

The Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office located at 300 North 6th Street in Fredonia, Kansas.

Board members present were: Miranda Dinkel, President; Adam Kiblinger, Vice President; Feyn Baker, Dr. Jennifer McKenney, Merlyn Ramsey, John Weilert (by telephone) and Tasha Willett.

Others present were: Brian Smith, Superintendent of Schools; Brian Houghton, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Director; Tim Woodcock, Principal; Tasha Markham, FNEA; Jamie Camacho, Principal; Chad Oneal, Bus Mechanic; Charletta Gustin, Transportation Director and Diana Bredehoft, Governing Board Clerk.

### **Call to Order**

Board President Miranda Dinkel called the regular session of the board of education to order at 7:00 p.m. with all seven board members present.

### **Additions & Approval of the Agenda**

Board President Miranda Dinkel requested the addition of 6.02 Superintendent Evaluation Procedure.

Merlyn Ramsey made a motion to approve the printed agenda with the addition of 6.02 as requested. Motion seconded by Dr. Jennifer McKenney. Motion carried. 7-0

### **Consent Agenda**

Tasha Willett questioned mileage paid to the Superintendent in the bills. Superintendent Smith stated the mileage was for school activities and is part of his contract.

Tasha Willett made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Vice President Adam Kiblinger. Motion carried. 6-1

Those items approved on the consent agenda were:

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting – September 14, 2020
- Warrants totaling \$499,514.41
- District Treasurers Report for September 2020
- Lincoln Elementary Financial Statement
- Junior/Senior High School Financial Statement
- Enrollment Numbers

### **Communications and Administrative Reports**

#### Thank You/Donations

Board President Miranda Dinkel thanked Eric Marr for his 17 years of service to the school district and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Superintendent Smith thanked the Old Iron Days Club for the use of their facilities for the student testing.

Superintendent Smith presented the following donations for the board's approval:

First National Bank of Fredonia	Gazebo Project	\$ 35,000.00
Ethan Rimel Memorial Fund	Dash Timing System	\$ 400.00
Marc Svaty	Activities	\$ 179.00
Zoetis	FFA	\$ 88.00

Tasha Willett made a motion to approve the donations with the board's thanks. Motion seconded by John Weilert. Motion carried. 7-0

Board President Miranda Dinkel reported that the administrator reports are on the DropBox for review.

### **Superintendents Report**

#### SPARKS Funds

Superintendent Smith reported that the SPARKS funds have been received by the district and that expenditures will be reported through December 30, 2020. These funds must be for supplies and equipment related to COVID-19 and must be paid for prior to the cutoff date of December 30.

#### COVID Update

Superintendent Smith reported that the Governor's Executive Order had been extended until November 14, 2020 and he reported the district was now in the Yellow Phase with the new numbers from Wilson County Health Department.

Dr. Jennifer McKenney reported on cases within Wilson County and within the Fredonia School District area. She stated that it is strongly recommended that masks be worn countywide to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Feyn Baker discussed HB 2016 that would give the school the right to control the wearing of masks in the school.

After discussion board members agreed to stay with the current plan and protocols.

#### Gazebo Project

Superintendent Smith reviewed the process that he and Justin Wall, Maintenance Director are using to proceed with the gazebo at the junior/senior high school. He asked the board for consensus to proceed to drawing up a plan and to requesting bids for the construction of the gazebo.

The board gave their consensus to proceed with gathering bids for the project.

#### Quarterly Board Goals Review – Focus on Goal #1

All of the administrators presented the information for Goal #1.

- 1.1 Kansas Assessments
- 1.2 Reading Proficiency
- 1.3 Improve Composite of ACT scores
- 1.4 Participate in ACT, ACT Work Keys or ASVAB
- 1.5 Improve Post-Secondary Success Rate

1.6 Grant Opportunities

1.7 Refine our curriculum through BYOC

Brian Houghton reviewed the Kansas Assessments.

Tim Woodcock, Lincoln Principal talked about the 3rd Grade Reading Proficiency tests and that the fall benchmark was at 47%.

Jamie Camacho, JH/HS Principal talked about the need to have students in the appropriate type of ACT assessments either ACT or WorkKeys. She stated that how the district is encouraging students to take college classes and vocational classes so that they are ready to compete in the workforce or to go on to higher learning upon graduation from high school. She also reported that 93% of seniors graduated last year.

Superintendent Smith reported that the district had been awarded several grants over the past semester. He also mentioned that Aaron Chard has been instrumental in securing these grants for the district. A few of the grants that were awarded to USD 484: Waste Tire Grant for rubber mulch for playgrounds, Clean Diesel Bus Grant, Patterson Family Grant for PPE, multiple grants for our food service department during the COVID pandemic and Blue Cross/Blue Shield grant for the county.

Other Items

Superintendent Smith reported that the pageant committee had met and it was decided to produce a video production of the Community Christmas Pagneant due to the COVID pandemic. The committee wanted to give the students the opportunity to participate in this great community event. We will broadcast the pagenat on our Facebook page the night of the event.

**Board Member Reports**

Tri-County Special Education Interlocal #607

Merlyn Ramsey reported that the next meeting of the Tri-County board would be Wednesday, October 14, 2020 in Independence, Kansas.

He did ask if Emily McCambridge, Tri-County Special Education Director could attend our district admin meetings. Superintendent Smith stated he will invite her to the next meeting.

**Superintendent Evaluation Process**

Board President Miranda Dinkel presented the paper copies and digital copy of the Superintendent's Evaluation. She requested that board members complete and return the evaluation documents to her by November 2, 2020 for review with the Superintendent at the regular November 9, 2020 meeting.

**Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

## **New Business**

### Bus Purchase

Chad Oneal, Bus Mechanic and Charletta Gustin, Transportation Director were present to answer questions concerning the purchase of buses. Mr. Oneal presented the information that he had collected from several sources concerning the differences between the diesel buses and gas buses.

After a lot of discussion between the board and the staff. Tasha Willett made a motion to purchase two 71 passenger gas buses with one with air conditioning. Motion seconded by Dr. Jennifer McKenney. Motion failed 3-4.

Tasha Willett made a motion to purchase two 71 passenger gas buses with both with air conditioning. Motion seconded by John Weilert. Motion failed 2-5.

Tasha Willett made a motion to purchase one 71 passenger gas bus with air conditioning. Motion seconded by John Weilert. Motion failed 3-4.

Board Vice President Adam Kiblinger made a motion to purchase a 71-passenger diesel bus with air conditioning. Motion seconded by Merlyn Ramsey. Motion carried. 5-2 .

Feyn Baker made a motion to purchase a 71-passenger gas bus with no air conditioning. Motion seconded by Merlyn Ramsey. Motion carried. 6-1.

Superintendent Smith will send this information to KDHE to finalize the Clean Diesel Grant to recover 25% of the purchase of these two buses.

### **Executive Session**

At 8:36 p.m. Board Vice President Adam Kiblinger made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for up to 15 minutes and will resume our open meeting in this boardroom. Those included in the executive session will be the board and Superintendent Smith. Motion seconded by Tasha Willett. Motion carried. 7-0

Those present upon entering the executive session were: Board President Miranda Dinkel, Board Vice President Adam Kiblinger; Feyn Baker, Dr. Jennifer McKenney, Merlyn Ramsey, John Weilert (by phone), Tasha Willett and Superintendent Smith.

The board returned to open session at 8:51 p.m. with all persons present as were present upon entering the executive session at 8:36 p.m.

There was no action taken as a result of the executive session.

**Adjourn**

At 8:52 p.m. Board President Miranda Dinkel declared the Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board meeting adjourned.

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Miranda Dinkel, Board President

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Diana Bredehoft, Board Clerk

THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board will be Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office located at 300 North 6th Street, Fredonia, Kansas.