

Frontier School Corporation
126 E Main St
Chalmers, IN 47929

Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees
Monday, April 15, 2019

School Board Meeting
MAY 20 2019
APPROVED

Present: Vice President Steve Christopher, School Board Member Shelley Christopher, School Board Member Andie Mears, Secretary Laura Bell. Absent: Attorney Robert Little and President JC Copas

Also Present: Superintendent Dan Sighting, Treasurer Melissa Summers.

Vice President Steve Christopher called the meeting to order in the Frontier Elementary School Library at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Routine Business

Andie Mears moved to approve the agenda and changes in the agenda as presented for the Monday, April 15th, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Carmen Bordner recognized 2 elementary students who had a perfect score on the IRead test-Nona Tucker and Maella Newcom.

Steve Christopher moved to approve the hiring of Athletic Director/Football Coach Troy Burgess with a \$65,000 salary and \$5,700 coaching stipend. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher moved to approve the revenue report. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher moved to approve the February 28, 2019 Treasurer's report as presented. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the Bank Reconciliation Reports. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears moved to approve the April 15, 2019 claims. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Technology Report

David Hoover stated that the Windows 10 proposed for migration and that he has a new plan which will require less capitol. Mr. Hoover addressed questions about the concerns of the wifi and stated he has someone coming to address the issues on April 29th, 2019. The board had concerns over the Istep testing and wifi issues. Mr. Hoover assured that they had run practice tests and had no issues.

Elementary Report

Mrs. Carmen Bordner stated that NWEA testing will be finishing up this week. ILEARN testing starts April 23rd, 2019. Mrs. Bordner stated that there were 48 new students for Kindergarten Round up and 15 responses for

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Kindergarten Boot camp. Mrs. Bordner explained the criteria for being chosen for Boot Camp. Mrs. Bordner stated that the office staff has been holding monthly meetings with Mr. Hoover to prepare for online registration. Mrs. Bordner explained she has been working with NCHS Resilient Youth Initiative implementation grant team. It will be used for an after-school program at the Elementary School and a Drug-prevention program at the Jr./Sr. High school. She wanted to thank Keli Whitaker for all of her help. Mrs. Bordner discussed the need for a mini bus driver. She also stated that Troy Yeoman will be doing a D.A.R.E. program with the 6th graders and they are finishing observations and meeting with teachers for Domain 3 evidence. She wanted to thank the many people who are stepping up to help out when they are short-staffed.

Jr-Sr High Report

Mrs. Jill Layton stated that last Saturday, Frontier hosted the White County Young Author's Conference and we will host again next year. The White County Health Dept. came and educated the students on the dangers of vaping/Juuling. Mr. Sighting suggested that a evening parent's program be scheduled to educate the parents on vaping. Mrs. Layton stated that her and Mr. Hettinger are working to get this scheduled. Ninth grade orientation is Wednesday @ 6:30. Mrs. Layton reviewed some of the upcoming activities that are scheduled; May 1st, 2019 the softball team plays at Purdue and the FFA banquet is also that day. May 8th is the Spring concert.

Athletics and Transportation Report

Interim Athletic Director, Brock Touloukian, presented a proposal for a new video board with Slam Dunk Sports marketing in the High School gym. Mr. Touloukian answered questions from board regarding the video board. Mr. Sighting stated the need for 2 mini bus drivers.

Jr./Sr. High Guidance Report

Mrs. Kathy Bassett discussed changes to course description book. She stated she is working on master schedule changes for next year. There was a 98 % attendance for 6th grade orientation. The one student and parents that couldn't attend where able come in at another time. She is working on ISTEP waivers for the few Seniors who didn't pass one or both parts of the test. Tenth grade will be taking ISTEP tests on April 22nd, 2019 and 7th and 8th graders will be taking the ILEARN test. Kathy Bassett and Paula Bulla met with the Lilly Counseling Grant Advisory board. They are focusing on communication with the community through Facebook and email. They also discussed working with the Naviance program.

Maintenance Report

Jeremy Martin stated that the baseball and softball scoreboards are up, and Houston Electric will be helping to get them working. Jeremy is looking for contractors to finish football locker room. He has one quote, but it has been difficult getting contractors to show up to give a quote. Mr. Sighting recommended getting more quotes. Jeremy is working through some issues with MJV and will be keeping a close eye on them.

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Superintendent Report

Supt. Dan Sighting stated he is anxious to see NWEA scores and see the growth. He is also excited to see IXL math growth and is looking forward to hearing what Elementary teachers have to say about IXL. Mr. Sighting stated that the LED lighting installation is almost complete, and they are already seeing savings in the utility bills. Mr. Sighting shared that they are really working hard on the referendum and have held PAC meetings. There has been \$9,000-\$10,000 pledged already, with a goal of \$15,000. There will be volunteers canvassing Brookston and Chalmers, making phone calls and writing postcards. Yard signs will be distributed in 1 week. Mr. Sighting stated they are expecting to be awarded \$10,000 through the WHN planning grant for digital agriculture. The announcement will be made May 1st. He is hoping this will lead to an implementation grant. Laura Bell had questions about IXL. She had heard of other schools doing Math and Language arts and was wondering how much extra it would cost to implement Language arts. Carmen Bordner stated that Frontier only does math and that she didn't know the exact cost to add Language arts.

Budget/Finance

Mr. Sighting stated that the Treasurer will move \$135.38 from the Medicaid fund to the Educational Fund.

Mr. Sighting recommended that the board approve the purchase of 30 desktop computers and 20 Laptops. These will be refurbished computers and will come with a 6-year warranty. Mr. Hoover explained that we will be saving 1/3 by purchasing refurbished computers and that new computers only come with a 1-year warranty, unless you purchase a longer one. Steve Christopher moved to approve the purchase of the desktop and laptop computers. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting recommended that board approve the \$27,684 quote from CertaPro Painters, to paint the gym. Steve Christopher moved to approve the quote. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting recommended that the board approve the MJV contract. Andie Mears moved to approve the MJV contract and Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting discussed reading textbook adoption and we are waiting for technology advancement. He explained finances and that there is not enough money to adopt books for K-8 and recommends to only adopt textbooks for K-5 now and 6-8 next year. Andie Mears moved to approve textbook adoption for K-5 as presented and Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel

Laura Bell moved to approve the resignation from Melissa Summers, Treasurer. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Steve Christopher moved to approve 8.1.2, 8.1.3, and 8.1.4 as presented. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher moved to approve administrative leave with pay for a non-certified employee pending a complete investigation of incident. Andie Mears seconded motion and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting recommended approval of Student Ambassadors overnight field trip. Laura Bell moved to approve field trip and Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Supt. Dan Sighting wanted to commend Nancy Sullivan, Lynnora Blissitt, and their spouses for delivering the donation of furniture and office supplies from Advant. Mr. Sighting recommended the board approve donations. Laura Bell moved to approve the donations and Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting recommended approval of Student handbook changes. Laura Bell stated the drug & alcohol random testing in the student handbook doesn't match the Athletic handbook. Laura Bell moved to approve changes adding additional wording in random drug testing section. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve surplus property for salvage and Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the Frontier Elementary School Student handbook and Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears moved to approve the 2019-2020 Staff Handbook and Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears moved to approve the FFA agricultural lease agreement and Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher moved to approve the CCBC Marketing agreement and Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher moved to approve the High School Course description handbook as presented by Kathy Bassett earlier in the meeting and Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

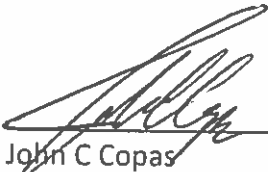
Steve Christopher moved to approve Kindergarten Bootcamp sponsored by United Way. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

An announcement was made regarding a walk in to support public school funding at the Elementary School on the basketball courts, tomorrow from 7:15-7:45 am.


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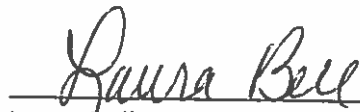
Andie Mears moved to adjourn the meeting. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and the motion passed.



John C Copas
President




Steve Christopher
Vice President



Laura Bell
Secretary



Robert Mears
Member



Shelley Christopher
Member

