

Frontier School Board of Trustees

School Board Meeting December 21, 2015

There was a public hearing to discuss the extension of the superintendent's contract.

J.C. Copas called the regular school board meeting to order. Secretary Laura Bell, members Steve Christopher, Andie Mears, 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.

The board heard a concern from the public to have more handicap parking spots at the High School. The suggestion was that we have movable signs that can go up after school so the students who have the closer parking spots during the day can stay there, and after school they can become handicapped parking spots to accommodate more people.

Mrs. Rowe had item 7.4 deleted from the agenda. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Don Mills made a motion to approve the treasures report. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell had a question about one of the claims that was presented. A motion was made by Laura Bell to approve the claims as they were presented. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Mrs. Rowe gave the Technology report by talking about ENA replacing our existing phone handsets and adding more features and options to our phone service if we change completely to ENA.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mrs. Rowe stated that there is some math curriculum mapping meetings set up. There are also several teachers going to textbook caravans to look at adopting a new math curriculum. We should be seeing our budget order from the county very soon. The Farmers State bank has created a new debit card with our new Frontier logo on this card. Anyone who has an account with the bank can receive one of these cards for free. You can run the card like a debit or credit, but it is not an actual credit card. The bank will be rolling this out after the first of the year. Frontier will earn .05 cents for every transaction done using one of these cards.

We still have not received the final I Step grades. There have been several errors in recording the answers and grading the test. The department of Education hopes to have a solution by mid-January. These results are almost a full year behind.

Mrs. Rowe had a report from the state on the circuit breaker money lost to each school corporation. Frontier was the second from the bottom as far as dollars that were lost and not given to the school corporation. Frontier will only be losing \$167.00 in revenue from the circuit breaker levies. This is to do with tax caps in the county.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Christopher made a motion to accept the recommendations of: James Longfellow as a full time Elementary custodian, Connie Salisbury to be the JR/SR High School Cafeteria Cashier, Rodney Hall to be 6th grade girls basketball coach volunteer, Carrie Ebert to be a full time Elementary custodian, Lynnora Blissett to be a temporary part time paraprofessional at the Elementary, and Lynn Huston to be a temporary part time paraprofessional at the Elementary. Don Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the transfer of funds within each fund for the purpose of maintaining a positive balance. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rowe recommended the board finalize all teacher and administrative evaluations for the 2014-2015 school year at this time. Steve Christopher made a motion to approve this recommendation. Andie Mears seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rowe asked the board to include all four school administrators in consideration of Performance monies to be paid out of the general fund. The administrators get left off of the performance grant money models. Administrators contribute to each of the areas that make up the performance money compensation model. Don Mills made a motion to approve this Laura Bell seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Don Mills made a motion to approve the recommendation to reduce the appropriations. These appropriations have unobligated balances that will not be needed for the purpose that they were appropriated. Steve Christopher seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to accept changing to ENA for our Networking services. Steve Christopher second the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher made a motion to accept the donations from Dr. Lopp, Over 20 Home Ec Club and Lynn Teel to Frontier FFA. Andie Mears second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the Chalmers Pre School using a Frontier school bus and driver for a field trip. Andi Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rowe presented the board with the Neola changes for the board policies. This is the first reading of the changes. Most of the changes were changing wording, fixing grammar mistakes or adding words.

Steve Christopher made a motion to accept the recommendation from Robert Little and pay YRC \$500.00. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Elementary School had donations from the American Legion, Family Express, Useful Products, LLC, and Meijer. Laura Bell made a motion to accept these donations. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a question from the public about academic letters. This is something that the High School used to have. Mr. Hettinger is looking into this.

It was stated that there were some internet problems on the day we did testing for ELearning days.

The next School Board meeting will be at the Frontier School Corporation. This will be a reorganization meeting to vote on the officers and to set up the meetings for the upcoming calendar year.

Steve Christopher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laura Bell seconded the motion. This motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.


_____ President

_____ Vice-President

_____ Secretary


_____ Member


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