

FREMONT CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Summary
January 27, 2025

Roll Call

- MOTION 15-25 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
The organizational meeting and tax budget hearing held January 13, 2025
- MOTION 16-25 FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS – ITEM 1**
Item 1 – Approval of donations
- MOTION 17-25 FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS - CONTRACTS – ITEM 2**
Item 2 – Approval of MOU with Lieske Counseling and Consulting
- MOTION 18-25 FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS - POLICIES – ITEM 3**
Item 3 – Approval of revised Policy BDC – Executive Sessions (First Reading)
- MOTION 19-25 STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVMENT – STUDENT MATTERS – ITEM 4**
Item 4 – Approval of Ross Spanish Club students’ trip to Spain
- MOTION 20-25 STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVMENT – STUDENT MATTERS – ITEM 5**
Item 5 – Approval of adoption and purchase of Amplify CKLA K-6 ELA Curriculum
- MOTION 21-25 STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVMENT – STAFF MATTERS – ITEM 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10**
Item 6 – Approval of resignations
Item 7 – Approval of appointments
Item 8 – Approval of resolution for supplemental duty positions
Item 9 – Approval of special event workers
Item 10 – Approval of conference attendance request for Mandi Miller
- MOTION 22-25 FISCAL – ITEM 11**
Item 11 – Approval of the December FY 2025 financial report
- MOTION 23-25 ADJOURNMENT**

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The Fremont City Board of Education of the Fremont City School District, in Sandusky County, Ohio met on Monday, January 27, 2025, 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: **Lead by Apollo Burel, 2nd grade student at Otis Elementary**

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

MOTION 15-25 Approval of minutes

Motion by Ms. Lehmann, seconded by Mrs. Bloom, to approve and sign the minutes of the regular meeting held January 13, 2025.

Ayes: Lehmann, Bloom, Lewis, Nalley, Price

Motion carried. 5-0

Legislative Liaison Report by Mr. Nalley

- He shared points of interest from today's monthly OSBA Zoom meeting, concerning the discussion around the 136th General Assembly, emphasizing their main topic of property taxes. They addressed Fair School Funding and the change of view of the Speaker of the House, which is potentially more favorable. They talked more in depth about a number of different Bills and where those are currently at in legislative process.

Walk on Items

- None

COMMUNITY

First Hearing of the Public

- None

Superintendent's Report

- She noted that the latest addition of the district wide newsletter went out and there is a lot of good information in it. There are extra copies at the District Office if anyone did not receive one.
- She stated that we will send out a special meeting notice for change of location for the meetings on February 10th and March 24th and locations will be changed to the PAC at Ross High School.

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- She asked Ms. Lehmann to share some highlights from the Health and Wellness Committee meeting.
- She asked Mr. Price to share information from the Policy Committee meeting.
- She mentioned the review of the Strategic Plan for the District and its core component of Community and she invited Susan King, Human Resources Director, Erin Parker, Principal at Fremont Middle School and Chris Ward, Principal at Atkinson Elementary, to speak about the efforts to involve our schools in our community. There are a number of opportunities for our students and staff to engage with our community, which ultimately leads to reciprocal benefits for all.

Recommendations of the Superintendent

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

Donations

MOTION 16-25

Motion by Mrs. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Nalley, to approve donations – Item 1

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>
Journey Church	Boxes of candy	Not listed	FCS (all Staff)
Jennifer Kopcak	Book	\$19.99	Croghan Learning Center (In memory of Mary Jo Rodriguez)
VFW Post #2947	Flags	Not listed	FCS
VFW Post #2947- (Women’s Auxiliary)	Socks	\$175.00	FMS & Ross
Women of Peace Lutheran Church	Gloves, hats & socks	Not listed	Atkinson Elementary

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

Contracts

MOTION 17-25

Motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Lehmann, to approve contracts – Item 2

Item 2. Consider approval of MOU with Lieske Counseling and Consulting

It is recommended that the Board accept the MOU for agreement with Lieske Counseling and Consulting to provide qualified mental health professionals for mental health services. This is at no cost to the District.

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

Policies

MOTION 18-25

Motion by Mrs. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Nalley, to approve contracts – Item 3

Item 3. Consider approval of revised Policy BDC – Executive Sessions (First Reading)

It is recommended that the Board of Education approves revised Policy BDC – Executive Sessions (see attached).

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

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVMENT

Student

MOTION 19-25

Motion made by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mrs. Bloom, to approve student matters – Item 4

Item 4. Consider approval of Ross Spanish Club Students’ trip to Spain

It is recommended that approval be granted for Ross Spanish Club students’ trip to Spain, Summer 2026. This trip will be funded by the students with no cost to the school district.

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

MOTION 20-25

Motion made by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Lehmann, to approve student matters – Item 5

Item 5. Consider approval of adoption and purchase of Amplify CKLA K-5 ELA Curriculum

It is recommended that ELA textbooks, online licenses and professional development be purchased from Amplify CKLA for a total cost not to exceed \$559,451.15 for 5 years for use by Fremont City Schools as prescribed by Section 3329.08 of the Ohio Revised Code. This is a general fund expenditure.

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

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Staff

MOTION 21-25

Motion made by Mr. Nalley, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve staff matters – Items 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10

Item 6. Consider approval of the following resignation

Resignation
Classified: Mindy Billow
Cook
Reason: Resignation
Effective: January 27, 2025

Resignation
Classified: Pamela Crawford
Office Manager
Reason: Retirement
Effective: July 1, 2025

Item 7. Consider approval of the following appointments

A. Appointments for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name: Sarah Watson
Certified Staff: Intervention Specialist
Account: General
Salary: BS, Step 1 @ \$39,683 effective January 28, 2025

Certified Staff Substitutes: Margret Gfoeller*, Emma Gross

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

B. Appointments for the 2024-2025 school year:

Support Staff Substitutes: Melinda Metcalf, Taylor Sisson

Item 8. Consider approval of resolution for supplemental duty positions

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

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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>
Jared Adkins	FMS	M.S. Basketball Coach-Boys	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 9. Consider approval of the following special event workers

It is recommended that the Board approves the following special event workers for 2024-2025 winter tournament athletic events:

Joseph Hershey	Crystal Walker
Robin Mohr	Chad Berndt (Non-FCS Events Only)
Philip Moran	

Item 10. Consider approval of conference attendance request for Mandi Miller

It is recommended that the Board approves Mandi Miller, EMIS Coordinator, to attend the OAEP Spring Conference in Columbus, Ohio, May 4-6, 2025, at an estimated total cost of \$900.00. This is a General Fund expenditure.

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

FISCAL

Report of the Treasurer

- W2s and 1099s have been distributed.

Recommendation of the Treasurer

MOTION 22-25

Motion by Ms. Lehmann, seconded by Mrs. Bloom, to approve fiscal matters – Item 11

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Item 11. Consider approval of the December FY 2025 financial report

It is recommended that the December FY 2025 financial report be approved (copy on file at Birchard Public Library).

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

Board Member Communications and Information

Ms. Lewis – January is National Mentoring Month and she encouraged anyone interested in mentoring to sign up in the district office. The high school Solo and Ensemble event in Genoa went well. She is glad to hear feedback from the community on our application process and website. She is grateful for our community partners and how they support our students and she is hopeful that we will keep community involvement as part of our Strategic Plan. She asked that everyone be kept in the loop, as the Board members would love to attend school/community partner events.

Mrs. Bloom – Special thanks to Apollo Burel for leading the Pledge this evening, he did a good job. Thank you for all the donations and thanks to everyone for presenting on our community partnerships. She is also excited to hear from our students when they return from their trip to Spain in Summer of 2026.

Mr. Nalley – Communication is key and the newsletter and the presenters from this evening were wonderful to see. The application process for our district is a fairly streamlined process which makes things easier.

Ms. Lehmann – Thank you to teachers/staff participation in the community events, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes. Shout out to the 5th graders at Otis and their awesome solar system projects, which can be viewed on their Facebook page. They did a great job!

Mr. Price – Thank you to the presenters who spoke about our community outreach efforts and what it teaches our children. Thank you to Apollo Burel for leading the Pledge this evening, it's nice to meet different students each week, as part of our new tradition of having a student here at each meeting to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. He wanted to give a big thank you to all the parents/staff/maintenance/custodial/volunteers who helped with the wrestling tournament event last weekend.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 23-25

Motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mrs. Bloom, to adjourn regular board meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

m.

President

Date: _____

Treasurer