

Frontier School Board of Trustees

School Board Meeting October 17, 2016

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

The following items were added to the agenda. 7.5 revision to page 2, 7.7 the States monthly distribution, 7.8 approval to pay Tech Defenders, 8.24 & 8.25 two Elementary after school clubs, 8.31 maternity leave request, 9.2 FFA field trip, and 11.1.1 High School construction update. Laura Bell made a motion to approve these additions and changes. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 19th and the September 28th board meeting as they were presented. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the treasures report. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Laura Bell to approve the claims as they were presented. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

The School Corporation has still been having internet connection problems. Mr. Hoover is having a hard time figuring out what the real problem is since it is so spotty and not always to same location. There are still a large number of work tickets open. The technology department is working on these as fast as they can. The new Chromebook covers have been received. We will do a roll out to get these covers all on the Chromebooks on the same day. This should eliminate a lot of the damages.

ADMINISTRATORS REPOTS

Mrs. Carmen Bordner reported that NWEA testing is done and the scores are high. Star Reading has finished the 2nd round of testing. Parent Teacher conferences are coming up this week. Our Professional Development days are looking at grades below and above each other and aligning the curriculum. The Elementary will be partnering with Cornerstone Autism Center for some professional development in ABA therapy. Observations have started for teachers and she has had at risk data meetings for grade levels. There are a lot of activities coming up at the Elementary.

Mr. Hettinger reported that last Friday was the end of the nine weeks. Report cards will be given out at conferences. The high school is looking at data on standard mastering. They are doing curriculum audits. Problem based learning starts next week.

Mr. Jamie Sailors reported for athletics that the football team drew Central Catholic for the sectional. The Volleyball team drew Clinton Central.

Mrs. Bassett talked to the board about items she gives to seniors. She talks to them about the SAT/ACT test, when and where they are held. She shows them all of the colleges in Indiana and helps set up

college visits if she needs to. Ivy Tech has a new program and they will pick 25 students for this. Many of our classes are dual credit with not just Ivy Tech but other colleges. She will be hosting a FASFA educational night on November 2nd. Ivy Tech holds two FASFA nights, one on November 13th and the other on February 12th. Frontier has 52 seniors this year and 28 have already applied to college.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Sighting reported that things are going very well. He has completed 95% of his staff interviews. He started interviewing bus drivers and he will be riding with each of the drivers on their routes. He will be having town hall meetings at each building during conferences.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sighting presented the Ordinance of Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates. The tax rates will increase a small amount. Mr. Sighting overestimated expenses and underestimated revenue. Laura Bell made a motion to approve this Ordinance. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the board with Frontier's 2017 budget goals. Don Mills made a motion to accept the budget goals as presented by the Superintendent. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the board a resolution authorizing reductions and to line up with the 1782 notice. Andie Mears made a recommendation to approve this. Don Mills seconded the recommendation, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting then presented the board with a resolution for internal cuts of the 2016 capital projects funds. Don Mills made a motion to approve this resolution. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Don Mills made a motion to approve the 2016-2022 transportation contract. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

During parent/teacher conferences our bus drivers will have to drive an extra route one day. Mr. Sighting recommended that we pay the bus drivers for an extra route on Tuesday the 18th. Laura Bell made a motion to approve this recommendation. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the board with the monthly state tuition support. The summer months go on an estimated student count. November and December will adjust the amounts to reflect our pupil count. Even though the student count is down, the CTE grant money is up and the Honors grant money is up.

Mr. Sighting requested permission for the treasurer to pay Tech Defenders as soon as all of the new Chromebook cases were in place. This way the warranty would start at that time also. Laura Bell made a motion to approve this payment. Don Mills seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Don Mills made a motion to approve Belinda Martin's resignation. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion made by Laura Bell to hire Nikolas Ebert as a substitute custodian. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears made the motion to approve the following recommendations for hire. Tony Metzger, Wrestling Coach, Kyle Holderfield Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach. Cassie Timmons and Stepheny Lemenager to each have an Elementary after school club. Don Mills seconded the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

Jayme Whitaker requested the board approve her to take maternity leave beginning on January 9th until March 13th. Laura Bell made a motion to accept Jayme's request. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Jillian Layton requested the board grant her approval to take her maternity leave beginning on January 23rd and ending on May 1st. Laura Bell made a motion to accept this request. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

It was brought to the school board's attention that the wording on Mr. Sighting's contract addendum was not correct. Andie Mears made a motion to correct this wording. Don Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a field trip request presented to the board for the baseball team. There was discussion about insurance for this trip. The board decided to table this trip for this meeting. Mr. Sighting would talk to our insurance carrier.

Miss Pitts presented a field trip to the board for an FFA leadership camp trip. Andie Mears made a motion to approve this trip. Don Mills seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the board with a contingency fee for two additional months of fees for the building project for Administrator Assistance. JC Copas made a motion to approve this request. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.


Gibraltar Design gave a donation to the Education Foundation as a thank you for our business instead of a dinner at the ISBA convention. The donation was for \$250.00. Laura Bell made a motion to approve this donation. Andie Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crimmins gave an update on the project at the High School. The roof for the new PE addition should be on by tomorrow. They will cut the door on Friday. The canopy is 99% done. They need to finish up the columns and the snow and ice cap guards. They will be getting quotes for the rest of the items. Laura Bell made a motion for Mr. Sighting to be able to purchase the balance of the items with a \$50,000.00 cap.

There were no comments from the public.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on November 21st at the High School.

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


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