

Frontier School Board of Trustees

School Board Meeting August 19, 2014

There was a budget workshop to go over the projected budget for June 2014 to June 2015. Mrs. Rowe and Mr. Crimmins had a discussion with the board about each fund. Taxes will be very similar to what they are now if we would refinance the bonds to do another project.

President JC Copas called the regular school board meeting to order. Vice President Max Eldridge and members Steve Christopher, Don Mills, and Barry Wesner were present. Superintendent Mrs. Cathy Rowe, Attorney Rob Little, and Treasurer Jody Morgan were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and the meeting started.

Mrs. Rowe had some additions to the agenda: A recommendation for Haley Hall, Kim Callaway and Janet Reed. There was also an addition to discuss the bond project. Barry Wesner motioned to accept the additions. Don Mills seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Don Mills had a question about the minutes. Max Eldridge made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 15th meeting with the corrections being made. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Max Eldridge made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Barry Wesner seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Don Mills made the motion to approve the claims as they were presented. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Mr. Rowe reported that the DOE put out a request that anyone could buy used computers for a dollar a piece. We will be getting 176 total laptop and desktop computers tomorrow.

ELEMENTARY REPORT

Mr. Reagan announced that the Elementary was off to a great start this school year. We recognized Jack Morehouse for a perfect Social Studies school on his ISTEP test. We are all very proud of Jack.

JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Hettinger reported that there are several teachers working on the "STEM" project. This stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The kids seem excited to be back. There will be an open house tomorrow night from 5-6:30. We have nine new teachers at the Jr/Sr High School. We have three exchange students this year. The Jr/Sr High School is adjusting their schedule on Wednesday so teachers can have some in-service work time. Students can do test or homework make up. The National Honor Society will be tutoring students who might need help. Some students can adjust their start time if there is no makeup work needed from them. They are eliminating SRT on Wednesday which will then even out the time.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mrs. Rowe presented the board with a packet that Miss Jacoby presented to show a chart to point out who was to take care of different areas around the school. Mrs. Rowe went over some of the ISTEP results with the board. We had some perfect writing scores from some of the 3rd graders. We have the 4th best score in the area for Math, and we are rated 4th overall. Mrs. Rowe also showed the board the tax rates & assessed values from preface years.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Christopher made motion to accept the recommendation to hire the following people: Michelle Culver 3rd grade teacher, Paula lunghuhn EL Media Assistant, Deb Allen Jr/Sr High Media assistant with a pay raise. Susan Taylor for Jr/Sr High English, Laura Thompson FES paraprofessional, Deb Stoller EL cafe', Matt Kramer Custodian with limited hours, Connie Cash FES paraprofessional, Kayla Lucas FES paraprofessional, Katie Elder FES RTI, Carla Wesner JR/SR High paraprofessional, Melinda Kappes JR/SR High paraprofessional, Kim Calloway, and Haley Hall as FES paraprofessional on a temporary basis, and Janet Reed EL paraprofessional. This is pending background checks. The recommendation also included the resignations of Janice Massey, Nicole Schroeder, and Alisa Hickman, FES paraprofessionals, Melanie Grumm, and Belinda Martin for JR/SR paraprofessionals. Max Eldridge seconded this motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The High School annual financial report was presented to the board. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve this report. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Elementary School annual financial report was presented to the board. Max Eldridge made a motion to accept this report, Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Barry Wesner made a motion to approve the resolution to pay the bus portion of the driver owned equipment contract for transporting students out of the Bus Replacement Plan. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Max Eldridge made a motion to approve for advertisement the 2015 Budget including the Capital Projects Fund and the Bus Replacement Fund. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Miss Jacoby submitted for board approval a Bus Driver Manual. There were a few changes and updates made to the preface manual. Steve Christopher made a motion to accept this manual. Max Eldridge seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rowe requested that we give a credit to all Frontier Jr/SR High students on their book rental invoice of \$25.00. The Chromebooks will not arrive until later in October. Mrs. Rowe had \$25.00 removed from all invoices prior to registration. Max Eldridge made a motion to accept this request. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Kyle Marsh received a donation from Conexus Indiana. The donation was for a CNC Router kit, complete with the motor controls, power supply and router. Steve Christopher made a motion to accept this donation. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Due to the recent price increase from our milk provider, Mrs. Rowe recommended the price of our milk be established at \$0.40 per carton. Steve Christopher made a motion to increase the milk prices for 2014-2015 school year. Max Eldridge seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hettinger recommended the following people to be mentors for our new High School Teachers. Sharon Wright for Amanda Barnett, Ryan Long for Kyle Black, JoAnna Mathis for Susan Taylor, Stacy Snoble for Kirsten Mikesell, Andrew Moody for Melissa Culver-Pekny, Kelly Knochel and Kathy Bassett for Kelsey Warden, Kyle Marsh for Katie Pitts, and Lindsay Zimmer for Leigh Fimbianti. Don Mills made a motion to accept these mentor recommendations. Barry Wesner seconded the motion, and this motion was passed.

Mrs. Rowe had a proposal from Sportsfield to do field maintenance on the new Softball and Baseball fields. Max Eldridge made a motion to accept this proposal. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rowe presented the board with the annual Ivy Tech agreement. Steve Christopher made a motion to accept this agreement for the 2014-2015 school year. Barry Wesner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Max Eldridge made a motion to accept the Elementary mentors as follows; Kathy Brewer for Michelle Culver, Lucretia Jensen for Kenna Fisher, Cathy Jenkins for Sara Shelton, and Gretchen Longfellow for Mallory Rawles. Don Mills seconded this motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion made by Steve Christopher to accept the following ECA positions for the Elementary; Keegan Finkbine for Band, Gretchen Longfellow for Yearbook, Rachael Yergler for Choir, Stepheny Lemenager for Spell Bowl. Don Mills seconded this motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to accept the High School special Event Emergency plan. Max Eldridge seconded this motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hettinger recommended a co-teaching plan for six teachers at the JR/SR High School. Max Eldridge made a motion to accept this recommendation, Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hettinger presented the following people for ECA assignments; Joan Pence for 7th grade class sponsor, Amanda Barnett for 8th grade class sponsor, Kelsey Warden for 9th grade sponsor, Andrew Moody for 10th grade sponsor, Stacy Snoble for 11th grade sponsor, Tracy Cochran for 12th grade sponsor, Andrew Moody for Art Club, Keegan Finkbine for band, Laura Rogers for BPA, Rachael Yergler for Choir, JoAnna Mathis for Creative Writing Club, Melissa Culver-Pekny for FACS Club, Sharon Wright for JR High FCA, Katie Pitts for FFA, Tracy Cochran for High School NHS, Lindsay Zimmer for JR High NHS, Kelsey Catena for Spanish Club, Sharon Wright for High School Student Council, Melissa Culver-Pekny for Sunshine Club, Kyle Marsh for Robotics, Kirsten Mikesell for High School Yearbook, and Kelly Knochel for Drama Club. Max Eldridge made a motion to approve all of these positions, Don Mills seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Max Eldridge made a motion to approve Rainey Jones as the Girls Varsity Basketball coach, pending IHSA approval. The motion was also for Kasey Zimpfer to be the Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball

coach, Sara Herget to be the High School Cheerleading coach and Kirsten Mikesell for the Jr. High Cheerleading coach. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rowe presented the board with a proposal to refinance the existing bonds that we have. We would be able to use the money to complete some of the items on our original list that did not get done. It was suggested that we get everyone's input to see what their wants and needs are. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve this proposal. Max Eldridge seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

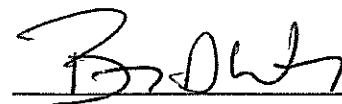
The next School Board meeting will be on September 16th.

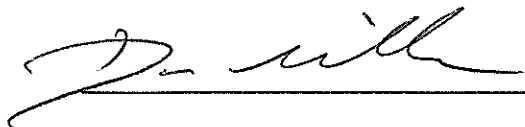
Barry Wesner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Christopher seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

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