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Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees  
Monday, May 20, 2019

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

Also Present: Superintendent Dan Sichting, Attorney Robert Little and Deputy Treasurer Lori Ringer.

President Copas called the meeting to order in the Frontier Jr/Sr High School library at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Routine Business

Laura Bell moved to approve the agenda as amended for the Monday, May 20th, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees and the April 15, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher moved to approve the Revenue report. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears moved to approve the March 31, 2019 Treasurer's Report. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears moved to approve the April 30, 2019 Treasurer's Report. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the Reconciliation Reports for March 31, 2019 and April 30, 2019. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to strike item 4.5 2017 G.O. Bond Monthly Payment Record. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears made a motion to approve the May 20, 2019 claims. Claims were presented in two sets. One set being the prewritten claims, the other being claims written on May 20, 2019. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Technology Report

David Hoover reported that online testing has been completed for the year and went fairly well.

They will begin collecting student devices tomorrow at the Elementary while the Jr/Sr High holds their final exams.

The refurbished desktops are expected to be shipped at the end of the week.

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The Windows 10 upgrades are prepared for the Elementary downstairs lab and they will start setting them up next Tuesday. They hope to finish next week.

Power School rollover to the 2019-2020 School year is scheduled for June 10, and other online systems have their own end-of-year steps to review after school is out.

Mr. Hoover also answered questions regarding wifi issues. He is trying to locate software that will determine where the issues are. There was discussion of NetSupport School.

Elementary Report

Carmen Bordner wishes to thank everyone for a great year!

New reading series materials have started to arrive. Teachers have three hours of professional development before summer.

There will be one new teacher hired tonight for the 2019-2020 School year. Two Para openings remain at the Elementary for 2019-2020 School year.

There will be a meeting for High School, Elementary and Corporation staff to discuss plans for registration.

NCHS Planning Grant work continues.

Mrs. Bordner reports that ILEARN is finished, and they are currently busy with case conferences.

Preschoolers have visited the Elementary, and there have been many family events and student activities to finish up the year.

Mrs. Bordner attended a School Safety Specialist Conference and feels we need to work on reunification plans.

Jr-Sr High Report

Mr. Hettinger reported that he just attended the Scholarship Night for Seniors. There was over \$240,000.00 awarded to this year's seniors. This is a testament to our community and the support they offer our students. Senior breakfast and graduation rehearsal will be this week followed by Graduation ceremonies on Saturday at 1:00pm.

Athletics and Transportation Report

Mr. Dan Sighting reported that Track season has concluded. Courtney Gutwein qualified for Regionals. Softball sectionals will begin on Wednesday and Baseball Sectional will start on Thursday. There will be an Athletic physical Night on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the High School.

Troy Burgess, the new Athletic Director, will attend a three day pre-service class as the first step in obtaining his CDL. He will be moving to our area on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Athletic Banquet is coming up.

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Maintenance Report

Jeremy Martin reports that set up for end of year activities and programs are keeping them busy.

They have caught up on mowing after all the Spring rains.

There has been an issue with the freezer at the Elementary. Quotes for repair will be discussed later in the meeting.

Shelley Christopher asked about the status of the blinds for the Art room. Jeremy advised that he received a quote and the blinds should be up in 2-3 weeks. Unfortunately, the price has increased from the original estimate of \$870.00 to \$1,790.00.

Steve Christopher asked about the status of the Football locker room repair. There was discussion about the difficulties in getting people to bid the job. Mr. Martin will continue to try to get quotes. There was discussion about the timeline for this project.

There was discussion about the broken slide at the Elementary. That particular model has been discontinued and Mr. Martin has made several attempts to get someone to come and look at it.

Laura Bell asked about the new shed being put up as well as removal of the old shed. The new building will be 12 ft. X 28ft., larger than the old one.

Superintendent Report

Dan Sighting reported that the Referendum for Frontier School Corporation passed by an 89% vote. He wishes to thank the staff who did so much hard work to get the referendum passed as well as the community for supporting our schools. He will be publishing a letter to the Editor expressing his thanks. Money for the referendum will not be collected until June of 2020.

Frontier School Corporation has been chosen as a finalist for the WHIN Grant. This grant will be awarded on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> of June.

Mr. Sighting attended IASBO annual meeting. This meeting covered changes in budgeting and laws. He reported on some changes in license renewal for Teachers.

Graduation will be held on Saturday May 25, 2019 at 1:00pm.

President J.C. Copas echoed Mr. Sighting's thanks to all who helped to get the referendum passed. He appreciates also all of Mr. Sighting's work.

Budget/Finance

Mr. Sighting discussed the March, April, and May fiscal year 2019 Tuition Support distribution from the IN DOE. Payment for these months will be reduced due to a change in the Special Education Grant receipts. This will be the last month for that reduction so next month we will see a higher tuition support payment. We received \$348,736.93 this month. We had Medicaid reimbursement reduction of \$9.05. Karen Canary will make the transfer from the Medicaid Fund to the General Fund bringing this month's payment to \$348,745.98.

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Mr Sighting presented two quotes for repairs to the outdoor Football locker facility. These repairs cannot be paid out of the Operations fund so Mr. Sighting recommends using Facilities Improvement fund or possibly some money from the WHIN Grant. After much discussion the consensus was that we need to find someone to write up specs and a contract so there is a clear understanding of what is needed. . This may be more costly but is necessary. In order to move forward, Steve Christopher made a motion to give Mr. Sighting authority to seek out someone to write up a contract. Shelley Christopher seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Andie Mears made a motion to table this discussion. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting submitted a quote for Frontier Elementary Cafeteria freezer repair. After some discussion Andie Mears made a motion to approve the freezer repair for no more than \$11,076.97. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Personnel

Mr. Sighting honored the following Career and Technical Education teachers for recognition by Indian Trails Vocational Cooperative: Mrs. Katie Cook for Vocational Ag, Mrs. Melissa Culver-Pekny for Family and Consumer Science, Mrs. Jennifer Newcom for Vocational Business, and Mr. Cameron Nunan. These teachers carry a heavy class load and we appreciate their efforts in teaching our students.

Mr Sighting presented resignations for the following: Mr. Tim Marchelina (Frontier Jr/Sr High School English/Language Arts teacher) effective at the conclusion of the school year; Mrs. Jayme Whitaker (Frontier Elementary Second grade teacher) effective at the conclusion of the school year; Mrs. Judy Needham (Frontier School Corporation mini bus driver) effective May 1, 2019; Mr. Anthony Odegaard (Frontier Jr/Sr High School Instructional Assistant); and Mrs. Sherry Reel (Frontier Elementary School Instructional Assistant). Andie Mears made a motion to accept these resignations. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The hires of the following were presented: Mr. John "Doug" Reed (Frontier Jr/Sr High School Custodian); Mr. Robert Mears (Frontier School Corporation mini-bus Driver) at a pay of \$8.40 per hour; Mrs. Leslie Booth (Frontier School Corporation mini-bus driver) at a rate of \$8.20 per hour plus \$1.00 per hour differential pay; Miss Lauren Kittel (Frontier Jr/Sr High School English/Language Arts Teacher) at a salary of \$35,000 per year; Miss Brittany Yoder (Frontier Elementary School Teacher) at a salary of \$35,500 per year; Miss Peyton Lewis (Frontier School Corporation Family Support Specialist) at a salary of \$38,000 per year funded by the Lilly Grant; and Mrs. Cortney Parrish (Frontier School Corporation Treasurer) at a salary of \$43,000 per year. Laura Bell moved to approve these hires as presented. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr Sighting presented the High Ability Summer Enrichment Camp sponsors for Young Chefs Cooking Adventure (Mrs. Culver Pekny - \$400 stipend); Helen Keller Book Study (Mrs. Kathy Brewer-Staddon - \$400 stipend); Simply Spanish (Mrs. Sherry Banes - \$400 stipend); Coding – Go for the Win (Mrs. Stepheny Lemenager - \$400 stipend); and STEM for Great Arctic Circle (Mrs. Cassie Terry - \$400 stipend). These are all

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paid out of the High Ability Grant. Laura Bell moved to approve the Summer Enrichment Camp stipends as presented. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr Sighting presented a request for Maternity Leave from Mrs Mallory Rawles, first grade teacher at Frontier Elementary School, from Tuesday August 6, 2019 to Friday, October 11, 2019. Laura Bell moved to accept the maternity leave. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A recommendation was presented by Mr. Sighting to approve the transfer of Frontier Elementary School Instructional Assistant, Mrs. Mindy Brennan, to the Media Lab. This transfer is effective April 29, 2019. Andie Mears moved to accept the transfer. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr Sighting requested an hourly differential pay adjustment of \$1.00 per hour for Mrs. Dianne Randolph (Frontier School Corporation mini bus driver) effective April 23, 2019. Andie Mears moved to approve the pay. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A request was presented for a stipend for Frontier School Corporation Assistant Transportation Director Cory Tonnsen. Laura Bell moved to approve the stipend. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Field Trips

Steve Christopher moved to approve field trips for Frontier Jr/Sr High School Senior class trip (overnight and out of state) and Frontier Jr/Sr High School National Leadership Conference (overnight and out-of-state). Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Laura Bell moved to approve the Frontier Jr/Sr High School Handbook, as amended. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting stated that the SEC requires that we approve Continuing Disclosure Services for Frontier School Corporation General Obligation Bonds of 2013. This just continues an already existing relationship with Umbaugh, AKA Baker Tilly.

Mr. Sighting recommended Frontier School Corporation approve the revised Test Security policy. Indiana instituted the ILEARN test replacing the former ISTEP+ test for the 2018-2019 school year. Laura Bell moved to approve the amended policy. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting requests the Board's approval for five days of work by three staff members to articulate the Language Art Curriculum at Frontier Jr/Sr High School for Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Per the Staff contract the teachers will be paid a rate of \$105 per day not to exceed eight days total. Andie Mears moved to approve the Frontier Jr/Sr High School Language Arts Curriculum Articulation. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Steve Christopher moved to approve the 2019-2020 Frontier School Corporation Annual Transfer Notification. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

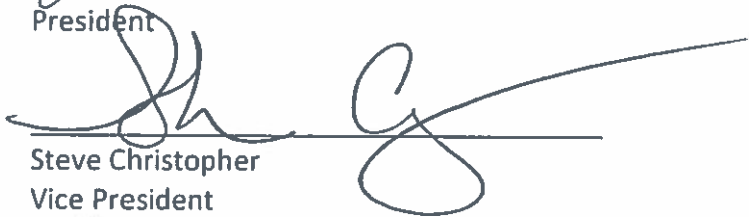
There were no comments from the public.

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



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John C Copas  
President



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Steve Christopher  
Vice President



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Laura Bell  
Secretary



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Robert Mears  
Member



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Shelley Christopher  
Member