

Frontier Regional and Union #38 School Committee
Joint Meeting
Frontier Media Center
Tuesday, July 31, 2018

FRONTIER REGIONAL and UNION 38
JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Frontier Regional School Committee

Present: Robert Halla, Judy Pierce, Mary Ramon, Cyndie Ouimette, Robert Decker, III, Philip Kantor, Olivia Leone, Lyn Roberts, Interim Superintendent Darius Modestow

Absent: William Smith, Damien Fosnot, Keith McFarland

Chair Bob Halla called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Union 38 School Committee

Present: Michael Merritt, Phil Kantor, Greg Gottschalk, Peter Gagarin, David Sharp, Ken Cuddeback, Trevor McDaniel, Mary Ramon, Katie Edwards, Bob Halla, Maureen Nichols, Interim Superintendent Darius Modestow

Absent: Ira Band, Elaine Campbell, Ashley Dion, Maise Shaw, Keith McFarland, Doug Fulton, Jan Flaska

Chair Ken Cuddeback called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Frontier motion by Cyndie Ouimette, seconded by Mary Ramon, to approve minutes of June 18, 2018, June 26, 2018, and July 17, 2018 as amended.

Approved 8-0-0

Union 38 motion by Trevor McDaniel, seconded by Greg Gottschalk, to approve minutes of June 18, 2018, June 26, 2018, and July 17, 2018 as amended.

Approved 9-0-0

Public Comment: No public comment.

New Business:

Updated on Business Manager Search. Request for quote was distributed to four businesses, three responded including The Management Solutions (TMS). Request by Darius to move forward with 3-month TMS contract. Proposed that in October meeting the joint review if we need to extend another 3 months. Past 6 months it would have to go out to bid (+\$50,000 threshold).

Draft of proposed TMS contract sent to attorney for review with no issues. References for TMS and current auditor all checked with no issues.

Recommendation that joint committee establish norms for interaction with TMS staff specific to requests for information etc. so that inquiries do not bog down available resources.

TMS will work with current staff. Personnel issues will be directed to Interim Superintendent.

Review of contract details:

Request to correct spelling of Whately.

Question about #6 in Scope of Services – confirmed to mean that there will be a representative at each school committee meeting.

Question if there will be an audit with the transition of business services manager. Because the current manager is leaving at the end of the fiscal year, the auditors will review the close of fiscal year books per usual and provide feedback to the committee(s). In addition, current manager has been contracted for \$75 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours, to complete the closing of the fiscal year for Frontier – elementary schools are already complete.

Recommendation that the joint committee hold on current search until mid-year.

Frontier motion made by Bob Decker, seconded by Judy Pierce, to hire TMS for 3 months at \$8,000 per month, as outlined in cover letter and the RFP, and that as recommended by administration, the interim superintendent be authorized to sign all contracts with TMS.

Approved 8-0-0

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Approved 9-0-0

Executive Session:

Frontier motion made by Bob Halla, seconded by Bob Decker, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21, (a)(7) to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements (approval of executive session minutes of June 18, 2018 and June 26, 2018) to enter executive session at 6:31pm.

Roll Call Vote Frontier:

Robert Halla: yes	Cyndie Ouimette: yes	Philip Kantor: yes
Judy Pierce: yes	Robert Decker, III: yes	Olivia Leone: yes
Mary Ramon: yes	Lyn Roberts: yes	

Union 38 motion made by Ken Cuddeback, seconded by Trevor McDaniel pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21, (a)(7) to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements (approval of executive session minutes of June 18, 2018 and June 26, 2018) to enter executive session at 6:31pm.

Roll Call Vote Union 38:

Michael Merritt: yes	David Sharp: yes	Katie Edwards: yes
Gregory Gottschalk: yes	Kenneth Cuddeback: yes	Bob Halla: yes
Peter Gagarin: yes	Trevor McDaniel: yes	Maureen Nichols: yes

Frontier motion by Bob Decker, seconded by Phil Kantor, to approve minutes of June 18, 2018 and June 26, 2018 as amended.

Roll Call Vote Frontier:

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Judy Pierce: yes	Robert Decker, III: yes	Olivia Leone: yes
Mary Ramon: yes	Lyn Roberts: yes	

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Frontier motion made by Bob Decker, seconded by Olivia Leone, to return to open session.

Roll Call Vote Frontier:

Robert Halla: yes	Cyndie Ouimette: yes	Philip Kantor: yes
Judy Pierce: yes	Robert Decker, III: yes	Olivia Leone: yes
Mary Ramon: yes	Lyn Roberts: yes	

Union 38 motion made by Trevor McDaniel, seconded by Katie Edwards to return to open session.

Roll Call Vote Union 38:

Michael Merritt: yes	David Sharp: yes	Katie Edwards: yes
Gregory Gottschalk: yes	Kenneth Cuddeback: yes	Bob Halla: yes
Peter Gagarin: yes	Trevor McDaniel: yes	Maureen Nichols: yes

Frontier motion made by Bob Decker, seconded by Mary Ramon, to adjourn at 6:39 pm.

Approved 8-0-0

Union 38 motion made by Trevor McDaniel, seconded by Peter Gagarin, to adjourn at 6:39 pm.

Approved 9-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Pierce

Frontier School Committee Member