

Frontier Regional School Committee Meeting
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Tuesday, March 3, 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

Chair Robert Halla called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

On a motion from Bill Smith, and a second from Robert Decker, III , the Minutes of February 11, 2020 were approved 10-0-0.

Chair Robert Halla called the Public Hearing to order.

Superintendent Modestow presented the FY21 FRS district budget narrative.

Discussion about bus transportation and consideration of opportunities for different routes or 'hub' bus pick up stops. The district just began the first year of a five year contract with Grybko.

Addition of 2.5 FTE/positions to the local budget; a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and an English teacher.

Middle school class size ranges from 18-24 students per class. High school class size ranges from 15-30 students per class. Average cost per student is TBD, but DESE lists it at ~\$18,500.

Request for information on total Special Education, administration, and central office costs. Possibility using end of year report to DESE to communicate these expenses at a summary level.

Discussion about the future possibility of school(s) and towns sharing resources for administration and maintenance.

Shelley Poreda presented the Financial Statement and warrants. There were 18 warrants totaling \$1,619,610.68.

There was Public Comment. Robert Decker, III commented on the recent passing of two Frontier teachers, Howard Barnard and John Siano, and requested that the chairman send letters of condolence on behalf of the committee.

Student Advisory Council Report - none presented

Under Unfinished Business,

- Proposed FY21 Budget

- On a motion from Robert Decker, III and a second from Judy Pierce, to submit a FY21 budget to the towns in the amount of \$11,792,437, which includes transportation costs. Approved 9-1-0.
- Discussion of Warrant Articles
 - Warrant articles have been sent to the four towns.
- Capital Planning Update
 - Berkshire Design Group sent a proposed contract which is under review between the school district, attorneys, and BDG. The sub-committee will be reconvened shortly to review the contract and other projects.
- Discussion and Vote on Policies presented at the February 11th meeting:
 - On a motion from Philip Kantor seconded by Damion Fosnot, all updated policies listed below were approved, 10-0-0.
 - Policy JB-Equal Educational Opportunities
 - Policy JBB-Educational Equity
 - Policy JFABD- Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services
 - Policy JFABE- Educational Opportunities for Military Children
 - Policy JFABF- Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care
 - Policy JLCDA-Condom Availability
 - Policy JLCDA-1 is procedure and is not voted by school committee.

Under New Business:

- Student trip: Amazon/Peru Science Expedition Trip July 2021-Stacey Chapley, Science Teacher. On a motion from Robert Decker, III, seconded by Bill Smith, Amazon/Peru Science Expedition Trip in July 2021 approved 10-0-0.
- Various policies were presented for a first reading:
 - IHA-Basic Instructional Program (remove)
 - JLA-Student Insurance Program (remove)
 - JLD-Guidance Program (remove)
 - JP-Student Gifts and Solicitations (remove)
 - BEDH-Public Comment at School Committee Meetings (updated language for DESE compliance)

Under Reports:

- a. Committee/Chair: none presented (although Bob did give an update on his successful knee replacement surgery :-)).
- b. The Collaborative: no meeting until April
- c. Principal: enclosed
- d. Superintendent: enclosed

On a motion from Robert Decker, III, seconded by Bill Smith, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.
Approved 10-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Pierce, Recording Secretary

Summary of Documents Presented:

1. Minutes of February 11, 2020
2. Monthly Financial Report
3. Proposed FY21 Budget
4. Various Policies & Procedures
5. Principal's Report
6. Superintendent's Report
7. March Enrollment