

Frontier School Corporation  
126 E Main St  
Chalmers, IN 47929

Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees  
Monday, November 16, 2020

School Board Meeting  
DEC 21 2020  
APPROVED

**Present:** President JC Copas, Vice President Steve Christopher, Secretary Laura Bell, and School Board Member Shelley Christopher.

**Absent:** School Board Member Andie Mears

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dan Sighting, Deputy Treasurer Lori Ringer

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 addition of 7.8-Prepay claim for maintenance truck, the addition of 10.4-Frontier School Corporation 2020-2021 Re-opening plan amendment, and the deletion of 8.3.2-Volunteer Boy's Basketball Assistant Coach. Shelley Christopher 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 October 26, 2020. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

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

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

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

Laura Bell moved to approve the 2020 Bond Report as presented. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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**Technology Report**

Mr. Hoover reported that we currently have and are utilizing the Zoom platform for video conferencing, which is reimbursable from the GEER Grant. We are providing paraprofessionals with old teacher laptops to facilitate learning and teaching from home. We are using NetSupport School software, which allows teachers to direct connect with student devices. Nearpod is a hosted platform for digital lessons that can import from Google Slides and add interactivity, assessment, and reporting. IPEVO document cameras have been deployed to teachers, and we still have a few hotspots on reserve if staff or students request them.

We are planning for more document cameras and webcams. An order was placed for 200 Chromebooks to replace our oldest models, which is reimbursable from the GEER Grant. Tmobile has offered more hotspots under their plan that covers the cost for students qualified for free and reduced lunch at a decent price, but an order has not been placed because we haven't had the requests. This would be reimbursable by the GEER Grant. Mr. Hoover and Stepheny Lemenager have prepared training to help with digital and remote learning, which is available in Nearpod. Mr. Hoover has created another lesson for NetSupport School features, and he is working on feedback from the Tech Team and Liaisons. There will be in-person instruction for use of the document cameras. If we were in a situation where students are learning from home and have a Chromebook or i-Pad problem, we will operate a drive-by swap of devices. The warranty service provider has continued to make repairs as is expected to continue unless there is a widespread shut down. Cases have been installed on all i-Pads.

**Elementary Report**

Mrs. Bordner reported that teachers have solidified distance learning plans for inclement weather or COVID closures. Midterms for Q2 will be going home, and teachers have made efforts to be in constant communication with parents to avoid surprises when progress reports go home. The Veteran's day program was November 11<sup>th</sup>. Shout out to everyone who assisted Mr. Short to make that possible. There are several teachers who consistently stay after contracted hours to help our at-risk students. NWEA testing is scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup>-December 18<sup>th</sup> to measure student progress. Data meetings will be held in January to analyze students' progress from the fall. With no charge for breakfast, there are more students eating in the morning, which is great! We appreciate the hard work staff put in for cleaning, social distancing, and contact tracing for COVID mitigation. Arrivals and dismissals are incredibly smooth. Staff does a great job not only with traffic, but making sure students start and end their day on a positive note.

**Jr-Sr High Report**

Mr. Hettinger reported that staff and students are in a good place if we must move to distance learning. The Jr/Sr High School has been working on an Early College High School Grant. The initial application has been completed, and we have been invited to submit a full application. The application requires a complete school portfolio which is 30 pages in length. The Grant Committee have divided up sections of the portfolio for completion. The deadline for the full application portfolio is January 29<sup>th</sup>. If our application is accepted, we will have a site visit, from the grant group in Indianapolis, this spring. At that point, we will either be accepted as an office Early College High School, or they will identify areas that need improvement for resubmission next year.

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**Athletics and Transportation Report**

Mr. Burgess was absent.

**Counselor's Report**

Mrs. Bassett was absent

**Maintenance Report**

Mr. Peterson reported that the football locker building is ready for the winter months. Mulhaupts will be here December 23<sup>rd</sup> to map out and relabel all smoke detectors. Performance Services will be changing out unit ventilator #5 by the East entrance doors near the gym. The area will be blocked off for about a week. The sprinkler system has been winterized. All power equipment is ready for snow removal. Filters are being upgraded and ordered for both schools.

**Superintendent Report**

Mr. Sighting reported that we received the 2021 Secured School Safety Grant for our SRO. Mr. Bolen completed a needs assessment, and we need to purchase a system that will screen all visitors. Components have been ordered and that will begin to be installed in the near future. An elbow came loose in the HVAC system and there was some water damage. Performance Services had contractors onsite within an hour to fix the plumbing and clean up the mess. The solar project is in progress and moving along well. We look for the solar array to be completed in December. Integrate Build will start construction of the Baseball/Softball concession stand as soon as permitting is cleared. We received an operation brief from White County Emergency Management. White County has a 15.6% positivity rate and is expected to move from orange to red. A county in the red stage may be mandated to move to virtual learning. We currently have 48-53 students in quarantine corporation wide. We are beginning to see more of our parents testing positive, which is causing students to quarantine due to close contact. Our students are doing a good job of wearing masks and mitigating spread, but we are seeing an increase in spread in the community. Steve Christopher inquired about our EZ Routing software for the buses, and Mr. Sighting reported that it is operational, but we are waiting for the tablets to be installed on the buses.

**Budget/Finance**

Mr. Sighting presented the November FY 2021 Tuition Support Distribution. November was a reconciliation month for the basic grant. Our basic grant proceeds were decreased due to a decline in our ADM. The Academic Honors Grant and CTE Grant reconcile in December and January. There is a second ADM count in February.

Mr. Sighting presented the approval for Ad Tec for filing E-rate services for FY 2021. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Mr. Sighting presented second amendment to the Agreement between Frontier School Corporation and Performance Services, Inc., for the Jr/Sr High HVAC project. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the amendment as presented. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2020 summer school reimbursement from the Indiana Department of Education.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2020-2021 snow removal contract for Frontier Elementary School. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the contract with Green Light Lawn Care. Laura Bell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the quotes for replacement of the combination oven at Frontier Jr/Sr High School. Mr. Sighting recommended approval of the quote from Central Restaurant Products for \$20,193.00. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the purchase and replacement of the combi-oven. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting asked for approval of the purchase of SafeVisitor software and hardware, which is part of our match for the Secured School Safety Grant. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the purchase. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting asked for approval to prepay the claim for the purchase of the maintenance truck from Fletcher Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the prepayment of the claim. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Personnel**

Mr. Sighting asked for approval of the maternity leave for Mrs. Cook from on or about February 1, 2021 to on or about May 14, 2021. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the maternity leave. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the resignations:

- Lisa Kopka-State Data Reporting
- Joe Smith-Jr/Sr High School Boy's Track coach effective September 11, 2020

Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the resignations. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the extra-curricular recommendations:

- Melissa Culver-Pekny- Boys' Varsity Track
- Kyle Martlatt- Girls' Varsity Basketball
- Tony Metzger- Wrestling Coach
- Scott Sproles- Wrestling Assistant Coach

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the extra-curricular appointments. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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**Field Trips**

None.

**Other Business**

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier School Corporation Certified Evaluation Results for 2020-2021.

Mr. Sighting presented the new mission and vision statement for Frontier School Corporation. Laura Bell made a motion to accept the statements as presented. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting asked for approval to declare technology items as surplus for the purpose of disposal. Laura Bell made a motion to declare the objects as surplus for disposal. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented an amendment to the Frontier School Corporation 2020-2021 Re-Opening Plan. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the amendment as presented. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Public Testimony**


None given.


Laura Bell made a motion to adjourn. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion.


The next Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be held on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Frontier Elementary School Library.

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