

Frontier School Corporation
126 E Main St
Chalmers, IN 47929

Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees
Thursday, January 14, 2021

School Board Meeting
FEB 22 2021
APPROVED

Present: President Andie Mears, Vice President Shelley Christopher, Secretary Laura Bell, School Board Member David Rosenbarger, and School Board Member Stephanie LaOrange.

Absent:

Also Present: Superintendent Dan Sichting and Treasurer Cortney Parrish

President Mears called the Meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Routine Business

Laura Bell moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 6.8- iPad purchase. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the Revenue Report as presented. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the Appropriation Report as presented. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the Fund Report as presented. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Shelley Christopher moved to approve the Bank Reconciliation Report as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the 2017 G.O. Bond Report as presented. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the 2020 Bond Report as presented. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the January claims as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Technology Report

Mr. Hoover reported that the technology department has been experiencing product shortages, but we have recently received 200 Chromebooks for the Jr/Sr High School, webcams, and document cameras. Most of the Chromebooks have been distributed to student during SRT period. We are awaiting approval to purchase ds, and we expect to receive those within 4-8 weeks. Teachers and students are doing well utilizing

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distance learning tools, such as Zoom, Google Docs, and Seesaw. We have purchased the Enterprise version of Zoom which has heightened security features.

Elementary Report

Mrs. Bordner gave a presentation on NWEA testing results and growth. Mrs. Layton and Mrs. Jensen met to dig into the data and identify students and topics that need special attention. Mrs. Bordner does not see any glaring red flags in the results, and the staff is constantly creating ways to improve curriculum. The Elementary is planning online Kindergarten round-up again in February. December was a quiet month due to cancellation of typical events.

Jr-Sr High Report

In Mr. Hettinger's absence, Mrs. Layton gave a presentation on NWEA results and growth. She explained how the data is broken down to give specific instruction to students that need extra help. Frontier School Corporation is utilizing the Smiles Program again this year for dental care. Participation rate is high. Social Studies is looking into a new textbook adoption in the near future.

Athletics and Transportation Report

Mr. Burgess was absent.

Counselor's Report

Mrs. Bassett reported the HS has 8 virtual students, and the JH has 3 virtual students. The course description handbook will be worked on. Pre-registration is going to start soon, and the guidance department will work on getting students in the required classes to complete their pathway. ISTEP will be the week of February 8, 2021 for the Junior class and the Seniors who did not pass the re-take. The SAT will be held at Frontier on March 3, 2021.

Maintenance Report

Mr. Peterson reported that the new truck decals have been installed. The Ford maintenance truck is running again, but will need further repairs in the spring. High School and Elementary staff did a great job over Christmas Break.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Sighting reported that the TVs in the HS commons area are up and running to report live energy numbers from the solar array. The solar array is finished with the exception of a few punch list items. The softball/baseball restrooms and concession stand is under construction. We are waiting on materials, and barring any unforeseen weather events, the project is on track. Mr. Sighting met with the Town of Chalmers and the new Town Marshall regarding the Secured School Safety Grant and our SRO. We are looking into forming our own police department and hiring Mr. Bolen as a Frontier employee. Our attorney is looking into the paperwork needed and statutes that must be followed. We are soliciting quotes for replacement windows at the Jr/Sr High School to replace 27 single pane windows. We are also soliciting quotes for replacement of condensing boilers at the Elementary. Cheerleaders and parents of cheerleaders are upset that Frontier is not

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allowing cheerleaders at the games; however, most school corporations in the area are following the same protocol. A 911 call went out from the High School today due to smoke in the SRO office. The staff did a great job evacuating the students. The fire department and Frontier staff were unable to locate the source.

Budget/Finance

Mr. Sighting presented and estimate for the January FY 2021 Tuition Support Distribution, but it is not scheduled to come through until tomorrow. Our ADM is 632 as of yesterday.

Mr. Sighting presented the resolution to transfer \$60,000.00 from the operations fund to the rainy day fund. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the transfer. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the resolution to set the monthly transfer from the education fund to the operations fund in the amount of \$46,195.00. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the transfer. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the resolution to extend the COVID-19 Leave for Employees to apply for 10 paid sick days through March 31, 2021. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the resolution. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the resolution to balance appropriations for 2020. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the transfers. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2021 Budget 1782 notice.

Mr. Sighting asked the board to table the Daikin Chiller Service and Repair and Maintenance Proposal. Laura Bell made a motion to table the Daikin proposal. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting recommended approval to purchase 25 Apple iPads for \$14,150.00 to be paid from the GEER Grant. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the purchase. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Personnel

Mr. Sighting presented the extra-curricular recommendations:

- Derek Dean-Winter Strength and Conditioning Stipend

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Mr. Sighting recommended that we pay \$1.25 an hour for hazard pay for secretaries, Mrs. McMIndes and Mrs. Sullivan, dealing with ill students at Frontier Elementary and Jr/Sr High School to be paid from the referendum. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the hazard pay. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Field Trips

None.

Other Business

Mr. Sighting presented the December donations. Laura Bell made a motion to accept the donations. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented board policies for second reading:

- Board Policy 1220-Employment of the Superintendent
- Board Policy 2370.02-Flex Program
- Board Policy 2623-Student Assessment
- Board Policy 3220-Staff Evaluation
- Board Policy 5111-Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrolment of Students without Legal Settlement in the Corporation
- Board Policy 5103-Withdrawal from School
- Board Policy 5610-Suspension and Expulsion of Students
- Board Policy 5895-Student Employment
- Board Policy 6114-Cost Principles-Spending Federal Funds
- Board Policy 6325-Procurement-Federal Grants/Funds
- Board Policy 8390-Animals on School Corporation Property
- Board Policy 8400-School Safety
- Board Policy-8405-Environmental Health and Safety Issues-Indoor Air Quality, Animals In the classroom, and Idling Vehicles on School Property
- Board Policy 8462-Child Abuse and Neglect
- Board Policy 8600-Transportation
- Board Policy 8800-Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances
- Board Policy 9700-Relations with Special Interest Groups

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the board policies. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Public Testimony

None Given.

David Rosenbarger made a motion to adjourn. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be held on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Frontier Elementary School Library.

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