

# FREMONT CITY SCHOOLS

## BOARD OF EDUCATION



## AGENDA

Monday, January 13, 2025

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

Denice Hirt  
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.



**President Pro Tem – Thomas Price**

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Kylie Knight - 1st grade student at Otis

**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\_\_\_\_

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**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 2025 Board of Education meetings at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

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

It is recommended that the following resolution establishing the Service Fund for 2025 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 2025.

**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 2025 and the 2025 Briefcase subscription be approved.

**Item 9. Treasurer’s Committee Appointments**

It is recommended that the following Committee appointments be approved:

Finance Committee (2)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Item 10. Superintendent’s Committee Appointments**

It is recommended that the following Committee appointments be approved:

Policy Committee (2) \_\_\_\_\_

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Curriculum Quality Control Council (2) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Health & Wellness (2) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**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 2025.

**Item 14. Appointment of Purchasing Agent**

It is recommended that the Superintendent or her designee be appointed Purchasing Agent for 2025.

**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 2025 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\_\_\_\_





AGENDA  
Regular Meeting  
January 13, 2025  
Fremont Middle School  
6:00 p.m.  
and  
Live Stream District Website:

<http://www.fremontschools.net/livestream>

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bloom\_\_\_\_Ms. Lehmann\_\_\_\_ Ms. Lewis\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nalley\_\_\_\_ Mr. Price\_\_\_\_

- I. Approve or amend and sign the minutes of the regular meeting held December 16, 2024 and January 6, 2025.

Mrs. Bloom\_\_\_\_Ms. Lehmann\_\_\_\_ Ms. Lewis\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nalley\_\_\_\_ Mr. Price\_\_\_\_

- II. Legislative Report  
III. Walk on Items  
IV. 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

- V. Superintendent's Report -  
● Curriculum Quality Control Committee (CQCC)
- VI. 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>
Sarah Barth	Study guides	Not listed	Fremont Ross High School
Abby Childers - (Ruth Seed Farms)	FFA jackets	\$396.00	FFA - Fremont Ross
Janet Myles	Cash	\$2,000.00	FMS Media Center
Old Fort Banking Company	Cash	\$50.00	Fremont Ross Athletics
St. Paul's Episcopal Church	Hats & gloves	Not listed	Lutz Elementary
The Petal Patch	Poinsettia	Not listed	Fremont City Schools

Mrs. Bloom\_\_\_\_Ms. Lehmann\_\_\_\_ Ms. Lewis\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nalley\_\_\_\_ Mr. Price\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT**

**Student**

**Item 2. Consider approval of the 2025-2026 Calendar**

It is recommended that the calendar (option \_\_\_\_\_) for the 2025-2026 school year be approved (see attached).

Mrs. Bloom\_\_\_\_Ms. Lehmann\_\_\_\_ Ms. Lewis\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nalley\_\_\_\_ Mr. Price\_\_\_\_

**Item 3. Consider approval to grant a Ross High School diploma to the following students**

It is recommended that the Board of Education grant a Fremont Ross High School Diploma to Lorenzo Chihuahua, as all graduation requirements have been met.



It is recommended that the Board of Education grant a Fremont Ross High School Diploma to Imajah Elkins, as all graduation requirements have been met.

It is recommended that the Board of Education grant a Fremont Ross High School Diploma to Kaden Mayle, as all graduation requirements have been met.

It is recommended that the Board of Education grant a Fremont Ross High School Diploma to Jace Lee, as all graduation requirements have been met.

It is recommended that the Board of Education grant a Fremont Ross High School Diploma to Mariah Popoca, as all graduation requirements have been met.

It is recommended that the Board of Education grant a Fremont Ross High School Diploma to Lorenzo Ragasl, as all graduation requirements have been met.

It is recommended that the Board of Education grant a Fremont Ross High School Diploma to Isaiah Rangel, as all graduation requirements have been met.

It is recommended that the Board of Education grant a Fremont Ross High School Diploma to Alexis Seamon, as all graduation requirements have been met.

It is recommended that the Board of Education grant a Fremont Ross High School Diploma to Aidan Thompson, as all graduation requirements have been met.

It is recommended that the Board of Education grant a Fremont Ross High School Diploma to Brianna Ross, as all graduation requirements have been met.

It is recommended that the Board of Education grant a Fremont Ross High School Diploma to Amaya Showman-Williams, as all graduation requirements have been met.

Mrs. Bloom \_\_\_ Ms. Lehmann \_\_\_ Ms. Lewis \_\_\_ Mr. Nalley \_\_\_ Mr. Price \_\_\_

**Staff**

**Item 4. Consider approval of the following resignation**

Resignation  
Classified:

Brandi Wadsworth  
Cook  
Reason: Resignation  
Effective: January 7, 2025



**Item 5. Consider approval of the following appointments**

Appointments for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name: Catherine Rhoad  
Classified Staff: 3-hour Cook (LR-1.02)  
Account: General  
Salary: Step 1 @ \$15.68/hr effective January 14, 2025

Support Staff Substitutes: Jeffrey Carrothers, Emma Gross, Paul Lotycz, Carson Smith

**Item 6. Consider approval of the following supplemental contracts**

Appointments for the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Duty</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kourtland Andrews	FMS	MS Track Coach G-1	\$2,743.00
Thomas Buckley	FMS	MS Track Coach G-10	\$3,526.00
DeVaun Churchya	FMS	MS Track Coach G-2	\$2,939.00
Travis Bates	Ross	Indoor Track Coach	Volunteer
John Elder	Ross	Indoor Track Coach	Volunteer
Mark Sheidler	Ross	Varsity Asst Track Coach F-10 (0.75 stipend)	\$2,938.50
Jennifer Ziegler-Long	Ross	Varsity Asst Track Coach F-9 (0.75 stipend)	\$2,791.50

**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 2024-2025 school year:



<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Duty</u>	<u>Amount</u>
James Hilton	FMS	M.S. Basketball Coach-Boys	Volunteer
Jason Smith	FMS	MS Track Coach G-6	\$3,331.00
Tyler Grine	Ross	Varsity Asst Wrestling Coach-Boys E-0 (0.375 stipend)	\$1,469.25
Michael Rankin	Ross	Varsity Asst Track Coach F-10 (0.75 stipend)	\$2,938.50
Pryde Yost	Ross	Varsity Asst Track Coach F-10 (0.75 stipend)	\$2,938.50

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 2024-2025 school year to be paid from Bowling Green State University through the General Fund:

Kourtney Jared	\$131.25
Elizabeth Swaisgood	\$131.25

**Item 9. Consider approval of the following student teacher mentors**

It is recommended that the Board approves the following methods/student teacher mentors for the 2024-2025 school year to be paid from Heidelberg University through the General Fund:

Lindsay Vanderveen	\$50.00
Nicole Weiker	\$50.00
Julie Yoder	\$50.00

**Item 10. Consider approval of the following special event worker**

It is recommended that the Board approves the following special event workers for lifeguard for elective courses and swim events at Ross High School:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Braxtyn Jordan (student)	Lifeguard	\$11.10/hr.

Mrs. Bloom\_\_\_\_ Ms. Lehmann\_\_\_\_ Ms. Lewis\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nalley\_\_\_\_ Mr. Price\_\_\_\_



**Item 11. 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 2025 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 12. 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 2025 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\_\_\_\_

**FISCAL**

Report of the Treasurer

Recommendation of the Treasurer

**Item 13. Consider approval of the 2025-2026 Tax Budget**

It is recommended that the Tax Budget for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 be approved.

Mrs. Bloom\_\_\_\_Ms. Lehmann\_\_\_\_ Ms. Lewis\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nalley\_\_\_\_ Mr. Price\_\_\_\_

**VII. Board Member Communications and Information**

**VIII. Adjournment:**

Mrs. Bloom\_\_\_\_Ms. Lehmann\_\_\_\_ Ms. Lewis\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nalley\_\_\_\_ Mr. Price\_\_\_\_



**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 \_\_\_\_