

Frontier School Board of Trustees

School Board Meeting February 18, 2013

President JC Copas called the meeting to order. Members; Barry Wesner, Steve Christopher, Max Eldridge, Don Mills, Superintendent Mrs. Cathy Rowe, Attorney Rob Little, and Treasurer Jody Morgan were all present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and the meeting started.

Mrs. Rowe presented the following additions to the agenda: 8.2 Proposal of makeup days, times and the conditional of waiver. 8.7 New Copier Lease. Barry Wesner made a motion to accept the additions. Steve Christopher seconded the motion, the motion was passed and the items were added.

There was a motion made by Steve Christopher to approve the minutes from the January 21st meeting. Don Mills seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Don Mills made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Max Eldridge seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Max Eldridge made the motion to approve the claims as they were presented. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

The Technology report went over mobile devices for students. Mrs. Rowe had a laptop, and I pad Air, and I pad mini that the board could see. We are looking into laptops for the students, they would have limited settings. Right now we have 30 Ipad minis for the Elementary. Mrs. Lemenager's class is trying out 20 Ipads, and the High School Biology class is putting them to use also. Students can work together on one project, or turn in items to their teachers electronically. We also have 45 I pad Airs within the corporation at this time.

ELEMENTARY REPORT

Mr. Reagan gave the Elementary report stating that Alex Wieczorek will be competing in the regional spelling bee. Kindergarten roundup is April 2nd at 6:30. There will be an informational meeting discussing our preschool and the area preschools at 5:45. The elementary will be doing ISTEP testing March 12 through the 17th. Mrs. Steill is working with a group of 5th and 6th graders who will participate in the annual Math League Press contest. The teachers heard a presentation from Beth Hopper on good apps to use with their iPads.

JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Hettinger reported he was awarded a grant from MWSI. The new drinking system he purchased with this money is in place. Each student received a recycled drinking bottle to use. Many of the science classes will be coordinating some of their state standards using recycling and this water system. The High School held a lock down drill this past month. Mr. Hettinger reported that we have 80% of our students at or above their reading comprehension level. Mr. Runkle gave a presentation from the Social Studies department. He stated that the 7th grade does a lot on different cultures. He has found different apps for his Ipad that he can use to help teach that, this also helps to integrate technology in the classroom. He talked about the Washington trip that the Junior High takes. This is a very educational and fun trip for all who go. They are planning this for the next school year. On the High School level he talked about teaching foundations of personal finance. This is a Dave

Ramsey program, and there is brand new curriculum. The Farmers State Bank in Brookston is a sponsor and comes in and talks to the students about finances different times throughout the year.

ATHLETIC REPORT

Mr. Martz announced that the girls' basketball team won the sectional. This is the first time ever for a girls' team to win a sectional. They will be playing in the regionals this Saturday. There will be a pep session at the High School this Friday at 2:30. Mr. Martz is still working on new scheduling with the new conference.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mrs. Rowe welcomed Mr. Little to our board. Mrs. Rowe shared with the board the Neola investment policy. She reported that our enrollment on 10/16/13 was 724 and on 2/4/14 the enrollment was 734, which is very exciting. Mrs. Rowe had meant with Kurt Fletcher from Umbaugh, we can't do another GO Bond until 2020, but we could possibly modify the 2009-2011 bonds. Mrs. Rowe had charts for the board to show our debt, and a couple of different options spanning over several years. Mr. Fletcher is willing to meet with the board to go over some of the options. The board suggested maybe they could have a work session with him instead of at a regular meeting. He could also go over all of the districts needs and options at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Rowe presented the board with the following recommendations; Chris Svoboda for golf volunteer assistant coach, Michael Hirt baseball volunteer assistant coach, Ben Powell, boys track coach, Kathy Bassett, JH girls track coach, Cory Runkle JH boys track coach, Sean Long, Asst. baseball coach, Todd Mansfield, Asst. baseball coach, Zach McClurg, baseball volunteer coach, Brice Barbour, baseball volunteer coach, Erin Warren, Asst. softball coach, Mike Heath, Asst. softball coach, and Adam Wright, Asst. softball volunteer coach. Max Eldridge made a motion to accept all of these recommendations. Steve Christopher seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to accept the following teacher retirements: Linda Dotson, FES 3rd grade, Billie Wallmann, FJSHS English/Spanish, Mary Kitchell, FJSHS English, Deb Corso, FES 2nd grade, Vicki Worrel, FES 1st grade, and Mike Harlow FJHS Math. All of these teachers will receive the buy out the board offered. The board thanked these teachers for their dedication and service they have given to our school corporation. Don Mills seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion made by Max Eldridge to accept Mrs. Rowe's recommendation for Paula lunghuhn's paraprofessional pay consideration. Don Mills seconded this motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rowe presented the board with a revised school calendar for the remainder of the year. This suggestion would add 25 minutes to each school day to make up the days that we have missed. The Indiana Department of Education has provided schools with increased flexibility regarding making up the instructional time. We did receive a waiver for one day that we do not have to make up. This would leave graduation on the same date. If we would miss any more days, we would use Good Friday to make it up, if there are additional days they will be added in June. It was decided to add the 25 minutes to the end of the day. Don Mills made a motion to approve the modified calendar. Steve Christopher seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hettinger presented the board with the 2014-2015 Course Handbook. There are more vocational classes being offered for next year. Some classes that are not offered next year will possibly be added back the

following year. Max Eldridge made a motion to accept the new FJSHS Course Handbook. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rogers had a field trip request to go to the BPA State leadership Conference in Indianapolis. This is an overnight trip so it requires board approval. Don Mills made the motion to approve this trip, Barry Wesner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Max Eldridge made a motion to accept a donation from Meijer. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a proposal from Mr. Reagan for 2014 school bus purchase. This is to trade two mini busses and get 2 new mini busses. Steve Christopher made the motion to accept this proposal. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mrs. Rowe gave the board information on our current copier leases. She presented the board with a proposal for a new contract which would reduce the monthly fees. These copies would have added features that the current copy machines do not. The contract would also have lower overage costs. A motion was made by Don Mills to accept the new copy lease contract. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rowe stated that the next board meeting will be on March 18th at the Corporation office. The meeting on April 15th will be at the Jr/Sr High School.

Hearing no comments from the audience Steve Christopher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry Wesner seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.


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