

## Frontier School Board of Trustees

School Board Meeting October 16, 2017

President JC Copas, Secretary Laura Bell, Vice President Steve Christopher, and member Andie Mears were present. Also present was Superintendent Dan Sighting, Attorney Bob Little, and Treasurer Jody Morgan. Member Don Mills was not present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and the meeting started.

Mr. Sighting had some additions to the agenda. The additions were 3.2 August amended minutes, 4.2 15/16 project update, 4.3 GO Bond update, 7.11 Ad Tec Agreement, 8.4.8, 8.4.13, and 8.4.14 additional coaches for winter sports. Andie Mears made a motion to approve the additions to the agenda. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the 8/21/17 board meeting and the minutes from the September 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting as they were presented. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the treasures revenue report. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation statements for September. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the spreadsheet cost for the 15/16 and the GO Bonds. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Laura Bell to approve the balance of the September claims, APV numbers 9307 - 9324, and the October claims APV numbers 9325 – 9404. The motion also includes the September 22 and October 6<sup>th</sup> payrolls. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## TECHNOLOGY REPORT

The Technology department has been working with students who's Chromebooks are not linking at home. Twenty five students came to Mr. Hoover for help. The technology department has downloaded a wireless patch to help stop people from getting access into our systems.

## ELEMENTARY REPORT

Mrs. Bordner reported that the Elementary finished the first round of NWEA testing and the results are aligning well with I Step. The Elementary received an A letter grade from the state. We want to thank the PTO for the mega party for the students who sold a set amount during the fundraiser. The PTO also sponsored the first ever Parent Movie Night. Students brought their families, and came in their pajamas to watch movies together. There are a lot of educational field trips coming up at the Elementary and parent teacher conferences are Wednesday.

## JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Hettinger reported that the next nine weeks at the Jr/Sr High School will start the block scheduling. We will also be having the students working on problem base learning. Mr. Hettinger demonstrated a new way for teachers to video themselves and then watch it and use that to improve or change teaching styles.

## COUNSELOR REPORT

Mrs. Bassett reported that last week sophomore and juniors took the PSAT test. November 8<sup>th</sup> will be the annual FSFA meeting. The military will give a career test just for the student's information. The Accuplacer test is for juniors who didn't score high enough on the I Step. Beginning in December any seniors who didn't pass the I Step will need to retake the test. Only 8 seniors need to retake the test.

## MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Martin reported that he is 60% done replacing the light bulbs in the Elementary with the new light bulbs. There was some discussion about the Elementary chiller. We are preparing for winter and have placed our salt order and have put the snow plow on and tested it. All of the fiber has been completely ran and there will be four new cameras installed. We will be changing the codes for the old gym.

## SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Sighting reported that the official grades are out for the Schools. The Elementary school received an A and the Jr/Sr High School received a B at 87%. The Corporation grade is still embargoed. The ADM is finalized as is the Vocational Grant. We should start seeing a difference in our state tuition payment. In December the Special Education ADM will be finalized. We will collaborate with Wabash Valley on the next Title 1 grant. Mr. Sighting has started to contact parents for the collaboration meetings. He needs to talk to 14 people; we have 22 people who have said yes, 4 that I have not reached yet. There is an ELearning day on Wednesday for Parent/Teacher conferences. There is a new way to track diploma pathways; this has Mr. Sighting a little concerned.

## BUDGET/FINANCIAL

Mr. Sighting requested approval of the Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates for the 2018 Budget. The adopted tax levy will be \$3,314,717 with a tax rate of \$0.8814 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The Capital Projects Fund will have a maximum tax rate of approximately \$0.2149 generating a tax levy of \$836,157.72. This will result in a lower 2018 overall tax rate and tax levy. The maximum tax levy for Transportation is estimated to be approximately \$325,251. Again the lower maximum Transportation levy will lower the overall tax rate and tax levy. The anticipated maximum tax levy for School Bus Replacement is anticipated to be \$143,803. As you can see, the adopted tax levy is \$147,852. The lower maximum School Bus Replacement levy will again lower the overall 2018 tax rate and tax levy. Laura Bell made a motion to approve this, Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made the motion to approve the expenditure budget goals for Frontier School Corporation for 2018. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the Resolution for 2017 budget reductions. This resolution gives Superintendent Dan Sighting and Treasurer Jody Morgan approval to decrease appropriation levels, tax rates, or tax levies after the Indiana Department of Local Government finance provides Frontier School Corporation with the 2018 1782 Notice. This will also allow the Treasurer to balance all of the appropriations for the year end. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hoover was requesting permission to purchase 200 new Chromebooks. The current Chromebooks that our students have are on their fourth year. This would replace about half of the Chromebooks. Mr. Hoover had several quotes and discussed the pros and cons with the board. Laura Bell made a motion to approve to purchase the Lenovo Chromebook from Technology Plus. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 17/18 teacher agreement to the board. This was in agreement with the teacher association. Andie Mears made a motion to approve this agreement. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The MASE Trust voted last spring to have Frontier secure their own dental insurance. Mr. Sighting recommended that the board approve the renewal with Anthem Insurance for dental. Laura Bell made a motion to approve having Frontier's dental insurance through Anthem. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears motioned to approve the Secured School Safety Grant. This is a matching grant. Frontier will spend funds out of Capital Projects and the grant will match it. We will use this grant to put up ballads at the High School front door. We would also add door screens so someone outside can't see in. We will also hire a part time resource officer and train them. This will help with response time in case of an emergency. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The School Corporation received the Lilly grant. This grant will be used to provide academic counseling, social and emotional counseling, and assist students in becoming "College and Career Ready". Laura Bell made a motion to approve this grant. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Martin had quotes for the boards review to replace the Elementary chiller. There was discussion on all of the pros and cons of each quote. Steve Christopher made a motion to replace the chiller and not to exceed \$108,884.00. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was an agreement between Frontier School Corporation and AdTec for filing Form 470 to solicit proposals for local LAN networks and internet services for the purpose of providing Wi-Fi to students and staff. Laura Bell made a motion to approve this agreement. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## PERSONNEL

Mr. Sighting requested that the board approve the termination of a custodian, effective October 1, 2017. Laura Bell made a motion to approve this recommendation. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a recommendation to hire Jonna Denny for the day custodian at the Jr/Sr High School. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve this recommendation. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sailors recommended the following coaches: David Gilbert, Boys Basketball Varsity Assistant, Jake Sullivan, Boys Basketball 9<sup>th</sup> grade Head Coach, David Cartwright, Boys Basketball 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Mack Lopp, Boys Basketball 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Mike Follis, Boys Basketball 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Dan Layton, Boys Basketball 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Minshen Ho, Girls Basketball Varsity Coach, Destiny Boatman, Girls Basketball Varsity Assistant, Sheri Moore, Girls Basketball 9<sup>th</sup> grade, Lisa Zarse, Girls Basketball 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Melinda Culver, Girls Basketball 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Tim Mickle,

Girls Basketball 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Tessa Thomas, Girls Basketball 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Kinsey Howe, Girls Basketball volunteer, Ciera White, Girls Basketball Volunteer, Jordan Zarse, Girls Basketball Volunteer, Tony Metzger Wrestling, Kyle Weaver Wrestling, Scott Sproles, Volunteer Wrestling, Katelyn Jones 7 & 8 Cheerleader coach, Steve Christopher made a motion to approve all of these coaches. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made the motion to approve to advertise the Superintendents contract. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Sighting asked the board to approve the agreement/memorandum of Understanding for campus based dual credit program between Frontier School Corporation and Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana Lafayette. Laura Bell made a motion to approve this agreement. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There were donations made to both schools. Kappa Kappa Sigma donated \$150.00 to the Jr/Sr High School Family & Consumer Science. The Psi Iota Xi Sorority donated \$399 for Reading Horizons kits for the Elementary. Andie Mears made a motion to approve these donations. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the board appreciates all of the donations.

Mr. Sighting shared the ACT College Readiness letter that the school received. In 2017 eleven students took the ACT test. This letter showed test results for these students and also compared using graphs our student's scores compared to the state average.

Administrator Assistance did the ECA reviews, Mr. Sighting's went over those findings with the board.

Laura Bell approved items to be declared as surplus. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was an agreement with Wabash Valley Alliance to provide School Based Therapy Services to Frontier's students. Andie Mears made a motion to approve this agreement. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The board had the seconded reading of the board policies. Mr. Sighting asked if they wanted to change 5111 relating to charging transfer tuition. There was also a change stating that there is only one count day per year. Andie Mears made a motion to approve these board policies as they are. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Elementary School improvement plan was presented to the board. Laura Bell made a motion to approve this plan. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion that gave approval for Mr. Sighting to advertise for snow removal quotes for the Frontier Elementary School. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments from the public

Steve Christopher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled board meeting will be November 20th at the Jr/Sr High School.

  
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