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Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees
Monday, December 21, 2020

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

Absent: School Board Member Shelley Christopher

Also Present: Superintendent Dan Sighting

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

Mr. Sighting presented JC Copas and Steve Christopher with awards for their service on the Frontier School Corporation School Board.

Routine Business

Laura Bell moved to approve the agenda as presented. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the minutes for the Meetings of the Board of School Trustees held November 16, 2020. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Technology Report

Mr. Hoover reported that remote learning is going very well, so Technology has made security their main focus. There are major security updates planned for 2021 such as: implementing standard web filter software across all devices, Windows updates and ransomware controls will be tightened using a software that specializes in K-12 security, increased security in WiFi networks, use of offsite system backups, and phishing education and testing sponsored by the IDOE. The new Chromebooks have arrived and will be distributed in the near future. We are working to digitize some of our workflow processes such as: time reporting, time off requesting, purchase ordering, expense reporting, and any other function that requires form completion. This improvement is expected to save staff hours of work each month. Mr. Hoover is working with T-Mobile to provide hotspots, at no cost, to students who are eligible for the free/reduced lunch program. These plan costs are currently reimbursable by the GEER Grant.

Elementary Report

Mrs. Bordner played a presentation highlighting the different ways teachers and staff have been engaging the students during distance and in-person learning. She thanked Officer Bolen and Stephanie Clark for all of the different ways they pitch in and help around the school. She explained the features of some of the software the students are utilizing to facilitate distance learning.

Jr-Sr High Report

Mr. Hettinger reported that attendance policies, quarantine work policies, and make-up work policies have been revised to fit the virtual learning model. Frontier Jr/Sr High School applied for the Early College High School Grant, and was accepted, which allows us to add and sustain dual-credit classes. We will receive \$120,000.00 over 3 years for credentialing and professional development.

Athletics and Transportation Report

Mr. Burgess reported that although we have cancelled or postponed more games than we have actually played, wrestling, girls' basketball, and boys' basketball are all currently competing. Coach Bland took his first victory against South Newton in a Conference game. All teams are off to a good start, and our wrestling team is happy to welcome two young ladies to the team, who will compete at State. Mr. Burgess thanked Jill Layton for her help keeping everyone informed of cancellations and postponed games.

Counselor's Report

Mrs. Bassett reported that virtual learning has been an ever-evolving process, and she thanked Amy Turner for her hard work keeping the kids on track with attendance and work completion. Two more students will return to school leaving nine virtual students remaining. Mrs. Bassett expressed concern with the virtual program we are using for grades 5-8. Pre-registration will begin soon. Scheduling is expected to be difficult this next year due to changes in the graduation pathways. We got good results on the ASVAB, and we will administer the SAT again in March. PSAT scores have come back and will be released to the students.

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Maintenance Report

Mr. Peterson reported that the new truck has been received, undercoated, and rust-proofed. The Ford maintenance truck is currently not running and waiting for repair bids. The Elementary, Jr/Sr High School, and Brookston Gym all have new MERV-10 air filters. We are looking into MERV 13 filters for the next scheduled change. During Christmas Break, our staff will strip and wax the commons floor at the Jr/Sr High. DL White will start painting the walls in the commons area. At the Elementary, the maintenance and custodial staff will be shampooing carpets in the halls, re-taping floors, and deep cleaning other areas that need extra attention.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Sighting reported that the solar array is functional and is producing electricity. The reporting software will be installed and displayed after Christmas break. We have broken ground on the outdoor baseball/softball restrooms and concession stand and it is moving along. Special Ed count was December first, and we will see an increase in that funding. Overall, this semester went very well, and the staff has stepped up to make things work in the buildings.

Budget/Finance

Mr. Sighting presented the December FY 2021 Tuition Support Distribution. We are seeing an increase in CTE and Academic Honors Grant funding to make up for the decrease in the basic grant funding we saw last month.

Mr. Sighting presented the December tax settlements.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2020 total revenue collections.

Mr. Sighting recommended that the board approve the 2020-2021 Teacher appreciation grant allocations and the supporting staff payments from the Education and Operations funds. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the distributions. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting recommended that the board approve Go Solutions as our Medicaid reimbursement filing vendor. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the agreement with Go Solutions. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting recommended the AIA contract for the baseball/softball restrooms and concession stand for approval. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Steve Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting asked for approval to replace the Frontier Elementary School intercom and video components for visitor entrance into the building. Andie Mears made a motion to approve the second of the two quotes from Hi-Com. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Personnel

Mr. Sighting presented the resignations:

- Careen Newkirk-Frontier Jr/Sr High School Head Cook effective December 2, 2020
- Tony Metzger-Frontier Jr/Sr High School Wrestling Coach effective December 2, 2020

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

Mr. Sighting presented the extra-curricular recommendations:

- Abbie Carter-Girl's 8th Grade Basketball Coach
- Emi Frier-Girl's 7th Grade Basketball Coach
- Don Hoover-Boy's Volunteer Basketball Coach
- Jac Sproles-Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Scott Sproles-Wrestling Coach

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

Mr. Sighting recommended that we extend the administrator contracts. Steve Christopher made a motion to extend the contracts. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Field Trips

None.

Other Business

Mr. Sighting presented the donation from Psi Iota Xi for facilities use. Andie Mears made a motion to accept the donation. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2020 Results Driven Accountability (RDA) Determination Matrix. Frontier School Corporation's score went up and we do not need to develop a plan this year.

Mr. Sighting presented board policies for first reading:

- Board Policy 1220-Employment of the Superintendent
- Board Policy 2370.02-Flex Program
- Board Policy 2623-Student Assessment
- Board Policy 3220-Staff Evaluation
- Board Policy 5111-Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrolment of Students without Legal Settlement in the Corporation
- Board Policy 5103-Withdrawal from School
- Board Policy 5610-Suspension and Expulsion of Students
- Board Policy 5895-Student Employment
- Board Policy 6114-Cost Principles-Spending Federal Funds
- Board Policy 6325-Procurement-Federal Grants/Funds
- Board Policy 8390-Animals on School Corporation Property
- Board Policy 8400-School Safety
- Board Policy-8405-Environmental Health and Safety Issues-Indoor Air Quality, Animals

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Board Policy 8462-Child Abuse and Neglect

Board Policy 8600-Transportation

Board Policy 8800-Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances

Board Policy 9700-Relations with Special Interest Groups

Public Testimony

JC Copas voiced his appreciation for Frontier School Corporation administration, staff, students, and the community.

Steve Christopher expressed how proud he is of the school corporation for all the progress they've made over the years.


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

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be held on Monday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Frontier Jr/Sr High School Library.

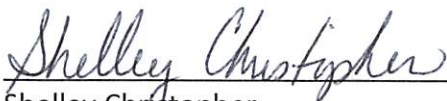
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Robert Andie Mears
President

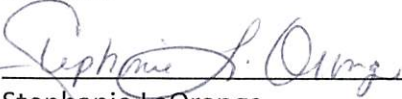


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