

The Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2018 at the Board of Education Office located at 300 North 6th Street in Fredonia, Kansas.

Board members present were: Board President Feyn Baker; Board Vice President Jennifer McKenney; Miranda Dinkel, Adam Kiblinger, Merlyn Ramsey, John Weilert and Tasha Willett (arrived at 7:01 p.m.).

Others present were: Brian Smith, Superintendent of Schools; Aaron Chard, Director of 21st Century Learning; Aidan Chard, FCCLA; Akul Patel, Technology Director; Norma Mellon, Patron; Lyle Mellon, Patron; Tasha Markham, FUTA; Chad Estes, Girl's Basketball Coach; Brian Houghton, Lead Teacher; Lara Staker, FUTA; Erin Frenk, FCCLA; Madison Coulter, FCCLA; Kaelyn Frankenbery, FCCLA; Kara Frankenbery, Patron; Dee Barnett, Teacher/Athletic Director; Kaylee Couch, FCCLA; Avery Couch, Junior Class; Mary Sue Sommer, FUTA; Tim Woodcock, PK-6 Principal; Gina Thompson, Teacher; Jordan Smith, Junior Class and FCCLA; Peyton Wood, Student; Katie Robinson, Student; Taylor Smith, FCCLA; Tricia Couch, FCCLA; Jeremiah Couch, FCCLA; Gennette Robinson, PLTW; Randall Robinson, Patron; Deb Evans, FCCLA; Shari Robert, Teacher; Sheri Moya, FUTA; Audrey Rhuems, Teacher; Kasey Winegar, Teacher; Jamie Camacho, 7-12 Principal; Josh Boden, Teacher and Diana Bredehoft, Governing Board Clerk.

Call to Order

Board President Feyn Baker called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m. with six board members present.

Approval of Agenda

Jennifer McKenney made a motion to approve the printed agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Merlyn Ramsey. Motion carried. 6-0

Board member Tasha Willett arrived at the board meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Recognition of Visitors

Visitors introduced themselves.

Public Forum

There were no public forum requests.

Consent Agenda

Tasha Willett made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Adam Kiblinger. Motion carried. 7-0

Consent Agenda Items Approved:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting – March 12, 2018
Warrants totaling \$408,510.99
Treasurer’s Report for March 2018
Lincoln Elementary and Jr/Sr High School Financial Statements for March 2018
Established Special Meeting – April 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Changed Regular Meeting date of June meeting to June 18, 2018
Approved 2018-19 EMC Property & Causality Insurance Renewal
Extension of Director of 21st Century Learning Contract — Aaron Chard through June 30, 2020
Employment and Resignation of Deana Drake – Food Service Employee
Approval of Montgomery County Revitalization Plan
Facility Request

Presentations

Grand March Invite

Juniors, Jordan Smith and Avery Couch invited the board members to the Grand March and Prom, April 14, 2018.

FCCLA Presentation – Deb Evans and Tricia Couch

State FCCLA students introduced themselves and their topic for state competition in Wichita on April 16 & 17, 2018.

Junior high students attending were: Ian Sommer, Kaelyn Frankenbery, Aidan Chard, Jeremiah Couch, Erin Frenk and Madison Coulter.

High school students attending were: Jordan Smith, Matt Weilert, Kayley Couch and Taylor Smith.

USD 484 – Teacher of the Month

Jamie Camacho, principal introduced and presented the USD 484 Teacher of the Month, Regina Thompson.

State Wrestlers and All League Basketball Selections

Dee Barnett, athletic director presented Matt Weilert his 6th Place recognition for the 130 lb. weight division.

Chad Estes, girls basketball coach presented Katie Robinson with her recognition for the TVL-All League and HM All State awards.

Dee Barnett recognized students not in attendance:

- Hunter Reddick – 2nd Place 120 lb. Regional Champion and TVL Champion
- Isaac Jennings – 132 lb. TVL Champion

Joe Reyes – 170 lb.
Bryar Hebb – 285 lb.
Mason Claibourn – 152 lb. - 1st Place and National Rank 13th
Rachel Taggart – 138 lb. – 3rd Place
Josie James – 126 lb.

Certificate of Achievement

Board President Feyn Baker presented KASB Certificates of Achievement to Tasha Willett and Miranda Dinkel for completing the Foundations of Boardsmanship Training.

Break

Board President Feyn Baker declared a break at 7:33 p.m. for a reception.

The Board returned from break at 7:39 p.m. with seven board members present.

Communications and Administrative Reports

Superintendent Smith reported that there were no donations.

Lincoln Elementary Principal's Report

K-6 Principal Tim Woodcock gave his report that included the parent/teacher conferences, book fair activities and state assessments.

Junior/Senior High School Principal's Report

7-12 Principal Jamie Camacho gave her report that included spring activities, prom, the Junior Journey trip to Wichita, teacher evaluations and year-end activities.

Lead Teacher's Report

Brian Houghton gave his report that included assessments, professional development, Career and Technical Education (CTE) and academies.

Director of 21st Century Learning Report

Aaron Chard gave his report to bring the board up-to-date with the virtual school activities.

Junior/Senior High Activities & Athletic Report

Dee Barnett, athletic director reported on the activities and athletics for the spring. He reviewed baseball, softball, track and boy's golf KSHSAA regional locations. He announced we are continuing the free physicals at the junior/senior high school and they would be May 7, 2018.

Superintendent's Report

District Update

Superintendent Smith stated the Gemini II announcements would be made on April 17, 2018 at the State Board of Education Meeting in Topeka.

Superintendent Smith shared with the Board the idea of visiting school districts in other states. He discussed how other Gemini schools are already visiting schools in other states to bring back new ideas for their redesign. Board members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of making the visitations. Some discussion centered around how does the redesign relate to the elementary level. The administrators talked about the benefits of the February in-service when all the teachers visited other school districts around the state. They felt this concept would be beneficial to our district.

Superintendent Smith stated that he would bring back more information for discussion and approval at the April 17 special board meeting.

K-12 Handbook

Superintendent Smith presented the 2017-2018 Student Handbook for the board's review. The 2018-19 Student Handbook will be presented in June for approval in July.

CTE Pathways

Superintendent Smith shared with the Board the *KSDE Career Cluster Guidance Handbook*. Over the past two years we have increased our pathways. Five new pathways were approved for the 2018-2019 year: BioMedical, BioChemistry, Health Sciences, Visual Arts and Manufacturing. This would bring our funded Career and Tech Pathways to fifteen. These pathways generate funds that go into our vocational account.

KSDE Student Count Audit

Superintendent Smith reported that the 2017-18 State Audit had been completed. Overall, the auditor was very complimentary of the job that the district support staff had performed.

School Finance

Superintendent Smith reported on the latest school finance plan, which was approved Saturday, April 7. Both Representative Hibbard and Senator Givens supported the bill, even though it had some flaws. The district will see an increase in funding. Superintendent Smith gave the Board a timeline of the court case. He also informed the Board to be prepared for multiple special meetings in August to approve our budget.

School Food Program

Superintendent Smith reported Kathy Houchin, Food Service Director, has submitted our application for our annual summer food program, which provides breakfast and lunch free to children from birth to age 18. In addition to serving in Fredonia we are extending the lunch program we are to Fall River on Mondays and Wednesdays and Coyville on Tuesdays and Thursdays. More information will be provided on flyers, which will be sent home with students and uploaded to our social media platforms.

Medical Academy

Superintendent Smith reported that our summer academies applications are open. This year we will have an advanced medical academy and our successful first year medical academy from last year.

Brian Houghton reported that he had been working on a Fine Arts Academy for the summer of 2019 and that Aaron Haselwood had been working on a Construction Academy possibility for the summer of 2018.

Board Reports

Tri-County Special Education Report

Merlyn Ramsey reported that he had attended the March 14 Tri-County Special Education board meeting and that the next meeting will be April 11.

The Tri-County Board discussed the new building completion. Coming activities are the Victory Games in Cherryvale on April 20. On May 2, Special Olympics Games at Erie and the gifted expo at ICC West will be held. Tri-County also had a special meeting on March 28, 2018 for the approval of the audit and to review the remodeling bids for the Chestnut Building.

KASB – Governmental Relations

Superintendent Smith reviewed the recent attempt to pass a constitutional amendment in the legislature.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

2018-19 USD 484 Calendar

Superintendent Smith reviewed three calendars with the Board for 2018-19 school year. Superintendent Smith formed a calendar committee, which consisted of teachers, supervisors and administrators. After reviewing the calendars and they recommended option three.

After discussion about the number of days needed for the redesign days, Superintendent Smith recommended for approval of option three. Jennifer McKenney made a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve calendar option three for the 2018-19 school year pending ratification of the negotiated agreement. Motion seconded by Miranda Dinkel. Motion carried 6-1 with Tasha Willett opposing.

Break

Board President Feyn Baker declared a break at 9:32 p.m.

The Board returned from break at 9:40 p.m. with seven board members present.

Executive Session

At 9:40 p.m. Adam Kiblinger made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss security plans in order to protect the security of staff and students under the KOMA for up to 30 minutes and will resume our open meeting in this boardroom. Those included in the executive session will be the superintendent, administrators, technology director and board clerk. Motion seconded by Merlyn Ramsey. Motion carried. 7-0

Those present upon entering executive session were: Feyn Baker, Board President; Jennifer McKenney, Board Vice President; Miranda Dinkel, Adam Kiblinger, Merlyn Ramsey, John Weilert, Tasha Willett, Superintendent Smith, Tim Woodcock, Aaron Chard, Jamie Camacho, Brian Houghton, Akul Patel and Diana Bredehoft.

At 10:10 p.m. Miranda Dinkel made a motion to extend the executive session for up to 15 minutes. Motion seconded by Adam Kiblinger. Motion carried. 7-0

The Board returned to open meeting at 10:22 p.m. with all persons present as were present upon entering the executive session at 9:40 p.m.

At 10:22 p.m. Miranda Dinkel made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters in order to protect the privacy interest of the individual(s) pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for up to ten minutes and will resume our open meeting in this boardroom. Those included in the executive session will be the board, Superintendent Smith and Jamie Camacho. Motion seconded by Merlyn Ramsey. Motion carried. 7-0

At 10:30 p.m. the board returned to open meeting with all persons present as were present upon entering the executive session at 10:22 p.m.

Final Action

Superintendent Smith recommended that acceptance of the resignations of Scott Webb and Rebecca Jones.

Tasha Willett made a motion to accept the resignations of Scott Webb and Rebecca Jones at the end of their 2017-18 contracts. Motion seconded by Jennifer McKenney.

Superintendent Smith recommended the hiring of Jennifer Davis for 7 - 12 Social Studies for the 2018-19 school year.

Adam Kiblinger made a motion to approve the Superintendents recommendation to hire Jennifer Davis. Motion seconded by Miranda Dinkel. Motion carried. 7-0

Adjournment

At 10:32 p.m. Board President Feyn Baker declared the regular session of the Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board meeting adjourned.

Feyn Baker, Board President

Diana Bredehoft, Board Clerk

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board will be Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office located at 300 North 6th Street, Fredonia, Kansas