

## Frontier School Board of Trustees

School Board Meeting October 19, 2015

J.C. Copas called the regular school board meeting to order. Vice President Steve Christopher, Secretary Laura Bell, members Don Mills and Erica Wasson were present. Also present were Superintendent Mrs. Cathy Rowe, and Treasurer Jody Morgan. Attorney Rob Little was not present. The pledge was recited and the meeting began.

Mrs. Rowe had the following items to add to the agenda; 7.1.3 resignation of Erica Wasson, school board member, 7.14 Certificate to appointment Michelle Culver to the Brookston Public Library Board. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve and accept these additions, Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the minutes as they were presented from the September 21<sup>st</sup> school board meeting. Steve Christopher 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 Don Mills to approve the claims as they were presented. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Mr. Hoover reported that the technology department has about two dozen Chromebook to be sent back to warranty work. There are some that went back to Apple for some updates. The technology department has been working on eLearning information and changing the Elementary website to have this information available. Some of the state testing that needs to be done can be done on their Chromebook, other test will not be able to do that.

### ELEMENTARY REPORT

Mr. Reagan reported that the Elementary School staff won the annual kick ball game against the 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Grandparent's day for K-2 graders was held with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders performing for the grandparents. Students who met the sales goal for the fundraiser were treated to a "Mega Party". Students had a lot of fun, and they want to thank the PTO for putting this on. The annual Veteran's day program will be held November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the old gym. The Elementary held a fire drill on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October with the Brookston Fire Department responding to the call. The fire department complimented the students for getting out of the building so quickly and quietly. The new preschool equipment has been delivered and is set up. The staff is looking forward to parent teacher conferences.

### JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Hettinger stated that Mrs. Culver Pekny's student Kaitlyn Walker passed the safe serve certification test. This helps students in getting a job in the restaurant field. Many employers will take someone who has passed this test over other applicants. There was also a very nice article in the paper about the culinary arts class. Mrs. Furbush and some of the art students are finishing the mural on the Chalmers Post Office. There will be convocation tomorrow morning, its purpose is to describe and explain what Problem Based Learning is, how the modified block schedule is to work, and to have each student group

meet with their teachers to discuss details. There will be an iron man volley ball tournament similar to powder puff to celebrate the upcoming volleyball sectional. Report cards will go home with students tomorrow. Mr. Hettinger then introduced the new Transportation/Athletic Director Jamie Sailors.

### ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Sailors reported that the infield mix has been removed from the old baseball field and grass has been planted. There is a problem with the fence around the new fields. Blue Fence is working on this problem. Construction is planned to start by the end of the week on the new Softball building. Volleyball sectionals start on Thursday with Frontier hosting these games. Football sectionals start on Friday.

### SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mrs. Rowe gave a handout with food service cost and monies on it by the month and to compare the last several years. Mrs. Rowe also gave a handout to the board and had a power point presentation on Frontier's scoreboard data. All of this information can be found on the DOE website. A lot of the information from testing the prior year isn't out yet.

### NEW BUSINESS

Steve Christopher made a motion to accept the following recommendations: Pay consideration for Matt Kramer, Patricia Texeria, FES paraprofessional, Ben Powell, boys varsity track coach, Billy DeWitt assistant volleyball coach, Cameron Nunan, Sophomore Class sponsor, Todd Pekny, JH Cross Country coach, Wes Nagle, 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach, Scott Sproles, Assistant Varsity Wrestling coach, Lawrence Metzger, Varsity Wrestling coach. The motion also included the following resignations: Sheri Eaton, FES paraprofessional, Ryan Long JR/SR High PE teacher and Varsity Baseball coach, Tammy Pattengale, JR/SR High paraprofessional. Erica Wasson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion made by Steve Christopher to accept the resignation of Erica Wasson as a school board member. Erica stated that she is moving out of the district and that she could no longer be a member of the school board. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Each white county school must agree on and appoint a representative for the White County Area Plan Commission. The Superintendents recommended Mark Bentlage. Steve Christopher made a motion to accept this recommendation. Laura Bell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made the motion to approve Brand Electric to retrofit 22 light heads in the parking lot at the Elementary. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion made by Erica Wasson to approve the pay increase for the three administrators. This is based off of the salary increase from the teachers association and the percent of an increase the teachers will receive from the compensation model. It is an average of 3.71% to the teachers and Mrs. Rowe recommended this same increase to the three administrators. Laura Bell seconded the motion, Don Mills voted no, the others voted yes. The motion was passed by a vote of 3-1.

There was a recommendation to pay the bus drivers for an extra half day when they will run an additional route on October 20th. This is due to the Elementary releasing earlier than the High School. Laura Bell made a motion to approve this recommendation. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rowe presented to the board a reduction of appropriation resolution. This will be a reduction in the Debt Service, Capital Projects, Transportation, and Rainy Day funds. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve this reduction of appropriation. Erica Wasson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

There was an ordinance or resolution for appropriations and tax rates presented to the board. The adopted tax rates are based on the 2016 budget for the Frontier School Corporation. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve these tax rates. Erica Wasson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to adopt the 2016 Bus Replacement Plan. This is for the 2016 budget. Erica Wasson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Don Mills made the motion to adopt the 2016 Capital Projects Fund Plan. This is also for the 2016 budget. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Reagan had submitted the Title IIA grant for the board to approve. Erica Wasson made the motion to approve this grant. This grant pays for professional development. Don Mills seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a Purchase Order to have Brand Electric install lighting on the Elementary basketball courts. This will be for the courts that are between the Elementary and the old gym. Erica Wasson motioned to approve this purchase order, Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rowe wrote a grant to Archer Daniels Midland Co. (ADM) for money to be used for Elementary playground toys and equipment. The grant was awarded in the amount of \$1,000.00. Don Mills made a motion to accept this donation. Erica Wasson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The FFA requested to go on an overnight field trip on November 20-22<sup>nd</sup> for Fire Camp Leadership. Steve Christopher made the motion to approve this trip. Don Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion by Steve Christopher to appoint Michelle Culver to the Brookston Public Library Board. Don Mills seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### OTHER ITEMS & COMMENTS

Mrs. Rowe informed the public on what someone should do if they were interested in filling the board members spot that was vacated by Erica Wasson. Mrs. Rowe said that this information would be available to the public at the corporation office and in the newspaper.


There was a question asked about the new block scheduling and how that would work. Mr. Hettinger explained that most of the morning classes would stay the same since we have several students to travel to other schools. He also stated that the teachers that have labs with their classes would greatly benefit from the added time.


Mr. Grosso talked about the Elementary HVAC system. He told the board that this is something that we will be needing to upgrade in the future. When a controller fails, right now we have a few extra at the High School, but not many. It cost \$800.00 per controller to send these out and have them rebuilt. There is no warranty on them after they are rebuilt.

Mr. Crimmins announced that the handrails were ordered for the auditorium. They will be having the final walk through of the white building this week. The state gave the approval to start construction on the softball press box. There is also an upcoming meeting with Gibraltar for the new corporation office.

The next scheduled board meeting will be November 16th at the High School.

Steve Christopher motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Don Mills seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

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