

The Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office located at 300 North 6th Street, Fredonia, Kansas.

Board members present were: Dr. Jennifer McKenney, President; Miranda Dinkel, Vice President; Feyn Baker, Adam Kiblinger, Merlyn Ramsey (arrived at 8:02 p.m.), John Weilert and Tasha Willett.

Others present were: Brian Smith, Superintendent of Schools; Lara Staker, FNEA; Brian Houghton, Lead Teacher; Tasha Markham, FNEA; Carrie Blaes, Ag Teacher; Allison Miller, FFA Member; Camden Hobbs, FFA Member; Tim Woodcock, Principal; Noah Woodcock, Student; Lisa Schweda, Teacher; Barb Baker, Teacher; Jordan Smith, Student; Baily Chaplin, Student; Gennette Robinson, Teacher; Dee Barnett, Athletic Director and Diana Bredehoft, Governing Board Clerk.

Call to Order

Dr. Jennifer McKenney, President called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m. with six board members present.

Additions and Approval of Agenda

Superintendent Smith requested the addition of 4.03 Certificates of Appreciation.

Tasha Willett made a motion to approve the printed agenda with the addition of 4.03. Motion seconded by Miranda Dinkel. Motion carried. 6-0

Recognition of Visitors

The Board recognized visitors present.

Citizens Form

There were no requests to address the Board.

Consent Agenda

Feyn Baker made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Adam Kiblinger. Motion carried. 6-0

Consent Agenda Items Approved:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 17, 2018

Warrants totaling \$527,100.09

District Treasurer's Report for December 2018

Lincoln Elementary and Junior/Senior High School Financial Statements

Employment of Harveyette Pickell – 1.0 Nutrition Services

Resignation of Kathrine Fox – 7-12 English at the end of the contract year

Facility Requests

Presentations

FFA Presentation

Carrie Blaes, Ag Teacher and FFA officers Allison Miller and Camden Hobbs made a presentation on their National FFA Convention trip last October to Indianapolis, Indiana. Officers reported on the keynote speakers, tours and activities of the Fredonia FFA members.

Romans Motors Teacher of the Month

Brian Houghton presented Dee Barnett, teacher and athletic director as the Romans Motors Teacher of the Month.

Certificates of Appreciation

Superintendent Smith presented the board of education members with certificates of appreciation for their service to our district. Each January has been selected by KASB as Board Member Appreciation Month.

Communication and Administrative Reports

Thank You / Donations

Superintendent Smith presented two donations for acceptance:

Bob & Jennifer McKenney	Interactive Panel for JH/HS	\$2,200.00
City Automotive	Basketball Scoreboard	\$1,000.00

Vice President Miranda Dinkel made a motion to accept the donations as presented by the superintendent and to thank the generous donors. Motion seconded by Tasha Willett.

Motion carried. 6-0

Lincoln Elementary Principal's Report

Tim Woodcock, Principal reported on Family Time, Donuts with Dad, Biscuits & Gravy with Boys & Girls, the Spelling Bee, 100th Day Celebrations and Kansas Day.

Junior/Senior High School Principal's Report

Jami Camacho, Principal was not present and Superintendent Smith reported that her report was on DropBox for review.

Lead Teacher's Report

Brian Houghton, Lead Teacher reported on accreditation activities, assessments, professional development, and security with the Crisis Go application.

Director of 21st Century Learning Report

Aaron Chard, Director of 21st Century Learning was not in attendance and Superintendent Smith reported that his report was on DropBox for review.

Superintendent's Report

AdvancED Accreditation

Superintendent Smith reported that representatives of AdvancED would be visiting the district for three days in March. They'll be talking to staff, students, patrons and board members during their review.

Career & Tech Ed Conference

Superintendent Smith announced that USD 484 staff members will be giving three presentations at the KSDE Annual CTE Conference in Manhattan. Mike Myers, Deb Myers and Aaron Chard will be presenting on Career & College Advocate Programs; Barb Baker, Jamie Camacho and Brian Smith would be presenting on Community Hope Project and Tricia Couch and Deb Evans would be presenting on PBL in FCCLA.

Summer Academies

Due to recent success of our Medical Academy the district has decided to expand their summer academies to include fine arts academy that would include drama, music, culinary arts and studio arts. Their culminating activity will be a dinner theater in mid-July. The district is exploring expansion of our academies to include leadership and law and construction.

Board Member Reports

Tri-County Special Education Report

Board member Merlyn Ramsey had not arrived at the meeting but Superintendent Smith reported that Tri-County had hired an assistant director, Matt Yusi.

KASB Update

Superintendent Smith reported that Governor Kelly had her State of the State Address and outlined her educational priorities to fund public schools. A couple of days later, with Governor Kelly's budget KSDE's analysis projected an increase to base state aid by \$200 million. Current state aid per pupil is \$4165 and her recommendation would be to raise per pupil allocations to \$4302.

Board Member Continuing Education

Board President Dr. Jennifer McKenney lead the discussion with board members about the importance of continuing education. The consensus of the board, they would try to do eight hours of continuing education per year.

She also presented the following with certificates from Kansas Association of School Boards for their attendance at their annual conference: Vice President Miranda Dinkel, Tasha Willett, Merlyn Ramsey, Superintendent Smith and Dr. Jennifer McKenney.

Old Business

Senior Trip Extension

Seniors Baily Chaplin and Jordan Smith presented their updated senior trip itinerary for the board's review. Seniors are requesting an extension for the senior trip up to 60 hours to travel to New Orleans, Louisiana.

Board members discussed that students must have the funds in their account to make requests and must be properly sponsored for trips.

After a lengthy discussion Adam Kiblinger made a motion to approve the senior trip itinerary and destination as requested. Motion seconded by Feyn Baker. Motion carried. 4-2 (1 abstaining Merlyn Ramsey)

The Board directed Superintendent Smith to develop a policy for senior trips with the assistance of Tasha Willett for approval by the Board next month.

KASB – December Policy Updates (Final Approval)

Merlyn Ramsey made a motion to approve policies as presented at the December meeting. Motion seconded by Vice President Miranda Dinkel. Motion carried. 7-0

New Business

Classified Job Descriptions – 2019

Superintendent Smith presented the updated classified job descriptions for review and final action in February 2019.

KASB Policy Review (First Reading)

Superintendent Smith presented the first reading of the KASB revised policies.

Vice President Miranda Dinkel requested that the administration look into requiring background checks on vendors performing work in the school buildings at the vendors' expense. After the first reading these will be approved/modified and approved at the February meeting.

Kansas State High School Clay Target League

Superintendent Smith reported on the Kansas State High School Clay Target League for the Board's consideration.

Vice President Miranda Dinkel made a motion to approve the establishment of the Fredonia Yellowjackets Shooting Team and approve the membership in the Kansas State High School Clay Target League. Motion seconded by Feyn Baker. Motion carried. 7-0

Break

President Dr. Jennifer McKenney declared a break at 8:45 p.m.

The Board returned from break at 8:49 p.m.

Executive Session

At 8:50 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 10 minutes and will resume our open meeting in this boardroom. Those included in the executive session will be the Board, Superintendent Smith and Tim Woodcock, principal. Motion seconded by Tasha Willett. Motion carried. 7-0

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

At 9:00 p.m. Adam Kiblinger made a motion to extend the executive session for up to 10 minutes. Motion seconded by Feyn Baker. Motion carried. 7-0

At 9:11 p.m. Tasha Willett made a motion to extend the executive session for up to 10 minutes. Motion seconded by Adam Kiblinger. Motion carried. 7-0

At 9:18 p.m. the Board excused Tim Woodcock, principal.

The Board returned to open session at 9:21 p.m. with the following persons present: Board President Dr. Jennifer McKenney; Vice President Miranda Dinkel; Feyn Baker, Adam Kiblinger, Merlyn Ramsey, John Weilert, Tasha Willett and Superintendent Smith.

Final Action

Superintendent Smith recommended the retirement of Susan Welton with the Board's heartfelt thanks. Susan Welton has taught for 34 years with our district.

Vice President Miranda Dinkel made a motion to accept the retirement of Susan Welton at the end of the current school year and the Board wishes her a wonderful retirement. Motion seconded by Tasha Willett. Motion carried. 7-0

Superintendent Smith recommended the retirement of Mike and Deb Myers with the Board's heartfelt thanks. Mike and Deb have agreed to work with the new student advocate on a consulting basis for the next school year.

Merlyn Ramsey made a motion to accept the retirement of Mike and Deb Myers at the end of the current school year and the Board wishes them a happy retirement. Motion seconded by Adam Kiblinger. Motion carried. 7-0

Adjournment

Tasha Willett made a motion to adjourn the Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board meeting at 9:23 p.m. Motion seconded by John Weilert. Motion carried. 7-0

Dr. Jennifer McKenney, President

Diana Bredehoft, Board Clerk

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board will be Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office located at 300 North 6th Street in Fredonia, Kansas.