

Frontier School Board of Trustees

School Board Meeting March 16, 2015

President JC Copas called the regular School Board meeting to order. Vice President Steve Christopher, Secretary Laura Bell, member Don Mills, member Erica Wasson, Superintendent Mrs. Cathy Rowe, Attorney Rob Little, and Treasurer Jody Morgan were all present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Rowe had two additions to the agenda: 8.1.11 Deb Stoller resignation from the Café, and 8.13 the purchase of a new gator using project money. Don Mills made a motion to accept these two items, Laura Bell seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Don Mills made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 16th meeting. Steve Christopher seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as it was presented. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

There was a motion made by Don Mills to accept the claims as they were presented. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Mr. Hoover reported that Travis Farney has started, and he is being trained. The Chromebooks have had a different design, which should be a littler studier. Most of the repair issues have been under warranty. The technology department is trying to get any Chromebook fixed and returned to the student as soon as possible.

ELEMENTARY REPORT

Mr. Reagan reported that there will be a kindergarten and Pre-School round up after Spring Break. The Elementary will be participating in the State Wide Tornado Drill this week. The Elementary Café was audited by the State, and had a very good report. The PTO is donating \$11,000 for the purchase of more iPads at the Elementary. The 2nd round of IStep testing will be done on the computer. These tests are very long.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Hettinger thanked Mrs. Layton and everyone involved for a very successful Dodge Ball tournament. The High School just finished their nine weeks and report cards will be sent home on Wednesday. The Frontier Success program that meets on Tuesday and Thursday is working out well. There are fewer kids in attendance which is a great thing. Wednesday night is the freshman orientation, Mr. Hettinger and Mrs. Bassett will be heading this up. The BPA is at the State Conference and doing very well! Emily Ennis won Indiana's All Star member Award. That is a very important award and out of the whole state of Indiana. Several groups are in the top 8 and were moving on to the finals. Several of the students will qualify to go to the National Conference in California. Mr. Hettinger announced that he was at a Technology Conference and they were introducing "Plickers". Mr. Hettinger was proud to report that

many of our teachers already use this concept. Mrs. Culver-Pekny gave a demonstration on how she uses Plickers in her classroom.

MARKETING REPORT

Donna Petraits talked about our new marketing plan. She reported that we are only a few weeks away from launching this plan to the community. Frontier will have a new website that will be introduced at that time. There will be yard signs, direct mailing, brochures, and info going to social media. Everything will have our new slogan "Going Beyond the Frontier, Every Student, Every Day".

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mrs. Rowe gave the board information on the results from our last reading level testing. There was a Head Coach Evaluation Form that Miss. Jacoby was using for the coaching staff that would be finishing their sports. Mrs. Rowe informed the board of the spring ISBA conferences that are coming up. Mrs. Rowe also explained to the board about the newly released graduation rate. Frontier would have 9 students that the state would consider not graduating from last year. There are several variables that go into this number. We have some kids that are still here, there are some that received a certificate of completion, which they don't count. They also don't count a GED which we have had some, and there are some students at the Crossings. Last meeting there was discussion with the High School curriculum approval. We did not get rid of Advance Machinery, but had to change the name of the class to match the state.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a motion made by Steve Christopher to approve the resignations of: Melinda Kappes, Special Education Para, Fay Quade, FJ/SHS Cafeteria at the end of the school year, Nelann Kaluf, FES Special Education Teacher at the end of the school year, Kyle Marsh, FJSHS Industrial Technology teacher at the end of the school year, Kelsey Warden, FJSHS Mathematics teacher at the end of the school year, and Debra Stoller FES Café'. The motion was also to accept the recommendations of: Erin Warren as Softball assistant coach, Adam Wright Softball assistant coach, Brice Barbour Baseball volunteer, Kyle Marsh to be co-sponsor NJHS, and Lenora Blissett FJSHS Special Ed Paraprofessional. Erica Wasson seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Jim Thompson from Gibraltar gave a presentation for the new project. Mr. Thompson had drawings that he went over for the different options that the board has. Mr. Thompson had a schedule for the project; the first item would be the common wage meeting, which was already done. The next items would be to request bids. Steve Christopher made a motion to move forward on this project and request bids. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rowe presented the board with the Expenditure Goals for them to approve. Steve Christopher made the motion to accept these goals. Don Mills seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion by Steve Christopher to approve the paying of support staff for three days of eLearning and for considering bus drivers to participate in de-escalation training but pay them for all of the eLearning days. If a staff member has utilized a personal day for any of the eLearning days their personal day would be credited back to them. Erica Wasson seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Katie Pitts presented a field trip application for the FFA Livestock judging team to go to Joliet College on April 10th & 11th. Laura Bell made a motion to approve this trip. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Rogers presented a field trip application for the BPA group to go to the state convention. Laura Rogers motioned to approve this trip. Erica Wasson seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Hettinger presented the board with an agreement with Skoollive LLC. This company will place media kiosk stations at the High School. This will be at no cost to the school. They will advertise our events on the kiosks, and other items that the administration would approve. These items could include colleges or products geared to the students. Skoollive will pay Frontier JRSR High School a portion of the "ad revenue fee" it collects from the vendors who advertise on the kiosk. Don Mills made a motion to approve the use of these kiosk stations. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Don Mills made a motion to sign an agreement with Pel Industries, Inc. This agreement will allow them to manufacturer Frontier apparel to be sold in stores such as Wal-Mart, Kmart etc. This will be at no cost to the schools. Erica Wasson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Miss Timmons shared with the board that the 6th graders received a \$600.00 donation to help pay for their Challenger Center Field Trip. Miss Timmons and the board appreciate this donation very much! Erica Wasson made the motion to accept this donation. Don Mills seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rowe had a continuing disclosure agreement with Umbaugh for continuing services. There was a motion made by Steve Christopher, the motion was seconded by Don Mills. The motion passed unanimously.

Don Mills made a motion to accept the new Social Media Terms of Use Policy for Frontier School Corporation. This will cover both schools and all social media accounts. Steve Christopher seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a field trip application from Laura Rogers for any students who would be able to continue to the National BPA Conference. Laura Bell made the first motion to pass this application. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Miss Jacoby presented the board with a quote to purchase a new gator. We will use the 13-14 project monies to pay for this item. Erica Wasson made the motion to approve the purchase of this gator. Don Mills seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.


The next board meeting will be April 20th at 7:00 pm at the Elementary.

Steve Christopher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.


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