

Frontier School Corporation  
126 E Main St  
Chalmers, IN 47929

School Board Meeting

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Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees  
Monday, June 15, 2020

**Present:** President JC Copas, Secretary Laura Bell, School Board Member Shelley Christopher and School Board Member Andie Mears, Attorney Robert Little

**Absent:** Vice President Steve Christopher

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dan Sighting

President Copas called the Meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Routine Business**

Laura Bell moved to approve the agenda with the revisions of DOE Form 54 and the resolution for transfer from Rainy Day Fund to Debt Service Fund. Andy Mears seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees held May 18, 2020. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears moved to approve the Revenue Report as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears moved to approve the Appropriation Report as presented. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Shelley Christopher moved to approve the Fund Report as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears moved to approve the Bank Reconciliation Report as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Shelley Christopher moved to approve the 2017 G.O. Bond Report as presented. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears made a motion to approve the 2020 Bond Report as presented. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the June claims as presented. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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**Technology Report**

Mr. Hoover reported that graduation went well. The swap of school equipment and personal items at both schools required a lot of time and effort well spent. The Elementary School really stepped up and put in the work-kudos to them! All teacher laptops have been received and configured. In new business, HVAC server configuration and remote access has begun at the Jr./Sr. High. Bell server configuration and remote access at the Jr./Sr. High has begun. School schedules will be committed for the 20/21 school year and Power School will be rolled over. Online registration starts July 6, 2020. New laptop distribution will begin for teachers from the Elementary School. We are planning for standardized digital lesson distribution this fall as we expect to have kids out for 10-day stretches quarantining.

**Jr-Sr High Report**

In Mr. Hettinger's absence, Mrs. Layton delivered the Jr./Sr. High Report. Teachers and staff did a great job to finish out the school year. Both attendance and assignment completion rate were in the low to mid 90% range. Virtual scholarship night and virtual graduation were well received. After polling the graduates and speaking to parents, there are no plans to hold a July graduation. Pending board approval, the Language Arts, Math, Temporary PE, and Varsity Basketball Coaching positions have been filled. We are still looking for maternity leave subs for Jr. High Science and High School Social Studies. We have added Calculus to our Indiana Dual Credit Curriculum offerings. Students can now earn 27 credits from IU while enrolled at Frontier. We are hoping to add Spanish as a Dual Credit opportunity in the near future. The IU dual credits are in addition to the dual credits already offered by our CTE classes through Ivy Tech. A re-entry meeting is scheduled for planning and communicating to all stakeholders the required mitigation efforts and new rules that must be in place in order for us to start school in August.

**Elementary Report**

Mrs. Bordner reported that the Elementary ended the school year well. It is continuing to plan for re-entry considering all guidance from the DOE. She asks for grace and patience from parents and staff in knowing that we all need to keep the children's best interest in mind despite the many inconveniences we will face.

**Athletics and Transportation Report**

Mr. Burgess reported that all buses are ready to be inspected. In athletics, we are planning to start back July 6, 2020. All coaches have guidelines that must be followed. It is important to remember that guidelines and recommendations are coming in from multiple agencies. We have combed through them and created a plan that best suits our school and kids. As of now, we are open to play at 11:00 a.m. on August 15, 2020 in accordance with IHSAA's startup of phase 3. Each participant will have their own towel and water bottle. Masks have been purchased and will be provided to all coaches. Sanitizing and cleaning guidelines will be strictly followed.

**Counselor's Report**

Mrs. Bassett was absent.

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**Maintenance Report**

Mr. Sighting delivered the maintenance report. The maintenance and custodial staff are continuing to deep clean the Elementary classrooms, and are scheduled to be completed by mid-July. Several of the "room moves" have been finalized and those rooms have been completely cleaned. Carpets have been shampooed. Tile floors have been stripped. Concrete sidewalks and areas outside of the Elementary will be pressure washed after paving is completed. Mr. Martin is completing new cleaning protocols for school opening. Coordination with Principals is ongoing to ensure the correct furniture and equipment is in place for reopening. Mr. Martin is auditing supply chains in an effort to make sure we get the proper cleaning supplies throughout the school year.

**Superintendent Report**

Mr. Sighting reported that he has attended countless Zoom meetings covering the legal aspects, financial aspects, and recommendations regarding re-entry for our students this fall. The White County Superintendents have been meeting, and will continue to meet, with the County Health Nurse to formulate a list of considerations that are always subject to change with the evolving situation. Every County school is planning to start school on time and following the same protocols and procedures in regards to social distancing and mask requirements. Face shields have been purchased for anyone who wants one. Mr. Sighting feels that we have enough PPE at this point, but we are still waiting on gowns. The Admin team has met several times about re-entry, and they have put together several committees. Some committees will go out and recruit parents and local residents to serve with them in order to receive stakeholder input to create the best re-entry plan possible. Many renovation projects are still underway throughout the Corporation grounds. The progress is slow and steady. There was discussion about positive COVID tests in the classroom, requirements to quarantine, absences, and the ability to secure enough substitute teachers. There was discussion about parents choosing not to enroll their children in the fall and providing a virtual learning option in those situations. Revisions to the attendance policy and addendums to handbooks were also discussed. Social distancing in classrooms and cafeterias was discussed.

**Budget/Finance**

Mr. Sighting presented the June FY 2020 state tuition support distribution. The June 2020 excise tax settlement was presented. The June 2020 property tax settlement was presented. The June 2020 financial institutions tax settlement was presented. The June 2020 commercial vehicle excise tax settlement was presented. The June 2020 Frontier School Corporation budget total revenue collection was presented. June is the last month of Fiscal Year 2020. July will be the first month of Fiscal Year 2021 and we should expect to see a change in the numbers.

Mr. Sighting presented the property, casualty, liability, automobile, and work comp insurance policy renewals with The Henriott Group for a total of \$63,800.00. Laura Bell made a motion to renew the policies. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting recommended that the Board approve an inter-fund loan transfer from the Rainy Day Fund to the Debt Service Fund, in the amount of \$20,324.98, to make June debt payments. The loan will be repaid at the

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end of the year when we receive our second round of debt service revenue collections. Andie Mears made a motion to approve the inter-fund transfer. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented resolution 6-1-2020 to allow the inter-fund transfer for Board signature.

Mr. Sighting presented a professional contract with IEP Services for a new Speech Language Pathologist, Leasa Rueter. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the contract. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Personnel**

Mr. Sighting presented resignations for Katie Schroeder as Frontier Jr./Sr. High School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade cheerleading sponsor. Andie Mears made a motion to approve the resignation. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented recommendations for hire of:

Mr. Bill Bland-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Math Teacher and Boy's Varsity Basketball Coach

Mrs. Lucretia Jensen-Mentor for Frontier Elementary School 1st Year Teachers

Mr. Jonathan Gudeman-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School English/Language Arts Teacher

Andie Mears made a motion to approve the hires. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented recommendations for extra-curricular stipend appointments of:

Laura Bell-Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach, Chad Brown-8th Grade Football Coach

Mason Burgess-Volunteer Assistant Football Coach

Troy Burgess-Varsity Football Coach

Lacey Christopher-8th Grade Volleyball Coach

Melissa Culver-Pekny-Varsity Cross Country Coach

Derek Dean-Varsity Assistant Football Coach

Emily Frier-Cross Country Volunteer Assistant Coach

Garrett Goodbar-Football Volunteer Assistant Coach

Sydni Griffin-High School and 7th and 8th Grade Cheerleading Volunteer Assistant Sponsor

Colby Ingersoll-Cross Country Volunteer Assistant Coach

Kate Lowe-Cross Country Volunteer Assistant Coach

Jack Mikesell-Varsity Football Volunteer Assistant Coach

Hallie Morrow-7th and 8th Grade Cheerleading Sponsor

Cory Oland-7th Grade Football Coach

Chris Parker-Varsity Football Volunteer Football Coach

Todd Pekny-Junior High Cross Country Coach

Colby Reel-6th Grade Football Coach

Katie Runk-Varsity Cheerleading Sponsor

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Becky Segal-High School Varsity Volleyball Coach

Danielle Sighting-High School Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach

Michael Teixeira-High School Boy's Junior Varsity Football Coach

Andie Mears made a motion to approve the stipends. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2020-2021 voluntary internal transfer of Derek Dean as temporary physical education teacher at Frontier Jr./Sr. High School. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the temporary transfers. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Field Trips**

None.

**Other Business**

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier School Corporation transfer tuition grade level capacity. Laura Bell made a motion to accept the transfer tuition grade level capacity. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2020-2021 Frontier Elementary book rental, classroom consumable fees, and student fees. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the fee schedule. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the proposals from KJG Architectural and Engineering Design & R.W. Gross and Associates Civil Engineering for the Frontier Jr./Sr. High School baseball and softball fields restrooms and concession stands. No Board action required.

Mr. Sighting presented the AIA contract with Integrate Build for the Frontier Jr./Sr. High School baseball and softball fields restrooms and concession stands. Andie Mears made a motion to approve the contract. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the May 2020 donations. Laura Bell made a motion to accept the donations. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the results of the My College Options Class of 2020 Survey.

Mr. Sighting presented the Indiana Commission of Higher Education College Preparedness Reports for the Class of 2018, Class of 2017, and Class of 2015.

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier School Corporation 2020 Parent Survey Results. Eighty eight percent (88%) of Frontier School Corporation parents completed the survey on re-entry.

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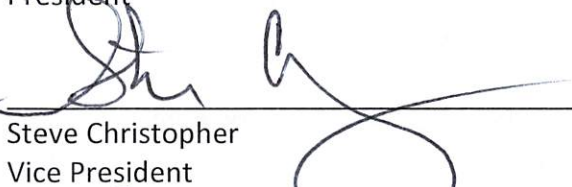
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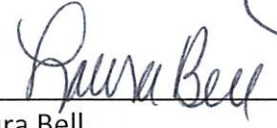
None given.

Laura Bell made a motion to adjourn. Andie Mears seconded the motion.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be held on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Frontier Jr./Sr. High School.

  
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