

Frontier Regional School Committee Meeting
Frontier Regional School
Media Center
Wednesday, May 9, 2017

MINUTES

Present: Chair Cyndie Ouimette, William Smith, Mary Ramon (left at 6:30 pm), Robert Decker, III, William Marrapese, Keith McFarland, Philip Kantor and Bob Halla; Principal Darius Modestow; Assistant Principal Scott Dredge; Business Manager Patricia Cavanaugh and Superintendent Lynn Carey

Absent: Lyn Roberts, Judy Piece and Damien Fosnot

Chair Cyndie Ouimette called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

The Minutes of April 6, 2017 were tabled until the June meeting.

Patti Cavanaugh, Business Manager, presented the Financial Statement. She presented 17 warrants totaling \$1,345,949.18. Next, a presentation was given by Charles Patterson and Brian Jamros from Bartholomew and Company on their Investment Services Proposal for the OPEB Trust. Patti also the Loss Report for Frontier Regional School Café of \$54,567 through April. A discussion was had as to finding funds to cover this loss. This was roughly the same loss amount as last year. Superintendent Carey, Principal Modestow and Patti Cavanaugh will develop a cost saving plan for the cafeteria expenditures.

There was no Public Comment.

There was no Student Advisory Council Report.

Under Unfinished Business, there was an update on the closing of 219 Christian Lane. It will cost approximately \$900 for 5 College Movers to move boxes from the basement up to the first floor. Approximately \$4,000 for Kocot to remove the underground 2,000 gallon oil tank. An estimated \$400 per file cabinet drawer, or \$1,600 per file cabinet, to have New England Archives digitize the records. Superintendent Carey has asked the Town of Whately for a price for storage space of 1,000 sq. ft.

Next under Unfinished Business, there was further discussion on the Frontier Library Media Center Envelope Repairs. Bob Lesko presented the project in 6 tiers with graduating costs. The cost of Tier 1, including final design work, would be approximately \$25,000. The funds would need to come out of E&D. On a motion from Philip Kantor, and a second from William Marrapese, the Tier 1 option, with the final design work, was approved with the funds coming of E&D. Approved 7-0-0.

Lastly under Unfinished Business, there was a review and discussion of the opinion letter from the Dupere Law Offices as to the lights donation. The legal opinion of the Dupere Law Offices is that the Committee can choose to use the donated monies for other capital projects.

Under New Business, there was a discussion of the letter from Bob Smith, Girls' Track Coach on the poor condition of the track. Bob Lesko and Principal Modestow will present a list of needed improvement for a possible bond to fix any items. Bob will also look into obtaining a price to repair the track.

Next item was a discussion of the process to change health insurance benefits by adopting M.G.L. c. 32B, Sections 21-23 in order to keep insurance costs down. This item will be voted on at the June meeting.

Third item was a discussion and vote on offering vision insurance to employees at 100% employee cost. On a motion from Phil Kantor and a second from Keith McFarland, the district will be able to offer employees, at their cost, a vision insurance plan. Approved 5-2.

Fourth item under New Business is discussion only of Non-Union Salary Recommendations. The vote on this item will take place at the June meeting.

Lastly, there was a review of the Summary Report on the Superintendent's Performance Evaluation. Her rating was Proficient. Superintendent Carey stated that she will not have as many goals for the next evaluation period.

Principal Modestow gave the Principal's Report. He spoke about the success of prom night, MCAS, spring concerts and Seniors' final exams. He invited all the school committee members to graduation on June 2nd.

Superintendent Carey gave her report. She spoke to budgets and Teacher Appreciation Week.

On a motion from Bob Decker, and a second from Bill Smith, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Approved -7-0-0.

Summary of Documents Presented:

- (1) Minutes of April 6, 2017
- (2) Monthly Financial Statement
- (3) Profit and Loss Statement
- (4) Opinion Letter from the Dupere Law Offices
- (5) Integrated Vision Plan
- (6) Letter to Union Representative regarding MGL, c. 32B, Sections 21-23
- (7) Frontier Library Media Center Envelope Repairs
- (8) Principal's Report
- (9) Superintendent's Report
- (10) Monthly Enrollment

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Halla, Secretary
Frontier School Committee