

The Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office located at 300 North 6th Street in Fredonia, Kansas.

Board of Education members present were: Feyn Baker, Board President; Jennifer McKenney, Board Vice President (attended by telephone); Miranda Dinkel, Adam Kiblinger, Merlyn Ramsey, John Weilert and Tasha Willett (arrived at 7:02 p.m.).

Others present were: Brian Smith, Superintendent of Schools; Dee Barnett, Athletic Director; Brian Houghton, Lead Teacher; Sheri Moya, FUTA; Katelynn Walker, Student; Alexis Walker, Student; Bill Carson, Scout Master; Wally Carson, Scout; Jay Evans, Scout; Zachary Green, Scout; Miles Kaiser, Scout; Jake Gallis, Scout; Jason Evans, BSA Troop 4; Scott Webb, Teacher; Jamie Camacho, Principal; Tim Woodcock, Principal; Heather Odell, Parent; Aaron Chard, Director of 21st Century Learning; Deb Myers, Student Advocate; Mike Myers, Student Advocate; Tasha Markham, FUTA; Deb Wells, Patron; Ann Dutton, Patron; Gennette Robinson, Teacher; Josh Boden, Teacher; Alyssa Sims, Patron; Mandy Houchin, Recreation Commission; Lara Staker, FUTA and Diana Bredehoft, Governing Board Clerk.

Call to Order

Board President Feyn Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with five members present and one member attending by telephone.

Board President Feyn Baker stated that it had come to his attention that John Weilert had sent an email to Superintendent Smith asking for his resignation. This is irresponsible and unacceptable. We are a Board of seven and no one person has the authority to take any action on their own while serving on this Board. It would bring absolute chaos to the district if individual board member started asking for the resignations of any school employee. It is wrong and it will not be tolerated.

John Weilert stated that that was a communication between he and the Superintendent and there were concerns that he had about the Superintendent.

Board Vice President Jennifer McKenney shared that her hope is that the Board will work as a team and that this action was inappropriate whether it was directed towards the Superintendent or anyone else who worked for the district. She further stated that there were protocols to follow and that the Board should be working as a team.

John Weilert stated that he was listening that he understood there were protocols to follow.

At 7:02 Tasha Willett arrived at the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Board President Feyn Baker requested the addition of 6.03 Board Members Touring in the Buildings.

Miranda Dinkel made a motion to approve the printed agenda as presented with the addition of 6.03 as requested by the board president. Motion seconded by Merlyn Ramsey. Motion carried. 7-0

Recognizing Visitors

There were 23 visitors recognized.

Public Forum

There were no public forum requests.

Consent Agenda

Adam Kiblinger made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Miranda Dinkel. Motion carried. 7-0

Minutes of the Regular Meeting January 8, 2018
Minutes of the Special Meeting January 31, 2018
Warrants totaling \$557,665.36
Treasurers Report
2016-2017 Annual Audit
Resignation of Linda Riley, Technology Paraprofessional
Facility Request

Presentation

Deb and Mike Myers, student advocates presented the activities that they currently working on with students. They reported that the Jacket Opportunity Blitz (JOB) Career Fair was well attended and very beneficial to our students. Board members congratulated them on taking this project and making it a huge success.

USD 484 – Teacher of the Month

Jamie Camacho, Principal presented Scott Webb as the teacher of the month.

Communication and Administrative Reports

Thank You/Donations

Superintendent Smith presented the following donations and asks the board to accept them gratitude:

City Auto	Scoreboard	\$1,000.00
Black & Gold	HS Wrestling	\$827.19
Community National Bank	Scoreboard	\$750.00
Yellowjacket PTO	Lincoln Elementary	\$615.14

Superintendent Smith read a thank you note from Brooks Harper, keynote speaker at the CTE Conference in Manhattan, where the Fredonia Medical Academy students participated and presented at his break-out sessions.

Tasha Willett made a motion to approve the donations as presented with the district's gratitude. Motion seconded by Miranda Dinkel. Motion carried. 7-0

Supervisor Report

Diana Bredehoft, Governing Board Clerk, business manager and administrative assistant gave an overview of her job.

Administrator's Reports

Tim Woodcock, Principal of Lincoln Elementary School gave a report on the activities going on in January and the ones upcoming in February and March.

Jamie Camacho, Principal of Fredonia JH/HS School gave updates for student activities in January and February.

Brian Houghton, lead teacher reviewed the student assessments going on in the district and professional development activities for teachers. He spent time talking about all the teachers going to various districts around the state to see what they were doing well to bring back to their own classrooms.

Aaron Chard, Director of 21st Century Learning reviewed upcoming activities and field trips to visit post-secondary schools. The director stated that on February 21 will their annual junior journey to Wichita.

Dee Barnett, Junior/Senior High Activities & Athletic Director reported on activities going on now for wrestling and basketball and upcoming activities for baseball, softball and track.

Fredonia Recreation Commission

Mandy Houchin the Board's representative to the Fredonia Recreation Commission reported that basketball was winding down and that soccer, baseball and softball seasons were starting.

Superintendents Report

Superintendent Smith announced the Fredonia Beautification Program and First National Bank in Fredonia were donating a bronze sculpture to be placed on the ELC playground titled "*5 Kids In a Tree*".

Bike Across Kansas (BAK) will be using the JH/HS grounds in June 21 for their annual event. Over 900 bikers are expected to spend the night in the Fredonia area.

Dr. McKenney and Superintendent Smith discussed with the Board about the Telemedicine Grant with KU Med. This program was established to help families in our community. It will be a partnership with KU Med and Fredonia Regional Hospital.

Fredonia Childcare Center remodeling continues and the fire marshal has approved the code blueprint. Now that the blue prints have been approved the daycare can move forward with their projects. Miranda Dinkel stated that parents would be notified 30 days prior to the move from the current facility to the new facility at the ELC Campus.

Medical Academy Students @ CTE Conference

Superintendent Smith reported that February 6, 2018 that the Fredonia Medical Academy students had presented at the Annual CTE Conference in Manhattan. The FMA students are Shailynn Busch, Cooper Odell, Jenna Ostrosky, Jaden Schmidt and Jordan Smith.

Approximately 30 teachers and administrators attended their presentation and the over all feed back was that the students did an amazing job. The students will be presenting in Overland Park on June 15, 2018 at a Kansas Academy of Family Physician's Conference.

Building Site Council Date

Superintendent Smith announced that on March 7, 2018 the JH/HS Site Council would meet at 6:00 p.m. and Lincoln Site Council would meet at 7:00 p.m.

Board member Miranda Dinkel requested that the site council time and dates be sent out via Power Announcement to remind parents and patrons of this event.

Influenza A & B

Superintendent Smith and Board Vice President Jennifer McKenney reported they were closely monitoring the influenza sickness in the buildings.

Superintendent Smith reported that if the district absences continued to increase they would recommend canceling school so that the custodial staff could completely disinfect the buildings.

Teacher Fairs

Superintendent Smith reported that he and the other administrators would be attending upcoming teacher fairs. The upcoming fairs are at Wichita State, Pittsburg State, Emporia State and the ACCK in Sterling.

Gemini II – Redesign

Superintendent Smith presented introductory information of the Gemini II redesign program through the Kansas State Department of Education. Teachers will be visiting other schools that are implementing the programs.

Two essential parts of the application are:

1. A letter from FUTA supporting the program and
2. 80% teacher support in each building.

Throughout the next month teachers will be researching more information about the Gemini II redesign program.

Break

At 9:03 p.m. Board President Feyn Baker declared a 10-minute break.

At 9:11 p.m. the Board returned from break with seven board members in attendance.

Board Reports

Tri-County Special Education Report

Merlyn Ramsey reported that the last meeting was January 10, 2018. The board discussed the Legislative Luncheon with representatives. Tri-County changed their mileage rate in accordance with the Federal Standards.

KASB – Governmental Relations

Superintendent Smith reported that he and Vice President Jennifer McKenney had attended the Legislative Luncheon in Topeka. Both Bruce Givens and Larry Hibbard were in attendance at the luncheon. He reported he had been asked by Dr. Watson, Commissioner of Education, to participate on a committee working with members of the Board of Regents to make a recommendation to the legislators on the First 15 college hours a student may be able to take for free in the future.

Board Member Tours of the Building

John Weilert requested this item be on the agenda and he wanted to know why board members were asked to be chaperoned by the administrators when visiting the buildings.

Discussion centered on the fact that the policy has not changed. All patrons upon entering a building have to report to the office to state why they are in the building for the safety and security of our schools.

Superintendent Smith and the administrative leadership with FUTA will need to discuss and to talk about their concerns over this topic.

Miranda Dinkel requested that the Board look at implementing a daytime board meeting for the 2018-2019 school year. This would give the board members an opportunity to visit the schools and see all the wonderful programs and projects in each building.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Executive Session

At 9:49 p.m. Adam Kiblinger made a motion to go into executive session to discuss items previously discussed in our negotiations process, pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations 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 Jennifer McKenney. Motion carried. 7-0

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

The Board returned to open session at 10:04 p.m. with all persons present as were present upon entering the executive session at 9:49 p.m.

At 10:06 p.m. Adam Kiblinger made a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters affecting a student to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, pursuant to the exception for student relations under the 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

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

The Board returned to open session at 10:12 p.m. with all persons present as were present upon entering the executive session at 10:06 p.m.

At 10:15 p.m. 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 45 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 with Tim Woodcock on call. Motion seconded by Tasha Willett. Motion carried. 7-0

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

At 11:00 p.m. Miranda Dinkel made a motion to extend the executive session for up to 30 minutes. Motion seconded by Jennifer McKenney. Motion carried. 7-0

At 11:01 p.m. Jamie Camacho was excused from the executive session.

At 11:01 p.m. Tim Woodcock was invited into the executive session.

The Board returned to open session at 11:11 p.m. with the following persons present: Board President Feyn Baker; Board Vice President Jennifer McKenney (by telephone); Miranda Dinkel, Adam Kiblinger, Merlyn Ramsey, John Weilert, Tasha Willett, Tim Woodcock and Superintendent Smith.

Final Action

Superintendent Smith recommended the retirement of Rex Pope and thanked him for his 40 years of service to our students, staff and community.

Merlyn Ramsey made a motion to accept with thanks Rex Pope's retirement request. Motion seconded by Miranda Dinkel. Motion carried. 7-0

Superintendent Smith recommended the following ELC and Lincoln Elementary Teachers for renewal:

Joan Hawkins, ELC
Kathy McVey, ELC
Amy Thurlow, ELC
Susan Welton, ELC
Elaine Alexander
Tara Arnold
Shaena Baker
Dee Barnett
Myra Barnett
Madison Beckman
Josh Boden
John Boss
Matthew Fischer
Rebecca Jones
Tasha Markham
Sherry Maxwell
Rachelle McChesney
Emily McVey
Alexandria Moerlien
Shari Moya
David Nelson

Errisa Porras
Rachel Robert
Gennette Robinson
Kristin Shields
Nissa Smith
Amanda Svaty
Betty Wambsganss, 0.5 FTE
Amy Woodcock

Adam Kiblinger made the motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to renew the ELC and Lincoln Elementary school teachers for 2018-2019 school year. Motion seconded by Tasha Willett. Motion carried. 7-0

Superintendent Smith recommended the extension of the JH/HS teaching staff for the 2018-2019 school year. Those renewed are:

Charles Babb
Carrie Blaes
Tricia Couch
Catherine Cranmer
Brad Dahler, 0.5 FTE
Debra Evans
Theresa Fischer, 0.625 FTE
Ashley Gillett
Aaron Haselwood
Katherine Market
Brian Murrison
Braden Oliphant
Audrey Rhuems
Shari Robert
Mary Sue Sommer
Lara Staker
Marc Svaty
Regina Thompson
Roger Thurlow
Donald Townsend
Brent Trujillo
Scott Webb
Kasey Winegar

Tasha Willett made a motion to extend the JH/HS teaching staff for the 2018-2019 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion seconded by Merlyn Ramsey. Motion carried. 7-0

Superintendent Smith recommended the following hirings for the spring supplemental:

Dee Barnett	Assistant High School Track Coach
Barb Baker	Assistant High School Track Coach
Matt Fischer	Assistant High School Baseball Coach
Steven Aguilar	Head Softball Coach
Alexandria Moerlien	Assistant High School Softball Coach
Tod Dutton	Assistant Junior High Track Coach
John Boss	Assistant Junior High Track Coach
Gennette Robinson	Assistant Junior High Track Coach

Vice President Jennifer McKenney made a motion to approve the spring supplemental as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion seconded by Miranda Dinkel. Motion carried.
7-0

Superintendent Smith recommended the employment for the following supplemental:
John Boden and Regina Thompson, Kids for Saving the Earth Sponsors

Tasha Willett made a motion to approve the KSE Supplemental assignments as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion seconded by Miranda Dinkel. Motion carried.
7-0

Adjournment

Board President Feyn Baker declared the regular session of the Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board meeting adjourned at 11:16 p.m.

Feyn Baker, Board President

Diana Bredehoft, Board Clerk

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board will be Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office located at 300 North 6th Street in Fredonia, Kansas.