

## School Board of Trustees

Public Meeting November 16, 2015

J.C. Copas called the school board meeting to order. Secretary Laura Bell, members Steve Christopher, and Don Mills were all present. Also present was Superintendent Mrs. Cathy Rowe, Attorney Rob Little and Treasurer Jody Morgan. The pledge was recited and the meeting began.

Mrs. Rowe had the following items to add to the agenda; 7.1.24 Lisa Zarse 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach, 7.6 recommendation for the new school board member, 7.7 Administration building and High School entrance remodel. Steve Christopher made a motion to accept these changes. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the treasures report. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Laura Bell 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 ipads are distributed to all of the Elementary classrooms. We are having a lot more repairs with Chromebooks already. Last week was the HECC conference, they went over I step testing for the upcoming year. There will be a different vendor for this year with the hopes that this should be better. There was some discussion on things that can be done if the High School internet is down in the evening or the weekend and students might not be able to access it for homework, and there was also discussion about elearning days.

### ELEMENTARY REPORT

Mr. Reagan gave the Elementary report. Parent-Teacher conferences went very well and the teachers have almost reached the goal of 100% communication with parents. November 13<sup>th</sup> was the awards luncheon for the Gold Star Status. Frontier Elementary is the only Elementary school in the state to receive this award for the first time this year. The new entry way is in, but there are some adjustments still to be made. We might be the only Elementary school in the state with a double buzz in system. The Elementary had a lot of veterans at their Elementary Veterans Day program. The spell bowl team will compete at the Kokomo Spelling Bowl completion this Thursday. The annual Christmas Shoppe will be held on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December.

### JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Hettinger reported that the High School will be doing a trial ELearning day Thursday and Friday. The state of Indiana doesn't want packets sent home with students. They have started the 12 days of giving. Each group or club takes a day and is doing nice things for the other students.

### SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mrs. Rowe gave an update on problem based learning techniques that have been put into place. We are a member of the Northwest Indiana Education Service Center. Being a member of this helps us get savings with

our gas prices from NIPSCO. There was an update given on reading levels of the students. Mrs. Rowe also went over money that has been spent on the new project and items that are being worked on. Mrs. Rowe presented plaques to three recipients who the Corporation was proud to recognize for the new Going Beyond the Frontier Community Award. This award recognizes individuals in the Frontier school community who not only exhibit selfless dedication through volunteerism in our schools, but also give through donations of time, energy and finances. We are very grateful for all of these donations. The awards were presented to; The Scott Culver family, Pampel and Associates, and Tammy Fesler.

### NEW BUSINESS

Steve Cochran made a motion to accept the recommendations of: Kyle Neal to be the High School PE teacher and the Varsity boy's baseball coach. Justin Brock to be offered a full time position as a maintenance employee. Connie Guinn to be a High School paraprofessional. Michael Follis to coach boys 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade basketball, Jordan Zarse to be a volunteer boy's basketball coach, Shawn Martin to be Girls Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach. Tim Mickle to be the head boy's 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball coach, Leigh Fimbianti to be the girl's 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball coach. Haley Hall to be the girl's 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball coach. Katie Lee will be the girl's 9<sup>th</sup> grade basketball coach, Don White for the boy's 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball coach; Jeremy Mears will be the volunteer for this position. Kasey Zimpfer to be the girl's 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade basketball coach, with Shane Dahnke and Becky Segal as volunteer coaches for this group. Melinda Culver and Lisa Zarse are to be the girl's 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball coach. There was also a recommendation to provide Ryan Long with a stipend for extra athletic supervision he had done. Susan Burden was recommended for two mentor stipends, and Gretchen Longfellow was recommended as the Elementary student council sponsor. There was also a resignation from Kelsey Geisler from her position. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to accept the resignation of Tracy Cochran. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion made by Steve Christopher to approve Todd Reagan and Jeff Hettinger to receive a stipend for doing extra transportation and athletic director work when there was a vacancy. There was also a stipend request for Donna Gagnon, paraprofessional at the Elementary. David Hoover was accidentally left off of the administrator request at the October meeting for an increase pending the effective or highly effective evaluation. Don Mills seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a lease agreement from the town of Chalmers for the softball fields and concession stand. Don Mills made a motion to approve this Steve Christopher seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve a recommendation to increase some paraprofessionals pay. These paraprofessional's duties require a much higher need of effort for the students. Don Mills seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

There was an agreement with MASE Trust for Eligibility guidelines. Don Mills made a motion to accept this agreement. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve Whitaker Construction to install the hand rails in the old gym. Steve Christopher made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

J.C. Copas reported that the board interviewed 5 very qualified candidates to replace Erica Wasson's seat on the school board. J.C. said it was unanimously that the board picked R. Andie Mears for this position. Don

Mills made a motion to recommend Mr. Mears be appointed to the school board. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Gibraltar presented drawings for the canopy at the Frontier JR/SR high school and plans for the blue house possibly becoming the corporation office. Don Mills made a motion to move forward with this and finalize any specifications and to have them ready at the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. They should have cost and proposals ready for the February meeting. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments from the public.

The next School Board meeting will be at the Frontier Elementary on December 21<sup>th</sup>.

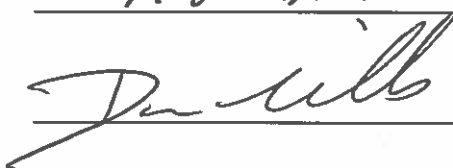
Steve Christopher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Mills seconded the motion. This motion passed unanimously and the meeting was

  
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