

Frontier School Board of Trustees

School Board Meeting August 17, 2015

President JC Copas called to order the budget workshop. Mrs. Rowe explained what goes into the budget and that when submitted it is for 18 months. Kindergarten will be fully funded this year. Mrs. Rowe and Mr. Crimmins explained the expected amount, the advertised amount and the approved amount. Bus replacement and capital projects will be advertised in the paper. General fund will be on Gateway. Steve Christopher made a motion to adjourn the budget workshop. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Rowe did not have any corrections or additions to the agenda. Steve Christopher made a motion to accept the agenda as it was presented. Don Mills seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 17th meeting. Steve Christopher seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Mr. Hoover reported that all of the 6th graders have their Chromebook. We are getting iPads for all of the other Elementary students. We were having some problems with our network, but it seems to be fixed now. The computer labs will be finished and all set up this week. Schoolreach has been upgraded to school messenger.

ELEMENTARY REPORT/HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Reagan announced that the Elementary was off to a smooth start. Preschool started today. Mr. Reagan wanted to thank Mrs. Corso and Mrs. Lehe for helping out at the beginning of school. Mr. Reagan also reported that one of the Elementary children had lost their home due to a fire and the school was taking donations for the family. Mr. Reagan recognized Blake Hylton for redoing the garden behind the Elementary school. Blake did this as part of his Eagle Scout award. The garden looks very nice!

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Mrs. Layton reported that the football had a scrimmage. The first volleyball game is tonight. The open house will be on Wednesday. The Jr/Sr High School has also gotten off to a great start this year.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mrs. Rowe gave the board an informational sheet. One of the items showed enrollment trends. It gave the reading proficiency percent's, more information on AP classes and dual credits that Frontier is expanding on. Mrs. Rowe reported that Turf Dogs have done a lot of work on the new baseball/softball fields. They should be finished in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Crimmins gave an update on the white building.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the following: Recommendations; Shellie Johnson, Elementary music and Jr/Sr high Choir, Paula Bulla Elementary Counselor, Technology coaches Stepheny Lemenager and Anna Mikels, Joe Smith to be an Elementary teacher and split his time in 3rd and 5th grade, Dawna Gagnon to be moved to the position of a route bus driver, Kathy Bassett to be restored to the contract that has 22 extra days, Anna Miltenberger to be the Elementary Preschool teacher, Todd Reagan to receive the transportation assistant stipend like in the years past, Melissa Gregorovic to teach Jr/Sr HS special education, Wes Nagel Jr/Sr High Social Studies and 2.5 hours a day as a paraprofessional, Jayme Whitaker temporary 2nd grade teacher. This motion also included Joe Smith to be the Varsity Boys Basketball coach, Kelsey Cearing to be the Jr. high cheerleading coach, Sara Furbush to be the 7th grade volleyball coach, April Stokes and Christy Richey to be the Dance Team Coaches, Volleyball coaches; Shelly Pullins, Billy Dewitt, Kierston McKinley and Sarah Sailors, Football coaches; Jamie Sailors, Tony Martin, Dan Smith, Chad Sailors, Chad Dazey, Josh Rhoda, and Matt Kramer. Melissa Culver-Pekny to be the Cross Country coach. Baseball, Ryan Long and Softball Sharon Wright. Ron Best to be the Varsity Girls Basketball coach. The following ECA sponsors were also recommended during this time: 7th grade class sponsor – Sharon Wright, 8th grade class sponsor – Amanda Barnett, 9th grade class sponsor – Chris Seitz, 10th grade class sponsor – Sara Furbush, 11th grade class sponsor – Stacy Snoble, 12th grade class sponsor – Tracy Cochran, Art Club – Sara Furbush, Band – Keegan Finkbine, Business Club – Laura Rogers, Choir – Shellie Johnson, Creative writing club – Joanna Mathis, FACS Club – Melissa Culver-Pekny, FCA Junior High – Sharon Wright, FFA – Katie Pitts, National Honor Society – HS – Tracy Cochran, National Honor Society – Jr High – Lindsay Zimmer, Spanish Club – Gwena Walker, Student Council – Jr High – Leigh Fimbianti, Student Council – HS – Sharon Wright, Sunshine Club – Melissa Culver-Pekny, Robotics – Cameron Nunan, Jr/Sr High Yearbook – Susan Taylor, Battle of the Books – Paula lunghuhn, Drama Club – Kelly Knochel. The following people were recommended to be mentors at the High School: Laura Rogers, Melissa Culver Pekny, Sharon Wright, Kelly Knochel, and Susan Burden. Kelly Knochel and Leigh Fimbianti will also be building buddies. The Elementary mentors are as follows: Megan Ulrich, Amber Harmon, and Susan Burden. Elementary ECA coaches are; Keegan Finkbine for band, Gretchen Longfellow for Student Council, Gretchen Longfellow for Elementary Yearbook, Choir – Shellie Johnson, Spell Bowl – Stepheny Lemenager, Recycle Club – Michelle Culver. This motion also asks for approval to continue to pay an employee who is on administrative leave. The resignations were: Kyle Black, JR/SR high school Social Studies and paraprofessional, Kyra Rhoades, FES Counselor, and Kristi Laxton FES Special Education teacher to leave around September 15th. Don Mills seconded this motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Erica Wasson made a motion to approve the contract with IEP Therapy for a speech pathologist. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rowe presented the board with a purchase order requisition to purchase FES classroom locks. We will use money from the state safety grant and capital projects to pay for these. Don Mills made a motion to approve this purchase. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a resolution authorizing Frontier to pay the bus portion of the driver owned equipment contract for transporting students out of the bus replacement fund. Don Mills made the motion to accept this resolution. Erica Wasson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the advertising of the 2016 budget for the capital project and bus replacement funds. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Reagan presented the board with a recommendation to adjust the bus drivers pay. He also recommended a few changes to the bus driver manual. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve all of these recommendations. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rowe recommended to the board that all non-certified staff receive a 2.5% raise. Steve Christopher made a motion to accept this recommendation. Erica Wasson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the Ivy Tech Community college agreement. Our students can take classes at Ivy Tech and earn college credits. Frontier will reimburse the students 50% of the cost if they receive a C or better. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Don Mills made a motion to approve the bus driver manual with the new changes made. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rowe presented the board with a purchase order to Turf Dogs Landscape to correct the athletic fields. Don Mills made a motion to accept this purchase order. Steve Christopher seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to give Mr. Little, the school attorney, permission to pursue mediation through the legal process. This motion also gave approval to Mr. Litte to secure the necessary paperwork through appropriate means to initiate the mediation process. It also identifies Mrs. Rowe to be a representative for the district to be involved in the mediation process. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

State Board of Accounts will not audit the ECA treasures any more. Frontier hired Administrators Assistance to contract with an auditor to audit these accounts. They have completed that task and had the final report. Laura Bell made a motion to accept this report. Erica Wasson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Nogle the High School ECA treasurer presented her 2014-2015 school year final report of the High Schools accounts. Steve Christopher made a motion to accept this report. Erica Wasson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hoover asked the board for permission to dispose of several items that no longer work and or can't be repaired. Laura Bell motioned to approve this request. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hoover and Mrs. Rowe presented a purchase order to Apple for iPad minis for the Elementary students. Erica Wasson made a motion to approve this purchase order. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a request to purchase a new copy machine for the corporation office. Erica Wasson motioned to approve this request. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Layton and Mrs. Jensen gave the board the High Ability Policy to approve. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve this policy. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Pitts turned in several field trip applications for FFA. Three of these trips were for overnight trips and one was for out of state to go to the National FFA convention. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve these field trips. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There were questions and comments from the audience. The board answered these questions and took into consideration the comments.

The next board meeting will be September 21th at 7:00 pm at the Frontier Junior/Senior High School.

Steve Christopher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Mills seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

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