

Frontier School Board of Trustees

School Board Meeting March 20, 2017

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

The pledge was recited and the meeting began.

There was one addition to the agenda. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the agenda adding 8.4.2 Jr. High Wrestling coach Josh Wells. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Andie Mears made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20th board meeting 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.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation statements for February. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Laura Bell to approve the balance of the February claims, APV numbers 8595-8611, the March claims APV numbers 8612-8689, The February 20th and the March 7th payrolls. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS

Mrs. Bordner reported that the winter NWEA results are in and show that 77% of students in grade 3-6 are on track to PASS or PASS + the English Language Arts portion and 75% are on track for Math. I Step part 1 and I Read are both completed. The next part of the I Step will be online. Our PTO has made efforts to get families involved this year. They held an art event on February 22 and there were over 300 in attendance. Kindergarten Roundup and Pre-School Informational night will be March 22nd with Kindergarten testing days being April 5th & 6th. Mrs. Bordner thanked Mr. Hettinger and the Culinary Arts class for the great meet the teacher night. There are many upcoming events, please check our website regularly.

Mr. Hettinger reported that the BPA students went to the state competition and did very well. Cody Loy placed 2nd and will be going to Nationals. The Forensic team will be going to state competition. Mr. Hettinger thanked Mrs. Culver-Pekny's class who cooked and served supper for the meet the teacher night. They were very professional and it was very well done. There were around 140 parents and students present. The school improvement committee has been meeting and is finalizing the school improvement plan. The Jr/Sr High School also has many upcoming events.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Mr. Hoover gave the Technology report stating that the claims for screen breakage for the Chromebooks has gone down considerably since the new cases have been added to the Chromebook. The main problem now that is being reported is not turning on or problems with the mother board.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Sailors reported that the winter sports banquet is tomorrow night. Frontier had a first ever state wrestler. Two athletes were named to the Hoosier Heartland Conference Team and two students were honorable mention. The Softball and Baseball fields are in good shape and both teams have been practicing on them. For transportation, we are looking for drivers.

GUIDENANCE DIRECTOR

I Step+ Part 1 have been completed at the Jr/Sr High School. Part 2 will start on April 18th. In May there will be AP Exams and ECA retakes. On April 5th we will have freshman orientation. 7th grade orientation is scheduled for April 12th. All of next year's 10-12 graders have prescheduled their classes. We have started to meet with 8th graders that are the incoming freshman and schedule their classes. Our Academic Achievement Night is May 17th and Scholarship Night is May 24th. We need to add a new Math 10 to the Course Description Handbook... Laura Bell made a motion to approve adding Math 10 to the Course Description Handbook. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR

There have been a lot of repairs done, so now we can be in the maintenance faze and set up a schedule for this. The new cleaning company has started and we are getting the kinks worked out of that and the schedules set. There was a brief discussion on the company using our supplies or theirs and cost effectiveness.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Sighting reported that Frontier received a Lily counseling and career grant. Five of our staff members went to one conference together and Mr. Hettinger went to a different conference. Between this grant and the Workforce development grant there will be a steering committee set up to take steps to put what was learned in place. The meet the teacher night was a way to get the word out about the Jr/Sr high. The attendance was good, still need to do a better job in educating the parents.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

Mr. Sighting went over the DP54 and the funding we receive from the state.

There was a motion made by Steve Christopher to approve Rick Long construction to fix the fences at both ball fields Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion approving to continuing to be a member of the Natural Gas Consortium. Don Mills seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion made by Laura Bell to approve the cleaning contract with P.T.E. There was some discussion and questions for Mr. Martin on this. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made the motion to approve Kidder and Company to make and send Kindergarten Round-up and informational Postcards. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made the motion to approve the bid from Great Outdoors Lawn Care to mow at the Elementary. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion made by Steve Christopher and seconded by Laura Bell to approve Administrator Assistance to do the Extracurricular Account Review. The motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL

There was a motion by Laura Bell to approve Nick McMasters resignation. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Don Mills made the motion to approve Lisa Kopka's request to not be a full time employee. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made the motion to accept Carol Thompson's retirement resignation. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Todd Pekny and Josh Wells were presented to be volunteer coaches. Laura Bell made the motion to approve these two volunteer coaches. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

FIELD TRIP

There were two field trips requested from Katie Pitts for the FFA to go to the Marshall-Putnam Fairgrounds and Lakeland College both are overnight stays. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve both of the field trips. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 Frontier Elementary Student Handbook. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion made by Steve Christopher to approve the 2017-2018 Frontier Jr-Sr High School Student Handbook. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve items surplus and to be able to dispose of them. Steve Christopher seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears made the motion to approve the Frontier Jr/Sr High School donation. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the 2018-2019 School year calendar. JC Copas made a motion to approve the calendar. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed with Laura Bell voting no.

Mr. Sighting went over a the Neola Policies that were presented. This is the first reading for these policies.

Mr. Sighting had pricing from three different companies for Bond counsel services. Laura Bell made a motion to approve Ice Miller as the bond counsel company. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments from the public.

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.

The next board meeting will be on April 17th at the Elementary School.

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