Frontier School Board of Trustees

School Board Meeting September 19, 2016

There was a Transportation work session prior to the normal meeting. The contracted driver discussed with the board the miles that he drives per day. The maintenance problems he has had with his bus, which has been several. He asked the board to revisit the amount of pay he receives per day. The board did ask some questions and Mr. Sichting made some comments. The board is going to take all of this under advisement, look at the numbers and get back to him.

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

The following items were added to the agenda. 8.2.5, Kalisa Mitchell, maternity leave sub for Anna Mikels, 8.2.9 Lindsay Zimmer to be a mentor to Kyle Holderfield, 8.2.10 Toby Morgan, JV volleyball coach, and 8.2.11, Katie Runk to be the HS Varsity and JV cheer coach. Andie Mears made a motion to approve these additions. Don Mills seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 15th board meeting as they were presented. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Don Mills made a motion to approve the treasures report. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

The School Corporation has been having internet connection problems over the past two weeks. There was a license limit on the total number of network connections. We are identifying the problem times and areas and redesign our servers to provide much quicker service. We are working on a plan to upgrade our capacity and improve network performance through a comprehensive rework of our existing network. The Technology team has closed 269 tickets since August 1st.

PRINCIPALS REPOTS

Mrs. Carmen Bordner reported that she has met with each grade level. All students have taken STAR reading test and are in the process of taking NWEA. We have conducted fire, tornado, and a lock down drills. Midterm grades went home on Friday. There have already been three PTO meetings. There are a lot of exciting events coming up at the Elementary, please watch the website for postings, one of the main ones will be the fund raiser at Wendy's on September 27th.

Mr. Hettinger reported that progress reports went home last week. Today they checked grades and will start the after school study sessions. Right now there are 43 students that will be staying which is a lot less than when this program started. Next week is homecoming with a lot of fun events scheduled. Mr. Hettinger is setting up meetings with all of the teachers.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Sichting reported that he has started his listening tour where he is talking to all staff members. He will be available at parent teacher conference to talk to parents. He has submitted the Formative Assessment Grant last week for Elementary and 7th & 8th grade. Congress has passed a law that we have to submit an English learning plan. Dr. Crimmins reported that the canopy was 99% done. The steal will arrived Friday and they will start working on the PE addition.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sichting presented the proposed Capital Projects Fund (CPF) budget for 2017 to the board. There was some discussion on the new budget. Don Mills made a motion to accept the CPF as it was presented. Steve Christopher seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Sichting then presented the proposed School Bus Replacement plan budget. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve this budget. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting gave the board the Tuition support distribution form, which shows our funding from the state each month. Don Mills made a motion to approve this distribution, Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Grosso presented the board with a quote from Xtreme Contractors to re-service the basketball courts at the Elementary. Don Mills made a motion to approve this quote and to proceed with the work. Andi Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting had three quotes to purchase some new compressors. We have four compressors but we are only running on two. Mr. Sichting recommended EHC for the bid. They do offer an additional five year warranty, which Mr. Sichting does not recommend. Andie Mears made a recommendation to approve EHC to purchase the compressors from with no extra warranty. Don Mills seconded the motion and this motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Hoover had a request to purchase more Microsoft Windows license. Don Mills motioned to approve this request. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Elementary and High School Treasurers submitted their SA5 for the 15-16 school year. Andie Mears made a motion to approve these reports Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The board gave Mr. Sichting approval to negotiate a bus contract with Mike Keith.

Steve Christopher made a motion to accept the following resignations; Cassie Cannon, Elementary Teacher, Shellie Johnson the EL and Jr/Sr High Choir Director, Matt Kramer maintenance worker, and Kelsey Starkweather custodian. Don Mills seconded this motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion made by Don Mills to approve the following new hires; Andrew Green as a temporary custodian, Kyle Neal Varsity Baseball Coach, Maurice Plains as Elementary and Jr/Sr High Choir director, Courtney Doll as Elementary Special Education teacher, Kalisa Mitchell as a long term substitute teacher to cover when Anna Mikels is out on maternity leave, Kelly McCormick and Cory Tonnsen as mentors at the Elementary school, Kelly Knochel and Lindsay Zimmer to be mentors at the Jr/Sr High School, Morgan Toby as Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach, and Katie Runk as High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleader coach. Steve Christopher seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the board with two field trip applications. The first one was for the High School Journalists and Newspaper classes to stay three days overnight in Indianapolis, the second request was for FFA to go to Indianapolis for the National Convention and stay 2 nights at a hotel. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve these trips. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Elementary had a donation for the Art department from Elden and Mary Lee Gutwein. Don Mills made the motion to approve this donation. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The board thanks these community members for their donation.

Mr. Sichting presented an agreement to be approved by the board with Ivy Tech for our Dual Credit program. Andie Mears made a motion to approve this agreement. Don Mills seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Don Mills made a motion to approve and put in place the Internal Controls outline and guidelines that were set up for the Corporation and all staff to use. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting gave the board a report about the ACT testing and where Frontier places in all categories.

The High School Café had an inspection from the health department and had no violations.

There were no comments from the public.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on October 17th at the Elementary.

There was a motion made by Andie Mears to adjourn the meeting. JC Copas seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

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