacher
Account: General
Salary: BA, Step 4 @ \$44,017 effective March 6, 2024

Certified Staff Substitute: John R. Willey*

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

B. Appointments for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name: Marina Johnson*
Classified Staff: Classified Payroll-Benefits Coordinator
Account: General
Salary: Step 1 @ 19.82/hr effective March 20, 2024

Name: Stephanie Patterson
Classified Staff: Cook (LR-1.02)
Account: General
Salary: Step 1 @ 15.00/hr effective March 12, 2024

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Name: Lynn Reineck*
Classified Staff: Cook (LR-1.02)
Account: General
Salary: Step 1 @ 15.00/hr effective March 12, 2024

Name: Jennnifer Zucker*
Classified Staff: Assistant to the Treasurer
Account: General
Salary: Step 1 @ 20.12/hr effective April 1, 2024

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

Classified Staff Substitutes: Abigail Atzinger*, Kimberly Lenhart

*Employment of the above classified employees/substitute is contingent upon successful completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Item 4. Consider approval of the following supplemental contract

Appointment for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Duty</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kourtland Andrews	FMS	MS Track Coach G-0	\$2,688.00

Item 5. 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 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Duty</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ashton Smith	Ross	Head Soccer Coach-Girls' C-0	\$5,377.00

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.

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

Note: Supplemental contracts for 2024-2025 reflect the payment charts in the FEA contract for 2021-2024. The 2024-2025 payment charts are subject to change due to contract negotiations.

Item 6. Consider approval of the following special event workers

It is recommended that the Board approves the following special event workers for 2023-2024 spring athletic events:

**Ross High School Events
(Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Track)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Crystal Walker	Ticket Scanner Baseball	\$20.00
Crystal Walker	Ticket Scanner Track	\$20.00

**Ayes: Nalley, Lewis, Bloom, Lehmann, Price
Motion carried. 5-0**

MOTION 49-24

Motion by Mrs. Bloom, seconded by Ms. Lehmann, to approve Youth Art Month – Items 7

Item 7. Consider approval of adoption of resolution for Youth Art Month

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

WHEREAS, the study of art contributes to young people’s development of self-esteem, appreciation of the work of others, self-expression, cooperation with others, and learning skills; and

WHEREAS, art education in the schools includes a broad range of types of art and active art experiences; and

WHEREAS, art education significantly enhances the morale and quality of the school environment; and

WHEREAS, it is the stated mission of the objective of the public school to prepare children for a productive role in our society; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Art Education Association has designated March 2024 as Youth Art Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fremont City School District Board of Education endorses the observation of Youth Art Month as an opportunity to support the

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purposes and practices of art education and encourages teachers, parents, students, and all citizens to participate

- **Ayes: Bloom, Lehmann, Lewis, Nalley, Price**

Motion carried. 5-0

MOTION 50-24

Motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Nalley, to approve National School Social worker Week – Item 8

Item 8. Consider approval of adoption of resolution for National School Social Work Week

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

WHEREAS, the importance of school social work through the inclusion of school social work programs and services has been recognized in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.);

WHEREAS, school social workers are exceptionally skilled in providing services to students who face serious challenges to school success, including disability, poverty, discrimination, abuse, neglect, mental illness, homelessness, bullying, familial stressors, and other barriers to learning;

WHEREAS, school social workers are needed more now than at any time in recent memory, as more students are struggling with mental and behavioral health disorders, with nearly 1 in 6 children from 2 to 8 years old (17.4 percent) having a diagnosed mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder;

WHEREAS, individuals who wish to access community mental health services often find such services unavailable, inaccessible, or inadequate;

WHEREAS, school-based mental health programs are critical to early identification of and early intervention for mental health problems;

WHEREAS, school social workers, being licensed mental health professionals in schools in the United States, provide necessary assessment, interventions, counseling, family outreach, and community referrals;

WHEREAS, school mental health programs are critical to the early identification of mental health problems and in the provision of appropriate services when needed;

WHEREAS, school social workers maintain knowledge of school culture and school climate which are necessary for responsible school safety planning;

WHEREAS, fewer than 1 in 5 children in need of mental health services actually receive these services, and research indicates that school mental health programs improve

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educational outcomes by decreasing absences, dropout rates, and discipline referrals, while improving academic achievement;

WHEREAS, school social workers serve as vital members of a school's education team, playing a central role in creating partnerships between the home, school, and community to ensure student academic success; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of "School Social Work Week" during the week beginning March 4, 2024, highlights the vital role school social workers play in the lives of students in the State of Ohio: Now, therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fremont City School District Board of Education endorses and supports the designation of "School Social Work Week"; honors and recognizes the contributions of school social workers to the successes of students in schools across the state; and encourages the people to observe "School Social Work Week" with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the vital role of school social workers, in schools and the community as a whole, in helping students prepare for their futures as productive citizens.

**Ayes: Lewis, Nalley, Bloom, Lehmann, Price
Motion carried. 5-0**

- **MOTION 51-24**

Motion by Mrs. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Nalley, to approve Women's History Month – Item 9

Item 9. Consider approval of adoption of resolution for Women's History Month

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

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States and the Legislature of Ohio have designated the month of March as Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, proclaiming annually, March as Women's History Month and encourages the District schools to commemorate the occasion in meaningful student activities, programs, and in the arts that demonstrate learning and understanding of the role women have played and are playing in every sphere of our nation's life; and

WHEREAS, women constitute a significant part of the labor force and business leadership essential to the economic development of the United States.

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

**Ayes: Bloom, Nalley, Lehmann, Lewis, Price
Motion carried. 5-0**

- **MOTION 52-24**

Motion by Ms. Lehmann, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve Music in our Schools Month– Items 10

Item 10. Consider approval of adoption of resolution for Music in Our Schools Month

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

WHEREAS, the study of music contributes to young people’s development through heightened skills in listening, reading, self-expression, and creativity; and

WHEREAS, music education in the schools includes a broad range of types of music and active musical experiences; and

WHEREAS, music and the other arts significantly enhance the morale and quality of the school environment; and

WHEREAS, it is stated objective of the public school to prepare children for a productive role in our society; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for Music Education has designated March 2024 as Music in Our Schools Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fremont City School District Board of Education endorses the observation of Music in Our Schools Month as an opportunity to support the purposes and practices of music education and encourages teachers, parents, students, and all citizens to participate.

Ayes: Lehmann, Lewis, Bloom, Nalley, Price

Motion carried. 5-0

FISCAL

Report of the Treasurer

Recommendation of the Treasurer

- **MOTION 53-24**

Motion by Mr. Nalley, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve appropriations – Item 11

Item 11. 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>
572-9024	Title I	\$135,784.94
572-9324	Title I D	\$ 582.17

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590-9024	Supporting Effective Instruction	\$ 40,580.76
551-9024	LEIL	\$ 3,163.99
584-9024	Title 4 A	\$ 7,576.36
516-9024	IDEA-B	\$111,771.01

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**Ayes: Nalley, Lewis, Bloom, Lehmann, Price
Motion carried. 5-0**

● **MOTION 54-24**

Motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Lehmann, to approve fiscal matters – Item 12

Item 12. Consider approval of resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission

It is recommended that the Board approves a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

WHEREAS, This Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024

: And

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Sandusky County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Fremont City School District, Sandusky County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

Schedule A

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX

APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR’S ESTIMATED

TAX RATES

Fund	Approved by Amount Budget Commission Inside 10 M. Limitation	Amount to be derived from Levies outside 10 M. Limitation	County Auditor Estimate of tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 M. Limit	Outside 10 M Limit
General Fund	\$3,278,675	\$ 14,368,107	4.20	27.90
Bond Retirement Fund (FMS 2008)		\$ 1,092,892		1.40
Permanent Improvement Fund		\$ 947,890		1.35
Bond Retire (2017)		\$ 3,825,121		4.90
TOTAL	\$3,278,675	\$20,234,010	4.20	35.55

Schedule B

Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation, Exclusive of Debt Levies

	Maximum Rate Authorized To be levied	Co. Auditor's Est. Of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A)
Current Expense Levy Authorized by voters on 1976 & Prior for a continuing period of time	23.00	\$ 11,634,804
Current Expense Levy Authorized by voters on Nov 5, 1985 for a continuing period of time	4.90	\$ 2,733,303

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Permanent Improvement Levy authorized by voters on Nov 4, 2008 For a continuing period of time	1.35	\$ 947,890
Bond Retirement Levy authorized by voters on Nov 4, 2008 For a period not to exceed 28 years.	1.40	\$ 1,092,892
Bond Retirement Levy authorized by voters on May 2, 2017 For a period not to exceed 37 years	4.90	\$ 3,825,121

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And be it further

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer of this Board be and he is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor of Said County.

**Ayes: Lewis, Lehmann, Bloom, Nalley, Price
Motion carried. 5-0**

BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Thank you to Chad Berndt for all the updates on athletic policies. Congratulations to the treasurer for getting staff hired in her department.

Congratulations to the Band & Orchestra. Say Something events going on in the District this past week. Great job on getting the awareness out to students, families and the public on ways to get help. Thank you to all the Social Workers.

Shout out to Henry for all his hard work and dedication to the PAC. Always there with a friendly inviting face. Takes great pride in the PAC and all the events being held there. Thank you to all the volunteers for the OMEA event. Awesome job to all the winter sports teams. Shout out to Jaiden Long with her 8th place finish at State. Legally Blonde the musical is March 22 & 23, 2024 be sure to get tickets. Big thank you to Crystal Walker for all her hard work at the sporting events. Congratulations to two art students, Sebastian Collins and Sarah Gross for having their art work displayed at the State Capital.

Solar Eclipse event at Fremont Middle School on March 21, 2024. Lutz 5th grade did a great job on their solar system project. Looking forward to seeing the musical Legally Blonde and getting around to the buildings for their upcoming events.

Sharon Wammes, "The Cookie Lady", loved the orchestra concert. The students performed wonderfully. Chad & Jennifer Long great job on coaching the girls wrestling team. Thanks to Chad Berndt for the updates on Athletics. It was great watching the girls wrestling team. They have done a fantastic job this year.

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Mr. Detwiler is retiring in August, The Board is seriously looking for a new replacement. Thank you to the staff for filling out the superintendent search survey. The board will be holding interviews soon.

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MOTION 55-24 Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Price, seconded by Mrs. Bloom, to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:30p.m.

Ayes: Price, Bloom, Lehmann, Lewis, Nalley

Motion carried. 5-0

APPROVED:

President

Date: _____

Treasurer