

Frontier Regional School Committee Meeting  
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Tuesday, September 10, 2019

MINUTES

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

Absent: Ashley Dion, Damien Fosnot

Chair Robert Halla called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Superintendent Modestow called for nominations for Chair. On a motion from Robert Decker III, and a second from Olivia Leone, Robert Halla was nominated Chair. Robert Decker III moved, seconded by Judy Pierce, to close nominations for Chair and appoint Robert Halla as Chair. Approved 9-0-0.

The meeting was then turned over to Chair Robert Halla who asked for nominations for Vice Chair. On a motion from Robert Decker III, and a second from Robert Halla, William Smith was nominated Vice Chair. Robert Decker III moved, seconded by Philip Kantor, to close nominations for Vice Chair and appoint William Smith as Vice Chair. Approved 8-0-1.

On a motion from Robert Halla and a second from Robert Decker III, Judy Pierce was nominated as Secretary. Approved 9-0-0.

Chair Robert Halla then appointed the following representatives:

Budget Subcommittee: William Smith, Mary Ramon, Keith McFarland, Philip Kantor  
Negotiations Team: Robert Halla, Lyn Roberts, Robert Decker III, Philip Kantor  
Frontier Capital Improvement Committee: Robert Halla, Philip Kantor, Robert Decker, Judy Pierce  
The Collaborative Representative: Lyn Roberts  
MARS Representative: Robert Decker III  
Policy Review Committee: Robert Halla, Philip Kantor, Olivia Leone, Lyn Roberts  
Sick Leave Bank: Robert Decker III, Lyn Roberts

On a motion from William Smith, and a second from Philip Kantor, the Minutes of June 11, 2019 were approved 7-0-2.

Shelley Poreda presented the Financial Statement.

There was Public Comment: The Whately 250<sup>th</sup> celebration committee in 2021 is inviting schools to participate in this event. Target celebration date is the last week of school (approximately June 25, 2021).

Robert Decker announced that he will be completing his 21<sup>st</sup> year on the regional school committee and does not plan to run for election again.

Sophia Rossi presented the Student Advisory Council report. The council is working on recruiting new members and developing an upcoming Spirit Week in October. Maddy Leone reported that the Franklin County Rotary Club has invited the council to work with them on community service and fund raising.

Under Unfinished Business, Superintendent Modestow updated the committee on the Capital Plan. Bond counsel is reviewing documentation to ensure everything is in good order. The Capital Improvement Committee will then have to meet to develop next steps in the process. Projects will not begin until July 1, 2020 and will not affect budgets until the following fiscal year 2021.

Under New Business:

MASC/MASS Official Delegate – Olivia Leone was designated the MASC/MASS Delegate on a motion from Robert Decker III and a second from Judy Pierce. Approved 9-0-0.

Safe Schools Grant – Frontier was awarded \$22,000 to improve the security of the building, cameras, walkie-talkies, doorway access.

Charging Station – Deerfield Energy Committee representative Laurie Boosahda presented information on electric car charging stations.

Policy KHC Dissemination of Information – presented for first reading.

Policy IMG A – Dissection and dissection alternatives – presented for first reading.

Under Reports:

- a. Committee/Chairman: none presented
- b. The Collaborative: next meeting will be later in September
- c. Principal: enclosed
- d. Superintendent: enclosed

The committee entered into executive session at 8:06 pm. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) in order to comply with the Open Meeting Law for the purpose of releasing Executive Session Minutes and to approve and release Executive Session Minutes.

Shelley Poreda was invited into executive session.

Roll Call:

Robert Halla-yes

William Smith-yes

Philip Kantor-yes

Robert Decker, III-yes

Olivia Leone-yes

Judy Pierce-yes

Mary Ramon-yes

Keith McFarland-yes

Lyn Roberts-yes

Absent: Ashley Dion, Damien Fosnot

The committee did not enter into a 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

The committee entered into a 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Session at 8:16 pm pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.

The school committee returned to Open Session at 8:45 pm.

On a motion from Robert Decker III, and a second from William Smith, to rescind the vote taken by the committee on June 11, 2019 to approve the non-union salary recommendations as follows:

“Nonunion personnel making greater than \$50,000 will receive a 1% salary increase, nonunion personnel making less than \$50,000 will receive 2% salary increase.”

Approved 6-1-2.

On a motion from William Smith, and a second from Robert Decker, III, to approve the non-union salary recommendations to grant nonunion personnel a 2% salary increase effective July 1, 2019 excluding any nonunion personnel that are under contract.

Approved 7-1-1.

On a motion from Lyn Roberts and a second from William Smith the committee agreed to adjourn at 8:46pm.

Approved 9-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judy Pierce, Recording Secretary

Summary of Documents Presented:

1. Subcommittee Index Sheet
2. Minutes of June 11, 2019
3. Monthly Financial Report
4. MASC Official Delegate Form
5. Capital Planning Subcommittee information
6. Electric Vehicle Charging Station information
7. Policy KHC – Dissemination of Information
8. Policy IMGA – Dissection and dissection alternatives
9. Principal's Report
10. Superintendent's Report
11. Employment List
12. Opening Day Enrollment