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Fremont Joint School District No. 215
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2022
Fremont School District Office
Meeting Time 5:00 P.M.

Attending: Jon Bailey-Board Chair (via zoom)
 Tia Cherry-Vice Chair
 Julianne Hill-Trustee
 JayLee Packer-Trustee
 Coy Crapo-Trustee (via zoom)
 Byron Stutzman-Superintendent
 Hali Mackert-Clerk/Treasurer

Chairman Jon Bailey called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

Swear in New Trustees: The Clerk of the Board Hali Mackert swore in Trustee JayLee Packer. Trustee Jon Bailey and Trustee Coy Crapo were sworn in on January 5, 2022, at the Fremont School District Office.

Trustee Tia Cherry made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee JayLee Packer. All "ayes", motion carried.

Election of Board Officers:

Trustee Coy Crapo made a motion to nominate Jon Bailey as Board Chairman. The motion was seconded by Trustee Julianne Hill. All "ayes", motion carried.

Trustee JayLee Packer made a motion to nominate Tia Cherry as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Trustee Julianne Hill. All "ayes", motion carried.

Trustee Tia Cherry made a motion to nominate Hali Mackert as Clerk of the Board. The motion was seconded by Chairman Jon Bailey. All "ayes", motion carried.

Trustee Tia Cherry made a motion to nominate Hali Mackert as Board Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Trustee Coy Crapo. All "ayes", motion carried.

Schedule of Regular Meetings:

Trustee JayLee Packer made a motion to approve the schedule of regular meetings with the change that the June 15 be at North Fremont. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tia Cherry. All "ayes", motion carried.

Trustee Tia Cherry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Patron Input: There was no patron input.

Trustee Julianne Hill made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tia Cherry. All "ayes", motion carried.

Action Items:

Policy 1600-Code of Ethics for School Board Members-Superintendent Stutzman said each year the board members read through, go over and sign the Policy 1600. We then have a signed document that you are completely aware and understand and will abide by the code of ethics for school board members. The action on that will be each board member signing that and turning it into Hali.

Assistant Principal South Fremont Jr. High School: Superintendent Stutzman said it is recommended by Principal Jan Stronks that we hire Tim Slack for that position, which will be for one period per day filling in and helping her out. It's my recommendation that we approve that recommendation.

Trustee JayLee Packer made a motion to hire Tim Slack as the Assistant Principal for South Fremont Jr. High. The motion was seconded by Trustee Julianne Hill. All "ayes", motion carried.

District and South Fremont Jr. High Administration Changes: Superintendent Stutzman said we did this last month, but we made a mistake and so it's my recommendation that we re-do this asking Tia to leave the room. Per Idaho code, if you are related within two degrees, we thought we were good, because the chart from ISBA showed that an aunt is three degrees away. However, the Attorney General's chart says it's two degrees. So, let's do it right and move forward with the changes without Tia making the motion on that.

Trustee Tia Cherry recused herself.

Trustee Julianne Hill made a motion to make changes at SFJH administrative changes to Jan Stronks as building administrator and move Dr. Marotz to building mentor and district responsibilities. The motion was seconded by Trustee Coy Crapo. Four "ayes", one "abstains", motion carried.

Discussion Items:

Identify Qualifications for RFQ: Superintendent Stutzman said Jon found a couple of RFQ's that were created, and we sent them out to you. I would like to start moving forward and deciding what we're going to do, so we can get people on board and start moving forward with a possible bond election. Obviously, that's your call as board members, whether or not you want to create a bond. But I think it's important we have someone help us in identifying what the costs would be and some of the things that need to be done. Then you as a board decide what you want to have done.

Chairman Jon Bailey said I'm excited for the listening tours at north and south this month. We need to do what we need to, to invite everybody to participate that would like to participate. I just want everyone to start going through those examples of RFQ's, because by next meeting we should be able start to identify and finalize that RFQ so we can publish it. Hopefully by then we will have heard from our patrons, and we've already done quite a bit of listening and done several feasibility studies. Next month we can finalize what those are.

Superintendent Stutzman said he would go through the RFQ's again and create a draft for us. He will get that to the board before the next board meeting.

Chairman Jon Bailey said just so the public knows, there's no commitment being made by taking this action. We'll have a lot of input by our next meeting that we can figure out and start making decisions then.

Superintendent's Report:

We are looking for two skid steers to replace our current ones. I will have that on the agenda for action next month, so be ready.

The Idaho State Board of Education, at their last meeting, has moved to change from average daily attendance to average daily membership. Attendance versus enrollment which will help us as it did last year. There are still numerous questions as to how this will all play out, but last year it was beneficial to use enrollment versus attendance for the funding formula.

Last month, principals, counselors and I met with Grand Peaks to discuss what has happened so far and talk about the need for more counseling. They have found another counselor which will service our younger students in need, and their current counselor will continue to do the great job she is doing at the HS and JHS level.

Today was Governor Little's state of the State address. I listened to it and heard three things tied to education, an increase to 47 million supporting the continued early literacy, 50 million in an "Empowering Parents grant" which will supply help for parents with education and 50 million toward better behavior health access for those in need. It is a total of \$1.1 billion over the next 5 years, or \$220 million per year. I am not sure how that will all play out as the legislature wrangles through their session, but at first blush the governor's budget looks very supportive to education. There is an article in Idaho Education News, which bullets the increases to public education.

Future Agenda Items:

RFQ

Skid steers

Summary of Listening Tours

Review Policy of Law Enforcement

Trustee Tia Cherry made a motion to adjourn at 5:32 p.m.