Frontier School Board of Trustees

School Board Meeting January 16, 2017

President JC Copas called the regular school board meeting to order. Present were; Vice President Steve Christopher, members Andie Mears and Don Mills. Also present was Superintendent Dan Sichting, Attorney Robert Little and Treasurer Jody Morgan. Not present was Secretary Laura Bell.

The pledge was recited and the meeting began.

There was an addition numbered 10.4 Purdue agreements to use Frontier Jr/Sr HS Auditorium for four classes. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19th and the January 5th board meetings as they were presented. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears made a motion to approve the treasures report. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Don Mills to approve the claims as they were presented. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATORS REPOTS

Mrs. Bordner introduced Mike Godlove with the Region 4 Workforce Investment Board. Mr. Godlove talked about the mentoring program that they are going to start at the Elementary school. Mrs. Bordner reported on the FES PTO Pancake and Pajamas night. This was a huge success with four hundred sixteen pancake dinners served! Families, played games and read books. They have started the Fabulous Falcon Award as more positive ways to recognize academics and behaviors. Mrs. Vollmer has a student teacher this semester. Congratulations to Mrs. Whitaker on the birth of her new son. There are many upcoming events.

Mr. Hettinger reported that this is homecoming week so there are a lot of fun activities going on. The Jr High students are going on a field trip to the Lafayette Food Pantry. There has been a committee formed to look at the student handbook. This committee has students and teachers. The School Improvement team has students, parents and staff members looking at all areas of the improvement plan. There will be a meet the teacher night for 5th and 6th grade students to meet the Jr. High teachers. This will be held on March 15th. This will give parents and students a time to ask questions about Jr High and get to know those teachers.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Mr. Hoover reported that the Technology department has completed 850 work orders since August. There are 200 open work orders. There are 12 Chromebooks out for repair at this time. The ISTEP stress test is on Thursday. 6th grade and above will be taking their test on their Chromebook.

GUIDENCE REPORT

Kathy Bassett gave the board a packet of coarse changes for next year. She asks the board to review these changes and additions and then they will vote on them at the next meeting. Mrs. Bassett announced that there are fifty-two seniors this year, twenty-five of them will receive the academic and the technical diploma, two will receive the academic diploma only, five will receive the technical diploma only. Twelve of these students will receive the core 40 diploma. Six students will receive a general diploma and two students will receive a certificate of completion. Right now there are four students that have a grade point average over 4.0. Mrs. Bassett and Mrs. McMindes have been getting scholarships out to all of the seniors and watching the deadlines for those to be turned back in.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Sichting reported that the Elementary has received an A for the accountability award from the state. We were 1 of 8% in the state of Indiana. The High School received a B. Our students did an outstanding job on their I Step testing and had typical or high growth.

Jeremy Martin will be concentrating on getting a maintenance plan together and catching things up for the next three to six months.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

Mr. Sichting went over the DP54 and the funding we receive from the state. The honors and vocational monies are set. The Special Education December count was down so those amounts will go down a little bit.

Mr. Sichting presented the board with the 1782 approved budget notice from the Department of Local Government. The levy is down for Frontier School District.

Andie Mears made a motion to approve the transfer of appropriations for the 2016 budget to balance all funds for the end of 2016. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion made by Steve Christopher to approve the advertising for the 2017 Rainy Day additional appropriation. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the board with a one-time stipend payment request to Non-Certified and Administration staff. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve this stipend. Don Mills seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Andie Mears made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Rodger DeLosh as the maintenance aide. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a recommendation for Gene Brown to drive a Mini Bus and take the vocational students to Twin Lakes. Don Mills made a motion to accept this recommendation. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve Deb Corso as a long term substitute for a maternity leave position. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

FIELD TRIP

Mrs. Rogers had a field trip request to take the BPA students to the State Competition in Indianapolis. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve this field trip. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board had the first reading for four board policies. They will have the second reading and voting on these policies at the next meeting.

The Junior-Senior High School presented a list of donations that they have received. Andie Mears made a motion to approve these donations. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the board thanked the donors for giving.

Mr. Sichting gave the board and informational letter from the state to tell Frontier that we are in compliance with federal indicators as described in the Compliance Report.

Don Mills made a motion to approve letting the Purdue Extension office use the auditorium for four classes. Steve Christopher seconded this motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about requesting a parent to sign before a movie is shown at the Elementary.

Steve Christopher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andie Mears seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

The next board meeting will be on February 20th at the Elementary School.

There was a motion made by Steve Christopher to adjourn the meeting. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

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