

FRONTIER REGIONAL/UNION #38 SCHOOL COMMITTEES JOINT MEETING
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
South Deerfield, MA 01373

MINUTES

Frontier Regional School Committee

Members Present:

Chair: Robert Halla*	Member: Judy Pierce*	Member: Mary Ramon*
Member: Damien Fosnot*	Member: William Smith*	Member: Keith McFarland*
Member: Philip Kantor*	Member: Cyndie Ouimette*	Member: Lynn Roberts*
Member: Olivia Leone*	Member: Robert Decker, III*	

Members Absent: None

Union #38 School Committee – Chair: Kenneth Cuddeback

Members Present:

Conway School Committee

Chair: Elaine Campbell*
Member: Ashley Dion*
Member: Philip Kantor
Member: Ira Band

Deerfield School Committee

Chair: David Sharp*
Member: Mary Ramon
Member: Kenneth Cuddeback*
Member: Trevor McDaniel*
Member: Jan Flaska

Sunderland School Committee

Chair: Gregory Gottschalk*
Member: Peter Gagarin*
Member: Maisie Shaw*
Member: Keith McFarland

Whately School Committee

Chair: Katie Edwards*
Member: Robert Halla*
Member: Maureen Nichols*

Members Absent:

Conway School Committee

Member: Michael Merritt*

Sunderland School Committee

Member: Douglas Fulton

Present on behalf of the Joint Committee: Interim Superintendent Darius Modestow

Frontier Regional School Committee Chair Robert Halla called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Union #38 Chair Kenneth Cuddeback called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

FRSC: On a motion from William Smith and a second from Cyndie Ouimette, the Minutes of October 4, 2018 were amended to change all Frontier Regional School Committee votes to 10-0-0.
Approved 10-0-1.

Union: On a motion from Trevor McDaniel, and a second from David Sharp, the Minutes of October 4, 2018 were amended to change all Union #38 votes from 13-5-0 to 8-0-0, and to indicate that Union #38 invited Darius Modestow and all non-voting Union #38 Committee members into executive session.
Approved 7-0-4.

There was no Public Comment.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Hiring of Superintendent

FRSC: On a motion from William Smith, and a second from Cyndie Ouimette, to suspend the search for a Superintendent of Schools and appoint an internal candidate. Approved 11-0-0.

Union: On a motion from Trevor McDaniel, and a second from Peter Gagarin, to suspend the search for a Superintendent of Schools and appoint an internal candidate. Approved 16-0-0 (11 voting members, 5 non-voting members).

FRSC: On a motion Cyndie Ouimette and Philip Kantor, to appoint Darius Modestow, current Interim Superintendent, to a five-year contract, pending successful contract negotiations. Approved 11-0-0.

Union: On a motion from Trevor McDaniel, and a second from Elaine Campbell, to appoint Darius Modestow, current Interim Superintendent, to a five year term as Superintendent of Schools, pending successful contract negotiations. Approved 16-0-0 (11 voting members, 5 non-voting members).

On a motion from William Smith and a second from Mary Ramon to allow Frontier Regional School Committee chair Robert Halla to negotiate with Superintendent Darius Modestow on behalf of the Frontier Regional School Committee. Approved 11-0-0.

On a motion from Trevor McDaniel and a second from Ashley Dion to allow Union #38 Committee chair Kenneth Cuddeback to negotiate with Darius Modestow on behalf of Union #38. Approved 16-0-0 (11 voting members, 5 non-voting members).

Business Manager Search

Darius will update the job description for the Business Manager position and distribute to the Joint School Committee.

FRSC: On a motion from Philip Kantor, and a second from Cyndie Ouimette, to post the Business Manager position effective February 1, 2019. Approved 11-0-0.

Union: On a motion from Trevor McDaniel, and a second from Robert Halla, to post the Business Manager position effective February 1, 2019. Approved 16-0-0 (11 voting members, 5 non-voting members).

FRSC: On a motion from Philip Kantor, and a second from Cyndie Ouimette, the meeting adjourned at 6:47pm. Approved 11-0-0.

Union: On a motion from Trevor McDaniel, and a second from Elaine Campbell, the meeting adjourned at 6:47pm. Approved 11-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Pierce, Recording Secretary

Summary of Documents Presented:

1. Minutes of October 4, 2018