

School Board Meeting January 15, 2018

Frontier School Board of Trustees Reorganization Meeting

President JC Copas called the reorganization school board meeting to order. Vice President Steve Christopher, Secretary Laura Bell, members Don Mills and Andie Mears were present along with Superintendent Mr. Dan Sighting. Lawyer Robert Little and Treasurer Jody Morgan.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and the meeting started.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. Don Mills made a motion to accept the agenda as it was presented. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The floor was opened for nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary. Laura Bell made a motion for JC Copas to remain as President. Andie Mears seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to nominate Andie Mears to be the Vice President. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher nominated Don Mills for Secretary. Don declined the nomination. Andie Mears nominated Laura Bell to be the Secretary. Don Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting made a recommendation to keep Robert Little on as the corporation attorney. Laura Bell made a motion to approve this recommendation. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sighting recommended to appoint Jody Morgan as the Frontier School Corporation Treasurer, and Sara Stinson as the Assistant School Corporation Treasurer. Laura Bell made a motion to approve these recommendations. Andie Mears seconded this nomination, and this was approved unanimously.

The board discussed the meeting schedule for 2018. The board decided to keep the meetings the third Monday of the month still starting at 7:00 pm. The meeting in February will be the fourth Monday. The locations will alternate between the Elementary and High School. We will hold the

meeting at the Corporation Office in the summer. Andie Mears made a motion to approve this board meeting schedule. Don Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made the motion to keep the board's compensation for each board member to \$2000.00 a year, being paid semi-annually. Steve Christopher seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

The News and Review and The Herald Journal were designated as the newspapers for posting legal advertisements. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve these papers, Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting asked the board for volunteers to be designated Indiana School Boards Association to receive notifications on legislation and policy matters. The Board said they were all already getting that information and would all like to continue to receive the information.

Mr. Sighting also asked the board about any conflict of interest statements that might need to be filed with the County Auditor. It was decided that JC Copas would have to sign those papers.

Steve Christopher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Frontier School Board of Trustees Financial Meeting

JC Copas call the Finance School Board Meeting to order. There was one change presented to the board on the agenda for the board of finance meeting. Farmers State Bank needed to be changed to Fountain Trust Bank. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve these changes. JC Copas seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to make Don Mills the President of the Finance committee. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears made a motion to make JC Copas Secretary of the Finance committee. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting looked into what investments the school corporation could put their money into. He explained the code that goes with this and the few options that we could do. The board decided to stay with the CD's as we have in the past.

Mrs. Morgan presented the board with new rates from three different banks for the CD that has matured. Don Mills made a motion to renew the CD with the bank of Wolcott since they were the highest rate. The motion also stated to roll the interest back into the CD and the new CD will be for 24 months. Laura Bell seconded this motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting recommended the Finance committee identify the following banks for deposit of Frontier's funds. The Fountain Trust Bank, Bank of Wolcott, and Lafayette Bank and Trust. JC Copas made a motion to approve these three banks. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Morgan presented to board with three checks that have been outstanding for two years. Per State Board of Accounts if a check is still outstanding after two years the Treasurer may return the funds to the original appropriation that they were taken out of and remove the checks from the outstanding list. This is pending approval of the School Board. Andie Mears made a motion to void two checks and return the funds to the proper appropriation. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. JC Copas asked about reissuing a check or reaching out to the other person who still has an outstanding check. There was some discussion on this topic. JC made a motion for Mrs. Morgan to reach out to this person and try to reissue or resolve the outstanding check. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a question from the public wanting to know where the funds came from for the CD's. There was also a question about have void after 60 days

or 6 months on the checks. The Corporation checks have void after two years per State Board of Accounts.

JC Copas made a motion to adjourn the Finance meeting. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the Finance meeting was adjourned.

JC Copas called the regular school board meeting to order.

Mr. Sighting presented Tony Cain with a plaque of appreciation for all of the work he helped with restoring the “victory bell” that is used for football games. Tony’s work is very much appreciated.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the agenda as it stood with no changes made. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears motioned to approve the minutes from the December 18th, 2017 meeting. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Christopher to approve the Treasurer/Revenue report. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the December 2017 bank reconciliation. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was no money spent on either bond project in December.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the balance of the December claims APV number 9616 - 9636, and the January claims APV number 9637 – 9691. The motion also includes the December 22nd and January 5th payrolls. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

New security cameras are installed at the Junior/Senior High School and Mr. Hoover gave a presentation showing the different angles and views. The next step will be to provide law enforcement access. We are working on

plans to add security cameras and Wi-Fi in the old gym at Brookston. We are hoping to install these during Spring Break. Mr. Hoover also gave an update on repairs on Chromebooks.

ELEMENTARY REPORT

There are many things going on at the Elementary school. We had 52 students with perfect attendance for the first semester. Our staff has 95.1% attendance with two staff members having a perfect attendance in the first semester. We will be doing I Step preparing soon. There are several other test schedules coming up. We are planning year end events and trips. The star lab will be visiting Frontier Elementary between February 5th – 9th. We want to thank Judy Kramer for helping with this project.

JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

The top six groups for the problem based learning groups presented, there projects, there were nine judges present. Last week everyone finished NWEA testing. Mr. Hettinger is working on a student progress board. We will use the data for a boot camp during the five weeks prior to I Step. We will go over some areas that are problems for our students. Then we will go over some different ideas and helpful suggestions on how to help them do a better job.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Sailors reported that the girls' basketball sectionals will be January 30th. January 27th will be the sectionals for wrestling. The boys' basketball sectional will not be until the end of February.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Martin reported that they got all of the LED lights replaced over Christmas break except the emergency lights. He is working on getting things set up so he can access the controls at the Elementary through a mobile devise. The High School boiler was installed in 1992. There are 2 small and 2 big. We have been having multiple problems with these shutting down.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Sighting reported that he secured the safety grant. He is working with the town of Chalmers to get the deputy to finish all of the training and work on an agreement with them.

The Lily grant parent liaison started on January 3rd. The 3rd, 4th and 5th she stayed at Frontier. The week of January 8th she went to the other schools. She will come to Frontier every Wednesday unless there is an issue at another school. This Thursday the 18th there will be a meeting of administrators and counselors at Twin Lakes. We will be working on the dashboard and reporting back to Lily.

The Vocational funding has changed and the value that we were getting paid has dropped significantly. We are looking at different classes that maybe we can add to help this.

The new graduation pathways are still not developed.

The next community collaboration meeting will be next Monday and Wednesday. We will be talking about curriculum.

The A/B school letter grades are changing on how those are figured. For grades 9-12 they won't be watching growth, they will be tracking credits and graduation.

BUDGET/FINANCE REPORT

There will also be a reduction in the special education grant funds. The State overpaid us for this grant. They will be deducting money and correcting this problem over the next several months.

Mr. Sighting recommends that Frontier School Corporation School board approve the Archer Energy Base contract for the purchase and sale of natural gas to Frontier School Corporation in the NIPSCO service territory. Frontier was a member of the North Central Indiana Natural Gas Consortium. This fall the natural gas consortium issued a request for proposals for supplying natural gas supplies. A web meeting was held and Archer Energy received the highest score. Mr. Little reviewed this contract and didn't see any problems with it. There is an opt out clause to end the contract for default and a clause to end and terminate the contract early. Andie Mears made a

motion to approve this agreement with Archer Energy. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting gave the board a chart on utility usage for all buildings going back to 2014. There was some discussion on this.

Andie Mears made a motion to approve declaring some of the Elementary library books for disposal. These books are beyond repair. Mrs. lunghuhn plans on setting these books out to be given away or sold at a very low rate and the money will go to schools in Houston Texas whose inventory was damaged by hurricane Harvey. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Kindergarten and 1st grade students have a snack milk time each day. The daily cost of snack milk is \$0.40 per carton of milk. Snack milk does not qualify for reimbursement for free and reduced lunch status. Frontier Elementary solicits community donations to cover the cost of snack milk for families who are designated as Free and Reduce lunch status. As a result, Mrs. Bordner is requesting you set the snack milk threshold for charges at \$36.00. Laura Bell made a motion to approve this threshold. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

The next meeting will be on February 26th, 2018.

Laura A Bell

Mr. Mear

Steve

Don Mills

