

Frontier Regional School Committee Meeting
Frontier Regional School
Media Center
Tuesday, February 11, 2020

MINUTES

Present: Chair Robert Halla, Robert Decker, III, Philip Kantor, Bill Smith, Judy Pierce, Damien Fosnot, Keith McFarland, Lyn Roberts, Olivia Leone, and Mary Ramon; Principal George Lanides, Director of Business Administration Shelley Poreda; and Superintendent Darius Modestow

Absent: Ashley Dion

Robert Halla called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

On a motion from Robert Decker III, and a second from Olivia Leone, the Minutes of January 7, 2020 were approved 9-1-0.

Shelley Poreda presented the Financial Statement and warrants. There were 17 warrants totaling \$1,627,133.13.

There was no Public Comment.

PRESENTATION: Superintendent's Academic Excellence Award to Gabe Jones-Thomson, joined by his parents Theresa Jones and Dewitt Thomson. The Superintendent shared with the committee a list of his accomplishments, both academic, athletic, and personal. The committee congratulates Gabe and his family and wishes him well with his future endeavors.

Student Advisory Council Report - presented by Maddie Leone. The Student Council participated in a round table with other local councils. They look forward to taking some of the ideas they talked about there back in the school.

Under Unfinished Business,

- Capital Plan update
 - Last week the committee interviewed three track designers for the upcoming track project, Berkshire Design Group, Milone & McBroom, and Activas. The sub-committee selected Berkshire Design Group to lead the track project.
 - The committee will be asked to approve the selection of BDG at the March meeting.
 - Request by Robert Decker, III that the sub-committee consider the option of including sewer and water to the track project plan in consideration of future development in that athletic field.
- On a motion from Robert Decker, III, and a second by Philip Kantor, to authorize the sub-committee to authorize the chairman of the school committee to sign the contract with Berkshire Design Group after review by our attorney. Approved 10-0-0.
- Discussion of Warrant Articles
 - The sub-committee presented a proposal to use both E&D funds and warrant articles to fund additional projects in the middle and high school.

- On a motion from Robert Decker, III, and seconded by Bill Smith, that we notify the select board members of the four member towns that we plan to use \$115,676 from E&D to fund projects in the middle and high school. Approved 10-0-0.
- On a motion from Bill Smith, and seconded by Robert Decker, III to present a warrant article to the four member towns ‘to raise and appropriate, take from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$15,500 for electric corridor door holds, \$15,000 for repair Central Clock System, and \$18,000 for repair of exterior and interior Intercom System for a grand total of \$48,500 for the Frontier Regional School District, or take any other action in relation thereto.’. Approved 10-0-0.
- Further discussion on the Proposed FY21 Budget
 - Shelley Poreda and budget sub-committee presented a proposed Frontier Regional School District budget of \$12,515,330 for FY21 (2.84% increase). Details were provided on:
 - Summary budget information, details of increases and decreases in budget lines
 - FY20-FY21 school choice analysis
 - FY21 four-town assessment
- On a motion from Robert Decker, III, and a second by Bill Smith to submit a proposed FY21 budget of \$11,360,437 for general fund expenditures and \$432,000 for transportation expense for a total budget of \$11,792,437. Approved 10-0-0.

Under New Business: Various policies were presented for a first reading:

1. JBB-Educational Equity (this is a new policy from MASC)
2. JB-Equal Educational Opportunities (MASC changed in February 2019)
3. JFABD-Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services (DESE compliance)
4. JFABE-Educational Opportunities for Military Children (DESE compliance)
5. JFABF-Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care (DESE compliance)
6. JLCDA-Condom Availability Policy (recommended by Frontier Regional School District)
7. JLCDA-1 - Procedure for Policy JLCDA

Under Reports:

- a. Committee/Chair: none presented
- b. The Collaborative: Handout available on 2019 youth health data, professional development available on health prevention topics through the collaborative website.
- c. Principal: enclosed
- d. Superintendent: none presented

On a motion from Bill Smith, and a second from Robert Decker, III, the committee agreed to adjourn at 7:23 pm. Approved 10-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Pierce, Recording Secretary

Summary of Documents Presented:

1. Minutes of January 7, 2020
2. Monthly Financial Report
3. Proposed capital improvement subcommittee project list (E&D and warrants)
4. Proposed FY21 Budget
5. Various Policies & Procedures
6. Principal's Report
7. Employment List
8. February enrollment