

## Frontier School Board of Trustees

School Board Meeting December 18, 2017

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited and the meeting started.

Mr. Sighting had some additions to the agenda. The additions were 7.6 - 1782 Budget Notice, 7.7 - 2017 Property Tax Settlement, 7.8 – 2017 Financial Institutions Tax Settlement, 7.9 – 2017 Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Settlement, 7.10 – 2017 Excise Tax Settlement, 7.11 – 2017 Budget Revenue Collections. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the additions to the agenda. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20th board meeting. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation statements for November. Don Mills 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. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Laura Bell to approve the balance of the November claims, APV numbers 9521 - 9537, and the December claims APV numbers 9538– 9615. The motion also includes the November 22nd and December 7<sup>th</sup> payrolls. This motion also approved the payment of a late

arriving invoice from PTE. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### TECHNOLOGY REPORT

The Technology department has completed 1040 tickets so far this semester. We have 200 new Chromebooks and will pass them out on January 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at the Jr/Sr High School. We updated the wireless network settings at both schools and will connect the new Chromebooks to a new network that will be more stable in light of some of Google's past update problems. We will be updating and expand the cameras at the Jr/Sr High during Christmas break. Mrs. Ward and Mr. Cooper are to be commended on their hard work during 2017, and we are look forward to more accomplishing during 2018.

### ELEMENTARY REPORT

All certified teachers have had one long and one short observation this semester. We are implementing CLASS through PD and building-wide common language. We enjoyed the Christmas Music and Band programs. The PTO had the Christmas Shoppe, and are looking at activities for the second semester.

### JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

We are finishing final exams this week. Students presented their problem based learning projects. The top six were selected and will present again next year and be judged. The state is changing how a student receives a diploma and what all they must do. This is going to be extremely different than what we are used to now.

### COUNSELOR REPORT

Mrs. Bassett reported that ECA & IStep testing has been completed. We should have the ECA results around January 4<sup>th</sup> and IStep results around January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Martin reported that they will be doing some deep cleaning over break. They are almost finished installing all of the new lights. He is still fighting with the controls and being able to remotely access them. We will be replacing the chiller in January.

## SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Sighting reported that we have received our graduation rate from the state which was 93%. Indiana is running behind on their revenue and there could be cuts, but at this time we do not know. He stated that he has had two community collaboration meetings; the next one is set for the end of January. The amount of funds that we receive for vocational classes is going down and will be cut in half. There might be a waiver that we could get and we could possibly get a higher amount for AG. We have a candidate for the Lily grant support specialist that I will be presenting later in the meeting.

## BUDGET/FINANCIAL

Mr. Sighting went over the 2018 state tuition support distribution report.

Mr. Sighting presented a reduction of appropriations for the ending of 2017. We will not use all of the appropriations so we want to ensure that we have the highest appropriation level and revenue for the next budget cycle. Don Mills made a motion to approve the reduction of appropriations. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Fuel prices have stayed steady and as a result there is a cash surplus in the transportation fund. Mr. Sighting requested that the board authorize the transfer of \$50,000 from transportation to the rainy day fund. Laura Bell made a motion to approve this request. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Indiana State Board of Accounts does not allow appropriations in any fund to end the budget year in a negative balance. We are requesting that the treasure be able to make transfers within minor categories and to transfer among major categories the appropriations to have no negative balances at the



year end. Laura Bell made a motion to approve this request. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting and Mr. Hoover presented the board with a purchase order for advanced endpoint protection for a virus checker. Don Mills made a motion to approve this purchase. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting shared with the board members our 1782 budget notice for 2018.

Mr. Sighting went over the 2017 Property Tax settlement for all funds.

### PERSONNEL

Steve Christopher made a motion to approve a one year contract extension for Superintendent Dan Sighting for the 2019-2020 school year. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a recommendation to give effective and highly effective teachers a stipend from the money received from the 2017 teacher appreciation Grant. Don Mills made a motion to approve this distribution. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The performance grant excludes counselors, instructional coaches, principals and superintendents. The Title IIA grant was written to provide an amount for which stipends could be paid to employees that were excluded from the performance grant. Mr. Sighting recommended the board approve these stipends to be paid. Don Mills made a motion to approve this recommendation. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Don Mills made the motion to approve the recommendation of Kacey Lock to be the Family Support Specialist for White County. This position is funded for three years by the Lilly Comprehensive Counseling Grant. The position will work in all four White County School Corporations in assisting parents and removing barriers to student achievement. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Laura Bell to approve the request for a pay increase for Sara Stinson. Sara has taken over some of the payroll duties since her hiring. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Martin made a recommendation to give Carrie Ebert a pay raise. Carrie has taken on more and also new duties. When trying to replace another janitor we could not secure anyone at the lower rates and this would bring Carrie up to the new range of salary. Don Mills made a motion to approve this recommendation. Laura Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### OTHER

Min Shen Ho donated \$750.00 for the purchase of Hudl online video sharing. The Brookston Lions Club donated \$700.00 to the Boys Basketball program. Home Health Services Corporation donated \$1,158 for Frontier Jr/Sr High School Athletics. There was a donation of \$100.00 from Kappa Kappa Sigma to the Frontier Jr/Sr High School Family & Consumer Science. The Frontier Elementary received a donation from Monticello Fraternal Order of Police of \$300.00 to go to the morning milk program for K-2.

Mr. Sighting gave the board the status of Compliance on Federal Indicators for FFY 2016, or school year 2016-2017. This was just information that Mr. Sighting went over with the board.

The 2019-2020 school calendar was presented to the board. Don Mills made a motion to approve this calendar. Steve Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed with Laura Bell voting no.

The Neola board policies were presented for the second reading. We will ask for a waiver for the latch key which is written in the policy. Laura Bell made a motion to approve these policies. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments from the public

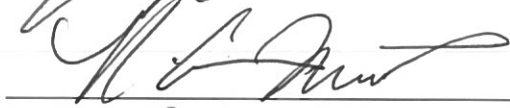
Steve Christopher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Mills seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled board meeting will be January 15th at the Jr/Sr High School.





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Secretary



Member



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