

Frontier School Board of Trustees

School Board Meeting November 20, 2017

President JC Copas, Secretary Laura Bell, Vice President Steve Christopher, and members Don Mills and Andie Mears were present. Also present was Superintendent Dan Sighting, Attorney Bob Little, and Treasurer Jody Morgan.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and the meeting started.

Mr. Sighting had an addition to the agenda. The addition was 7.14 Kidder Media Newsletter contract. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the additions to the agenda. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 16th board meeting. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation statements for October. 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 October claims, APV numbers 9406 - 9423, and the November claims APV numbers 9424 – 9520. The motion also includes the October 20th and November 7th payrolls. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

The Technology department has approximately 195 Chromebooks that have been repaired or are going to be repaired. Out of the 155 that have been completed only 55 have been because of damage. We have been working on the best possible wireless configuration for the new Chromebooks- it has been challenging to find a secure yet easily used solution. I believe we have prepared a good configuration right now and have started configuring a few Chromebooks for testing.

ELEMENTARY REPORT

Mr. Sighting gave Mrs. Bordner reported stating that the Elementary Spell bowl team scored a school record high 37 points. Congratulations to the team and Mrs. Lemenager. 6th grade basketball is under way. Thank you to Chris and Michelle Mathias, Donald Short and Mitch Cooper for a special Veterans Day program. We had over 97% attendance for Parent-Teacher conferences. Teachers will reach out to any parents that could not come. There are multiple events and field trips coming up in December.

JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Hettinger was at an Indiana Principal meeting. He did his report via a video showing the new swivel product he demonstrated last month. The Jr/Sr High School will be doing I Step boot camp to do some extra training for I Step testing. There will be Naviance training coming up.

ATHLETICS

Mr. Sailors reported that all sports are in full swing. There were a couple of question on how coaches are recruited and obtained.

COUNSELOR REPORT

Mrs. Bassett reported that they have given the PSAT test. The will start I Step retakes in December.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Sighting gave the Beyond the Frontier award to Bill and Nicole Schroeder. They spent many hours repairing, painting etc. the bell that was used during football games. The board appreciates all of their work!

We were notified that we received the Title 4 grant through Wabash Valley. Mr. Sighting reported that they had the first Community collaboration meeting and it turned out very good. We will be interviewing for the parent liaison position that will be shared with the other white county schools and be paid with the Lilly Grant. We will also be moving forward on the resource employee. The lights in both gyms have all been changed, some of the hallways are also done.

PRESENTATION

Chase Stetler gave a presentation on an Eagle Scout project he wants to do. He would like to make a little library on the school grounds for the Chalmers community. Chase had a nice handout that he gave the board with dimensions and all of the information. The board asked Chase some questions and told him that they approved the project and thanked him for doing this.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

Mr. Sighting reminded the board that this month will be a reconciliation month for our state tuition payment.

Mr. Sighting presented the board with four bids for snow removal for the upcoming winter. Laura Bell made a motion to approve Bird & Sons landscaping for the snow removal bid. Don Mills second the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The board was presented with quotes to replace the security cameras at the Jr/Sr High School. Andie Mears made a motion to approve purchasing these cameras but not to exceed \$19,969.65. Part of this money will come from CPF and the other will come from the security grant.

Mr. Sighting presented the board with a request to purchase three copy machines at the Elementary building. Laura Bell made a motion to approve this purchase. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the change order request for Grantham to add necessary devices to four boilers at Frontier Elementary and the Brookston Gym. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting informed the board that we received our payment for summer school. The amount that we received was less than our request.

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve Mr. Sighting's request to put half of the savings from choosing the lower health savings plan into an administrators H.S.A. account. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the administrators to get a 2.3% increase which is the average increase the teachers received. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. Don Mills voted no, the motion still passed.

Mr. Sighting recommended that all non-certified staff receive a 2.3% pay increase. Steve Christopher made the motion to approve this increase. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting informed the board that the State awarded Frontier the Title IIA grant. Frontier will receive \$13,989.64 for this grant.

A motion was made by Steve Christopher to purchase the IC Collins bus and take delivery in the spring of 2018. The motion was also to purchase a StarCraft HMB taking delivery in 2018. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the board with a request to purchase eTrition Nutritional Software. This is for our lunch program. This will replace Meal Tracker that we currently have. eTrition includes several features that Meal Tracker does not. Meal Tracker is older and they are moving away from giving service for it. Steve

Christopher made a motion to approve this purchase. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve Kidder and Company to publish and mail 4000 copies of a winter newsletter. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL

There was a public hearing for the Superintendents contract. Mr. Sighting's current contract will expire on July 31, 2019. If approved this will extend the contract and have it end on July 31, 2020. There were no comments from the public. This will be revisited at the December 18th meeting.

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the following; Jarrett Burroughs – Volunteer Baseball Coach, Stephanie Fischer – Battle of the Books Jr. High, Paula lunghuhn - Battle of the books High School, LuCretia Jensen - Battle of the Books 4-6, Doug Kessler – Boys Basketball Volunteer, Chris Mathias – Math Club, Jared Miller Baseball - 1st Assistant, Kyle Mikesell - Baseball 2nd Assistant, Cassie Timmons - Robotics Club 4-6th grade, Chad Sailors – Varsity Baseball coach, Scott Sproles – Assistant Wrestling coach. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Frontier School Corporation has a student with legal settlement in our district, with disabilities in a private placement. Since Frontier can collect special ed funding for this student we must provide curriculum consultation for up to two hours a week. Mr. Sighting recommends Sara Shelton and Anna Mikels to be the curriculum consultants. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve this recommendation. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

FIELD TRIPS

The 6th grade teachers put in a field trip request for October of 2018 for their annual Camp Tecumseh trip. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve this overnight trip. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

There were donations from:

Apple Popcorn Festival to the Jr/Sr High FFA, the Class of 2018 parents gave the class of 2018, Kappa Kappa Sigma Sorority to Jr/Sr High, Kyler Rentfrow memorial fund to the Jr/Sr High extra-curricular account, Kappa Kappa Sigma Sorority to Frontier Elementary, Psi Iota Xi to Frontier School Corporation, and Fountain Trust to Frontier School Corporation. Laura Bell made a motion to approve these donations. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The board would like to thank all of the donors for their generosity.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the job description for the school resource officer. This person will go to both schools. The town of Chalmers will badge this office so they will bill Frontier and Frontier will pay the town. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Indiana Department of Education recently released the accountability results for the special Education for the 2015-2016 school year. Frontier School Corporation received a memo dated October 11, 2017 in which the accountability score was listed as "meets requirements".

There was a first reading of the Board Policies numbering from 10.4.1 to 10.4.22. We will have the 2nd reading in December.

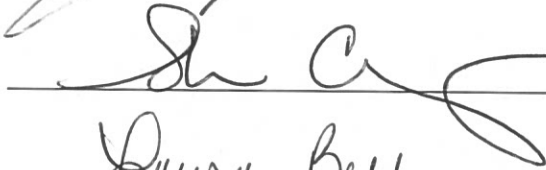
There were no comments from the public

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

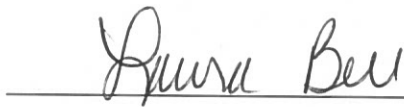
The next scheduled board meeting will be December 18th at the Elementary School.



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