

Frontier School Corporation
126 E Main St
Chalmers, IN 47929

Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees
Monday, January 20, 2019

School Board Meeting
FEB 17 2020
APPROVED

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

Absent:

Also Present: Superintendent Dan Sighting, Treasurer Cortney Parrish, and Attorney Robert Little.

President Copas called the meeting to order in the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School library at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Routine Business

Laura Bell moved to approve the agenda with three deletions of the special meeting minutes from January 6, 2020 and the addition of 7.6 Frontier School Corporation non-certified employee health insurance contributions. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees held December 16, 2019. Shelley 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.

Andie Mears moved to approve the Appropriation Report as presented. Steve 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.

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

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

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

Technology Report

In Mr. Hoover's absence, Mr. Sighting delivered the technology report. Teacher laptops are four or more years old. We are securing quotes to replace the teacher and administrator laptops. There was an issue with the phone system for about a day and a half. The interference was an ENA issue that they have since resolved. Technology department is on track.

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Elementary Report

Mrs. Bordner gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding results of NWEA testing for the winter session. In summary, our results continue to be above state averages, compared to area schools, we have the highest combined proficiency rate in the area, and our staff continues to identify weak areas and create plans and goals to strengthen these areas.

Our special education population is growing due to a change in the IEP age limit. Enrollment is at 359, but we are expecting to lose three more students shortly. Parents of move-in and transfer students continue to express appreciation for the way our teachers genuinely care for the students.

Kindergarten Roundup and Preschool Information Night is scheduled for March 18, 2020.

Jr-Sr High Report

Mr. Hettinger gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding report card results in performance, growth, and multiple measures. In summary, grades 7, 8, and 10 received an overall grade of B with 83.9 points. Interventions are being created based upon the data received from testing and teachers are identifying student strengths and weaknesses. Staff continues with professional development.

Athletics and Transportation Report

Mr. Burgess reported that winter athletic season is over halfway through. The new video monitor has been installed in the gym and displays advertisements from a thumb drive.

We are required to perform a bus evacuation drill every 45 days. There was a bus driver out sick, so the drill was postponed. There was discussion about the new GPS system from EZRouting. We have one bus down for repairs, but it is still under warranty and expected to be fixed soon. One bus did not pass inspection and Mr. Sighting recommended that the Board consider trading it in.

Maintenance Report

Mr. Sighting delivered the maintenance report in Mr. Martin's absence. The maintenance and custodial staff waxed floors in six different areas. Filter changes have been started in both buildings to be completed by the end of January. The water cooler/bottle filler has been installed in the High School gym. Two hot water valves need to be replaced in the High School admin office and science rooms. There were a few issues with power outages over Christmas break, but it has been resolved. There has been minimal snow and ice removal this season. The bus room has been transferred to a bigger room containing DEF tank. Maintenance has been assisting transportation with starting buses on cold days. The roof leak in the FACS area is worsening and will need to be addressed in the near future. Hooks for stop the bleed kits are being installed in classrooms. Hand sanitizer dispensers are being installed outside of each classroom. Most of the staff at Team MJV have been replaced.

Counselor's Report

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Mrs. Bassett and Mrs. Bulla were absent.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Sighting reported that a contractor meeting was held in regards to the HVAC and solar array projects. KJG Architecture is working to solicit more HVAC bids. Quotes are due on February 13, 2020 and will be scored on qualitative and quantitative measures. Perspective Financial analyzed our annuity providers, and from a cost perspective, our employees are not overpaying for fees. However, one of our providers is not offering high quality investments, so we will ask that vendor to restructure our investments, or we will consider changing annuity vendors.

In looking forward to the upcoming season, we are soliciting quotes for landscaping and for fixing the holes in the parking lots.

Budget/Finance

Mr. Sighting presented the January FY 2020 State Tuition Distribution with a reduction for Medicaid reimbursement. We should expect to see a reconciliation in the Special Education Grant in the near future, as it is believed we have been overfunded.

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the monthly transfer amount of \$55,210.00 from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to transfer \$50,000.00 in property tax revenue from the Operations fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting recommended that the Board approve the purchase and installation of carpet by Jack Tatman of JMT Enterprize for the Superintendent's Office for \$7,519.65. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the Indiana Service Agreement with vendor Go Solutions Group, Inc. for filing for Medicaid reimbursement for teachers employed or contracted to provide Medicaid reimbursable services to students. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the Corporation's non-certified health insurance contributions in the amounts of \$7,217.19 for a single plan and \$9,657.56 for a family plan. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Personnel

Mr. Sighting asked for approval of two maternity leaves for our Jr.-Sr. High School Science teacher and our Family Support Specialist. Andie Mears made a motion to approve the leaves. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Mr. Sighting asked for approval to hire Tim Mickle as the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High Head Golf Coach for 2019-2020. Andie Mears made a motion to approve the hire. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Sighting asked for approval of two donations totaling \$760.00 to the Frontier School Corporation care fund. Andie Mears made a motion to accept the donation. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting asked for approval of several donations from various sources to the Elementary and Jr.-Sr. High Schools totaling \$3,975.00. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the donations. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting asked for approval of the Frontier School Corporation School Improvement Plan for the 2019-2020 school year. The Frontier Elementary School Improvement Plan was amended after the conclusion of a Title on-site monitoring visit by the Indiana Department of Education. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the plan. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Indiana Department of Education RDA LEA Findings of Noncompliance and Determination for FFY 2018 (SY 2018-2019). FSC met requirements in Compliance and Data Matrices and received a Level 1 Technical Assistance Level in the Results Matrix. Further clarification is expected from the Indiana Department of Education on the meaning of Level 1 Technical Assistance.

Mr. Sighting asked for approval of the 2021-2022 Frontier School Corporation Calendar. There was lengthy discussion about school start date, fall break dates, and winter break dates. There was also discussion about sending out a survey to staff regarding calendar structure. Andie Mears made a motion to approve the calendar. Steve Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed with a 3-2 vote.

Public Testimony

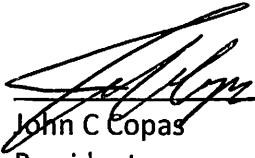
None given.

Steve Christopher made a motion to adjourn.

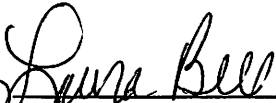
The next Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be held on Monday, February 17, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Frontier Elementary School Library.

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