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**Joint Meeting of the Fremont and Sanborn Regional School Boards
FINAL - Minutes
May 11, 2021**

School Board Special Meeting

Fremont Town Hall (Remote Meeting)

May 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 pm, the remote School Board meeting was called to order by Fremont School Board Chair Gordon Muench and Sanborn Regional School Board Chair Dawn Dutton. Respective roll calls were taken after the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present

Present for the Fremont School Board were: Greg Fraize, Amy Leslie, Gordon Muench, Emily Phillips and Brittany Thompson.

At the table: Allyn Hutton, Superintendent
Sue Penny, Business Administrator

Present for the Sanborn Regional School Board were: Dawn Dutton, Heather Ingham, Peter Broderick, Jamie Fitzpatrick, Moira Bانشaw, Tammy Mahoney, Jim Baker, Superintendent Thomas Ambrose and High School Principal Brian Stack.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION SESSION

SANBORN REGIONAL DISTRICT RESIGNATIONS

Peter Broderick made a motion to accept the following resignations:

1. Amy Tilton, Art Teacher
2. Samantha Corwin, Teacher - Grade 6
3. Alana Haggerty, Teacher - Grade 6
4. Kristen Smith, Speech & Language Pathologist
5. Andrew Stone, Special Education Teacher
6. Sandra Woodman, Special Education Counselor

Jamie Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7:0. Roll call vote.

UPDATES ON SCHOOL OPERATIONS

FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fremont Superintendent Hutton gave an overview of school operations. Ellis School was open this whole school year, starting the day after Labor Day (2020). There is careful monitoring and screening of students (symptoms, etc.). There were a few contracted cases outside of the school building, but there was minimal quarantine interruption due to having students grouped in cohorts. She gave kudos to staff and parents for their cooperation. The District appreciated Sanborn's help providing lunches for those Fremont students who required them. Students learned about resilience and perseverance this year.

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent Ambrose reported that Sanborn Regional School District reopened in person in late October 2020 and it had gone well due to the diligence and work done by staff. Custodians and nurses were commended for cleaning, contact-tracing and working with the community.

Sanborn High School Principal Stack gave an overview of school operations. He commended the efforts of the Superintendents and School Boards this year. The high school had been in-person since October 2020. There were a few

closures when Covid-19 cases spiked. There was good collaboration between the Districts in the success of the Covid vaccination clinics. This was a challenging year with changes to aspects such as internships, remote participation as well as in-class education, technology issues, etc. Staff have tried to do their best to look at continual improvement. On May 3rd, many remote students returned to school. There were about 50-60 students now who elected to remain remote. Drama, band, Pep rally, and athletics had continued and gave normalcy to students. End-of-year activities included a graduation ceremony that would be in-person on the football field with at least 6 family members, scholarship night and awards ceremonies. SAU17's Website informed of active Covid cases. Covid transmissions had been resulting from out-of-school contact (e.g. needing to quarantine if a family member got Covid).

Mr. Fraize commended Sanborn for posting videos of events at school.

Angela O'Connell, a Fremont resident with children at Ellis and Sanborn Regional High School, felt that both Districts had done a great job this year. She asked about move-up day (for Fremont students) and the logistics of having the middle school students at the high school this year. Mr. Stack said that work was being done with the middle school Principals, realizing that Ellis middle schoolers would not know the building as much as Sanborn students. Having the middle school students at the high school had been working well; mostly, middle school students were contained in one wing of the building for the morning, with their own lunch, and Unified Arts were taken in the afternoon when normally high schoolers were doing SST, internships, etc. There were no teachers on carts; they had their own teaching spaces. Parking was limited (e.g. high priority went to Seniors, etc.). Ms. O'Connell suggested having a time before school began in the fall for (Fremont) students to become more familiarized with the high school building. Mr. Stack and Mr. Ambrose agreed with the idea and were working on this.

The graduation plan included a parade, parking at the high school campus, socially distanced seating, etc. Graduates would sit 3' apart and be wearing masks while seated and walking across the stage to receive diplomas, as they would be interacting closely with people. Families would be sitting on the field. Though people on campus were required to wear masks, families would be seated in their own "pods" so if someone did not wear a mask, it would not impede another family. The rain date plan still included a parade and graduates together but families would stay in vehicles and students would be in the gym watching the ceremony while families would watch the live-stream in their vehicles on hand-held devices. When diplomas would be given out, families would be brought into the stadium to see their child receive the diploma and return to their vehicles.

Ms. Thompson asked about Chase Field, noting that it was closed to baseball. Mr. Ambrose would inquire with the Athletic Director and relay the answer to Ms. Hutton.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION PER RSA 91-A; 3, II (k) - Matters of Student Tuition

At 6:35 pm, Greg Fraize made a motion to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A; 3, II (k) related to matters of student tuition. Brittany Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5:0. Roll call votes from both Boards.

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

At 6:55 pm, Emily Phillips made a motion to return to general session. Brittany Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5:0 roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:57 pm, Emily Phillips made a motion to adjourn. Brittany Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5:0. Roll call vote.