

FREMONT CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Summary
March 10, 2025

Roll Call

- MOTION 48-25 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
The regular meeting held February 24, 2025
- MOTION 49-25 ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION – ITEM 1**
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- MOTION 50-25 FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS – DONATIONS – ITEM 2**
Item 2 – Approval of donations
- MOTION 51-25 FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS – CONTRACTS – ITEM 3**
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Item 15 – Approval of special event workers
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**Fremont City Schools
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The Fremont City Board of Education of the Fremont City School District, in Sandusky County, Ohio met on Monday, March 10, 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

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

MOTION 48-25 Approval of minutes

Motion by Ms. Lehmann, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve and sign the minutes of the regular meeting held February 24, 2025.

Ayes: Lehmann, Lewis, Price

Motion carried. 3-0

Legislative Liaison Report by Mr. Nalley

- Mr. Nalley is absent this evening, but sent emails to the Board concerning various state level committee meetings occurring now. This information is available to be seen by anyone who wishes to view it by contacting Mrs. Hirt.

Walk on Items

- None

COMMUNITY

First Hearing of the Public

- None

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

MOTION 49-25 Approval to renew Treasurer's contract

Motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Lehmann, to approve the renewal of the Treasurer's contract – Item 1

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Item 1. Consider approval to renew Treasurer’s contract

It is recommended to approve the renewal of the Treasurer’s contract for a three year term commencing on August 1, 2025, under the terms and conditions as set forth in the renewal contract as signed by Megan Parkhurst and presented to this Board for approval.

**Ayes: Lewis, Lehmann, Price
Motion carried. 3-0**

Superintendent’s Report

- She talked about the OFCC k-12 Safety Grant which is to be used to update facilities 5 years and older. The PA system at FMS will be updated using these funds.
- She wanted to give a shout out to our art and music students, as there have been a variety of events showcasing our talented kids at concert performances and art exhibitions. The following students should be congratulated for winning at Regionals for the Ohio Governor’s Youth Art Exhibition 2025 and their work will be in the final exhibition in Columbus: Eleanor Boroff, Krish Patel, Rob Moreno and Addy Calhoun. We also have several students who were selected to exhibit in the 2025-9th Congressional High School Art Exhibition held at the Toledo Museum of Art and their work will be on display from February 12 through March 30, 2025: Diamond McDuffy, Addy Calhoun, Ava George, Evan Luc, Samara Hernandez, Jayci Bellow, Robert Moreno, Eleanor Boroff and Sara Gross. Congratulations to our very talented students!
- She asked Chad Berndt to give updates on Winter Sports and he spoke about our wrestling, swim and dive, basketball, bowling and indoor track teams and gave statistics on their respective seasons.

Recommendations of the Superintendent

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

Donations

MOTION 50-25

Motion by Ms. Lehmann, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve facilities and operations matters – Item 2

Item 2. 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>
VFW Post #2947	Socks	Not listed	Atkinson Elementary

**Ayes: Lehmann, Lewis, Price
Motion carried. 3-0**

Contracts

MOTION 51-25

Motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Lehmann, to approve facilities and operations matters – Item 3

Item 3. Consider approval of contract with P. T. Services

It is recommended that the Board approves the contract with P.T. Services, for the purpose of providing occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech services during the summer months of June, July and August 2025, at a rate of \$73.00 per hour.

**Ayes: Lewis, Lehmann, Price
Motion carried. 3-0**

MOTION 52-25

Motion by Ms. Lehmann, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve facilities and operations matters – Item 4

Item 4. Consider approval of contract with Resilience Therapy

It is recommended that the Board approves the contract with Resilience Therapy Services, LLC for the purpose of providing ESY services during the summer months of June, July and August 2025, at a rate of \$80.00 per hour

**Ayes: Lehmann, Lewis, Price
Motion carried. 3-0**

MOTION 53-25

Motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Lehmann, to approve facilities and operations matters – Item 5

Item 5. Consider approval of Resolution with ENGIE RESOURCES, LLC

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MASTER ELECTRIC ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND “POWER4SCHOOLS” ENDORSED ELECTRIC SUPPLIER, ENGIE RESOURCES LLC.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Schools Council, Ohio School Boards Association, Ohio Association of School Business Officials, and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (the “Associations”) each carries out cooperative purchase programs and promotes cooperative arrangements and agreements among its member school districts and government agencies or private persons; and

WHEREAS, the Associations collectively do business under the trade name “Power4Schools” (“P4S”) for the purpose of endorsing competitive retail electric service (“CRES”) providers to supply retail electric energy services to the Associations’ members; and

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WHEREAS, the members of, and other participating public schools associated with, the Associations desire to purchase retail electric energy services from the CRES provider that has received the endorsement of P4S, ENGIE Resources LLC (“ENGIE”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of this School District (the "District"), as a member of one of the Associations, pursuant to this resolution desires to authorize the execution and delivery or extension by the District of a Master Electric Energy Sales Agreement and Sales Confirmation between the District and ENGIE (the "Power Sales Agreement"), pursuant to which the District, will purchase electricity generation for its school facilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF Fremont City Schools, School District, Sandusky County in the State of Ohio, as follows:

Section 1. The Board authorizes and directs the Treasurer to execute and deliver, in the name of the District and on its behalf, the Power Sales Agreement, substantially in the form now on file with this Board, with any changes that are not inconsistent with this resolution and that may be acceptable to the Treasurer whose acceptance shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such document by the Treasurer.

Section 2. Monies adequate to pay amounts due under the Power Sales Agreement for the current fiscal year are hereby appropriated for that purpose.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Ayes: Lewis, Lehmann, Price
Motion carried. 3-0

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

Student

MOTION 54-25

Motion by Ms. Lehmann, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve student matters – Item 6

Item 6. Consider approval to grant a Ross High School diploma to the following student

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

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

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**Ayes: Lehmann, Lewis, Price
Motion carried. 3-0**

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

Staff

MOTION 55-25

Motion by Ms. Lehmann, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve staff matters – Items 7, 8 and 9

Item 7. Consider approval of the following resignations

Resignation Administrative:	Timothy Warren Transportation Manager Reason: Retirement Effective: July 1, 2025
Resignation Support Staff:	Autumn Baumer Custodial Reason: Resignation Effective: February 28, 2025
Resignation Support Staff:	Lisa Zimmerman Paraprofessional Aide Reason: Retirement Effective: June 1, 2025

Item 8. Consider approval of the following appointments

A. Appointments for the 2024-2025 school year:

Home Instruction Tutors: Kay Hartley, Elizabeth Swaisgood

Certified Staff Substitute: Cali Wagner

B. Appointments for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name:	Haley Arnold
Support Staff:	Cook (LR-1.02)
Account:	General
Salary:	Step 1 @ \$15.68/hr effective March 11, 2025

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Name: Arielle Day
Support Staff: 3-hour Cook (LR-1.02)
Account: General
Salary: Step 1 @ \$15.68/hr effective March 3, 2025

Support Staff Substitutes: Jeremy Conley, Rita Terry, Cali Wagner

Item 9. 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>
Sally Adams	Atkinson	Personalized Learning Instructor (650 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Renee Brandon	Atkinson	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Rachel Chervenak	Atkinson	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Angel Crites	Atkinson	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Julie Davlin	Atkinson	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Marina Echelberry	Atkinson	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Stacie Lowery	Atkinson	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Leigh Mosser	Atkinson	Personalized Learning Instructor (650 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Sophia Ratliff	Atkinson	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Michelle Hamilton	Croghan	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Dana Hanson	Croghan	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Brooklyn Hoyng	Croghan	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Jennifer Kopcak	Croghan	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Kianna Quam	Croghan	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Rebecca Wheeler	Croghan	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Maria Ysasi	Croghan	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Brittney LeJeune	Lutz	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Glenn Melter	Lutz	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Jennifer Morris	Lutz	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Daniella Ortiz	Lutz	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Amanda Seigley	Lutz	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Cynthia Durell	Otis	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Kourtney Jared	Otis	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Julianna Jordan	Otis	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Tamika Koble	Otis	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Krista Marcha	Otis	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Michelle Merrill	Otis	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Wendi Paxson	Otis	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Kerry Pendry-Wendling	Otis	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Miranda Wammes	Otis	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Santinia Minor	FMS	MS Track Coach G-0	\$2,743.00
Natalie Biddle	Ross	Personalized Learning Instructor (775 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Gregg Gallagher	Ross	Genve\$t Club Advisor K-0 (0.5 stipend)	\$587.50

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Stephanie Hastings	Ross	Personalized Learning Instructor (775 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Marvin Hunt	Ross	Industry Technology Department Head (0.5 stipend)	\$300.00
Libbie Kaltenbach	Ross	Personalized Learning Instructor (775 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr
Ashley Wharton	Ross	Personalized Learning Instructor (775 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr

**Ayes: Lehmann, Lewis, Price
Motion carried. 3-0**

NO MOTION MADE DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM FOR ITEM 10

Item 10. Consider approval of the following supplemental contract

Appointments for the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Duty</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cassidy Price	Otis	OST Tutor (150 total hours split)	\$25.00/hr

MOTION 56-25

Motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Lehmann, to approve staff matters – Items 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16

Item 11. Consider approval of the following supplemental contracts

Appointments for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Duty</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alexander Coressel	Ross	Head Soccer Coach-Boys' C-9	\$6,258.00
John Elder	Ross	Head Cross Country Coach D-10	\$5,652.00
Nicole Kulasa	Ross	Head Golf Coach-Girls' E-10	\$4,845.00
Chad Long	Ross	Head Football Coach A-9	\$9,488.00
Jericha Martin	Ross	Head Cheerleading Coach E-1	\$4,037.00
James Scharer	Ross	Head Golf Coach-Boys' E-10	\$4,845.00

Item 12. 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

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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>
Kevin McDonald	Ross	Varsity Asst Softball Coach E-0 (0.25 stipend)	\$979.50

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 13. 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 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Duty</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Erin Dircksen	Ross	Head Volleyball Coach C-6	\$6,258.00
Ashton Smith	Ross	Head Soccer Coach-Girls' C-1	\$5,652.00

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.

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

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Item 14. Consider approval of the following special event workers

It is recommended that the Board approves the following special event workers for tech assistant for the PAC Center at Ross High School:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Chloe Whittekind (student)	Tech Assistant	\$11.10/hr.

Item 15. Consider approval of the following special event workers

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Noah Bork	Meet Manager Track	\$45.00
Jay Bowers	Announcer Baseball/Softball	\$25.00
Tatum Diedrich	Scorebook Baseball/Softball	\$15.00
Lisa Fox	Ticket Scanner Baseball/Softball	\$25.00
Bradley Mohr	Announcer Baseball	\$25.00
Mary Moreau	Ticket Scanner Baseball/Softball	\$25.00
Crystal Walker	Scoreboard Operator Softball	\$30.00
Crystal Walker	Ticket Scanner Track	\$25.00

Item 16. Consider approval of the following status changes

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Natalie Biddle from Varsity Asst Softball Coach at Ross, F-0, 0.5 stipend @ \$1,567.50 to Varsity Asst Softball Coach at Ross, E-0, 0.5 stipend @ \$1,959.00 effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Cole Druckenmiller from Varsity Asst Baseball Coach at Ross, F-2, @ \$3,331.00 to Varsity Asst Baseball Coach at Ross, E-2, @ \$4,114.00 effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Casey Fisher from Varsity Asst Softball Coach at Ross, F-0, 0.5 stipend @ \$1,567.50 to Varsity Asst Softball Coach at Ross, E-0, 0.5 stipend @ \$1,959.00 effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Nicole Kulasa from Varsity Asst Softball Coach at Ross, F-5, 0.75 stipend @ \$2,644.50 to Varsity Asst Softball Coach at Ross, E-5, 0.5 stipend @ \$2,155.00 effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

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It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Meghan Michaels from Varsity Asst Softball Coach at Ross, F-2, 0.25 stipend @ \$832.75 to Varsity Asst Softball Coach at Ross, E-2, 0.25 stipend @ \$1,028.50 effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Michael Rankin from Varsity Asst Track Coach at Ross, F-10, 0.75 stipend @ \$2,938.50 to Varsity Asst Track Coach at Ross, E-10, 0.75 stipend @ \$3,526.50 effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Mark Sheidler from Varsity Asst Track Coach at Ross, F-10, 0.75 stipend @ \$2,938.50 to Varsity Asst Track Coach at Ross, E-10, 0.75 stipend @ \$3,526.50 effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Kyle Spriggs from Varsity Asst Baseball Coach at Ross, F-2, @ \$3,331.00 to Varsity Asst Baseball Coach at Ross, E-2, @ \$4,114.00 effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Desiree Subsara from Secretary (A-15.01) at the District Office, Longevity 20 @ \$21.68 per hour, to Secretary (A-15.01) at the District Office, Longevity 25 @ \$22.51 per hour, effective April 14, 2025.

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Pryde Yost from Varsity Asst Track Coach at Ross, F-10, 0.75 stipend @ \$2,938.50 to Varsity Asst Track Coach at Ross, E-10, 0.75 stipend @ \$3,526.50 effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

It is recommended that the Board approves the status change of Jennifer Ziegler-Long from Varsity Asst Track Coach at Ross, F-9, 0.75 stipend @ \$2,791.50 to Varsity Asst Track Coach at Ross, E-9, 0.75 stipend @ \$3,379.50 effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Ayes: Lewis, Lehmann, Price
Motion carried. 3-0**

MOTION 57-25

Motion by Ms. Lehmann, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve staff matters – Item 17

Item 17. 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

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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 2025 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 purposes and practices of art education and encourages teachers, parents, students, and all citizens to participate.

**Ayes: Lehmann, Lewis, Price
Motion carried. 3-0**

MOTION 58-25

Motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Lehmann, to approve staff matters – Item 18

Item 18. 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;

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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 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 3,2025, 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, Lehmann, Price
Motion carried. 3-0**

MOTION 59-25

Motion by Ms. Lehmann, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve staff matters – Item 19

Item 19. 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

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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 2025 is Women’s History Month and urges all parents, students and employees to thank them for their special efforts.

**Ayes: Lehmann, Lewis, Price
Motion carried. 3-0**

MOTION 60-25

Motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Lehmann, to approve staff matters – Item 20

Item 20. 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 2025 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: Lewis, Lehmann, Price
Motion carried. 3-0**

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FISCAL

Report of the Treasurer

- February is closed out.

Recommendations of the Treasurer

MOTION 61-25

Motion by Ms. Lehmann, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve fiscal matters – Item 21

Item 21. Consider approval of supplemental appropriations

It is recommended that the following changes be made to the FY-2025 Permanent Appropriations approved on June 24, 2024.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Increase</u>
200-9111	Future Farmers	\$ 5,000.00

**Ayes: Lehmann, Lewis, Price
Motion carried. 3-0**

BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Ms. Lewis – She noted that March 21 through March 23 are the dates for the Spring musical (Grease). She commented that Progress Book is a wonderful tool for parents and students to access their grades. Spring sports are in full swing. OST testing is coming up and she reminded everyone to make sure students are getting enough sleep, having a filling breakfast and that they need to be present and on time. Thank you to all the teachers who go above and beyond to help students.

Ms. Lehmann – She reminded everyone about the many scholarship opportunities throughout the community, many of which go unclaimed. She urged students to get in touch with the school guidance counselors to help find out what is available.

Mr. Price – Congratulations to the early graduate students. He had the honor of attending the state wrestling tournament and congratulated to the state wrestling qualifiers. Spring sports are going on now and he wished good luck and good weather to everyone involved.

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MOTION 62-25 Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Lehmann, to adjourn the board meeting at 6:43 p.m.

**Ayes: Lewis, Lehmann, Price
Motion carried. 3-0**

APPROVED:

President

Date: _____

Treasurer