

Board members Miranda Dinkel, Board President; Adam Kiblinger, Vice President; Feyn Baker, Dr. Jennifer McKenney, Merlyn Ramsey and Tasha Willett (via Zoom) were present for the hearings.

#### **Public Hearing – Revenue Neutral**

At 6:50 p.m. Board President Miranda Dinkel opened the Revenue Neutral Public Hearing. There were no questions.

At 6:52 p.m. Board President Miranda Dinkel closed the Revenue Neutral Public Hearing.

#### **Public Hearing – 2021-2022 Budget**

At 6:55 p.m. Board President Miranda Dinkel opened the 2021-2022 Budget Public Hearing. There were no questions or comments.

At 6:56 p.m. Board President Miranda Dinkel closed the 2021-22 Budget Public Hearing.

#### **Board of Education Meeting**

The Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office in Fredonia, Kansas.

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

Others present were: Brian Smith, Superintendent of Schools; Seth Fox, Patron; Brian Houghton, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Director; Chris Hinkle, Patron; Tasha Markham, Assistant Principal; Jamie Camacho, Principal; Tim Woodcock, Principal; Aaron Chard, Director of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning; Lara Staker, Teacher and Diana Bredehoft, Acting Board Clerk.

#### **Call to Order**

At 7:00 p.m. Board President Miranda Dinkel called the regular session to order with six board members present.

#### **Additional & Approval of Agenda**

Board President Miranda Dinkel requested the following two items be added to the printed agenda:

1.03 Public Forum

6.02 Dr. Jennifer McKenney

Feyn Baker made a motion to approve the printed agenda with the additions as requested. Motion seconded by Dr. Jennifer McKenney. Motion carried. 6-0

#### **Public Forum**

In person participants were Seth Fox and Chris Hinkle addressing concerns about children wearing masks to school. An email was read from April Engstrom.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Tasha Willett asked some questions concerning items listed in the warrants, those were answered by Superintendent Smith and Diana Bredehoft. Vice President Adam Kiblinger made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Tasha Willett. Motion carried. 6-0

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 16, 2021  
Warrants totaling \$567,066.43  
District Treasurers Report for August 2021  
Lincoln Elementary Financials  
Junior /Senior High School Financials  
Resolution – Revenue Neutral Rate FY22  
USD 484 FY22 Budget Approval  
Resignation of Judy Adams – Custodian – 1.0 FTE  
Employment of Mark Hersch – Custodian – 1.0FTE  
Employment of Rebecca Hill – Nurse’s Aide – 1.0 FTE  
Employment of Temporary / Substitutes Staff  
    April Gulick – Custodian  
    Patty Gilbert – Custodian  
Supplemental Employment  
    Scholars Bowl: Madeline Woolsey – 0.5 FTE  
    Scholars Bowl: Tara Yarnell – 0.5 FTE  
    Senior Class: Barb Baker  
    JH Pep Club: Mary Sue Sommer  
    JH Girls Head Basketball: Bryan Back

### **Communication and Administrative Reports**

Superintendent Smith presented the following Thank You and Donations for the Board’s acceptance.

A thank you was presented from the FCCLA for continue support of their program and their national convention. Another thank you card from KASB & Leadership for Tomorrow class.

Black and Gold	HUDL Program	\$1,125.00
Fredonia Education Foundation	Julie Nelson Memorial	\$218.25
Christian Thrift Shop	HS Cross Country	\$100.00
Area Community Foundation	Grants	\$8,486.00

Dr. Jennifer McKenney made a motion to accept the Thank You and Donations as presented by Superintendent Smith. Motion seconded by Merlyn Ramsey. Motion carried. 6-0

Board President Miranda Dinkel recognized the administrative staff present and their written reports.

### **Superintendent’s Report**

#### Fast Bridge Data – Fall Assessments

Brian Houghton, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Director presented the Fast Bridge data from the first round of testing last month. He explained that the data gives educators specific information about what students know and do not know and specific strategies for teaching. The data is specific for each student and students will re-take the test in December 2021 and May 2022 to compare the data.

#### District Update – COVID

Superintendent Smith reported on the current COVID conditions within the district. The district is in ORANGE as a whole while the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade is in RED, remote learning. This will continue until Monday, September 20, 2021.

#### KASB—Leadership for Tomorrow & KASB Convention

Superintendent Smith reported that the Leadership for Tomorrow group met on Friday, September 10, 2021 and were very impressed with what the school district is doing with our redesign.

He also reported that the State KASB Convention will be in Overland Park, Kansas on November 6 & 7, 2021. Board President Miranda Dinkel and Merlyn Ramsey expressed interest in attending the convention.

#### **Transportation for Welding**

Board member Tasha Willett requested that the administration find a way to transport students taking welding classes at Chanute through Neosho Community College. After discussion, Superintendent Smith said that he would arrange transportation for those students who wanted it.

#### **Board Member Reports**

##### Tri-County Special Education Report

Merlyn Ramsey stated that he had not been able to attend the September 8, 2021 meeting.

##### Dr. Jennifer McKenney

Board President Miranda Dinkel asked that Dr. McKenney present the science behind wearing the masks in schools and studies showing what is helping to prevent the spread of the COVID virus.

After discussion, Dr. Jennifer McKenney made a motion to mandate masks for a period of eight weeks to prevent the spread of the COVID variant and to re-evaluate the need for masks at the end of the eight-week period. Motion seconded by Board President Miranda Dinkel. Motion failed. 2 – 4

Feyn Baker requested his vote be recorded in the minutes as No.

Board members expressed concern that too much time was being dedicated to COVID and not enough time to teaching and learning.

After further discussion, Tasha Willett made a motion to maintain the gating criteria but to make mask wearing completely optional to the student, parent and/or employee. Motion seconded by Feyn Baker. Motion failed. 2- yes; 2-no; 2-abstained.

#### **Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

#### **Break**

The Board declared a break at 8:36 p.m.

The board returned from break at 8:39 p.m.

**New Business**

KDHE/ELC Grant

Superintendent Smith presented to the board USD 484 received the “Test to Stay & Learn” grant from KDHE for \$1.2 million dollars. Daily rapid testing will be conducted each morning for students and staff that are in quarantine. The participants will be allowed to return to school and school activities for a period of 24 hours with a negative test result. Everyone in the program must wear a mask those that fail to wear their mask appropriately will be required to stay home.

Merlyn Ramsey made a motion to accept the KDHE testing grant with parental consent given once per year and to administer daily rapid testing for our students/staff in quarantine. Motion seconded by Vice President Adam Kiblinger. Motion carried. 6-0

**Adjournment**

Board President Miranda Dinkel declared the Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Miranda Dinkel, Board President

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Diana Bredehoft, Acting Board Clerk

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE** Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board will be Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office located at 300 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Fredonia, Kansas.