Frontier School Corporation 126 E Main St Chalmers, IN 47929

School Board Meeting

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Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees Monday, February 22, 2021

<u>Present</u>: President Andie Mears, Vice President Shelley Christopher, Secretary Laura Bell, School Board Member David Rosénbarger, and School Board Member Stephanie LaOrange.

Absent:

Also Present: Superintendent Dan Sichting, Attorney Robert Little, and Treasurer Cortney Parrish

President Mears called the Meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Routine Business

Shelley Christopher moved to approve the agenda with the additions of 7.4 Transfer of 2020 Appropriations and 8.4.8 ECA recommendation of Anna Mikels. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 and January 14, 2021 meetings. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Shelley Christopher moved to approve the Revenue Report as presented. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion passed unanimously.

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

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

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the Bank Reconciliation Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Shelley Christopher moved to approve the December 2020 Final Revenue Report. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Technology Report

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Elementary Report

Mrs. Bordner reported that 28 students have registered for Kindergarten Round Up. Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Day is April 13, 2021. Mrs. Lemenager is currently working on the ILEARN testing schedule. IREAD testing for 3rd graders is March 8th-11th. The Book Fair is February 26th-March 4th. NWEA final assessments will start the week after Spring Break. Mrs. Bordner expressed her appreciation for the teachers work on writing benchmark assessments. C.L.A.S.S. Coaching Day is March 30, 2021. Testing security training will be held during professional development time in March. Eight Purdue EDPS students will begin their experience at Frontier on February 25, 2021. Mrs. Bordner thanked Mrs. Layton for her great working in coordinating our RTI Program. We have a fire drill and a tornado drill upcoming. Staff are reviewing and revising end-of-year events to account for COVID mitigation. In March, we have dress up days for Riley Children's Hospital, and The American Heart Association fundraiser is going on now.

Jr-Sr High Report

Mr. Hettinger reported that ISTEP was finished up today, but we have a long way to go. We have a lot of make-up testing that will need to be completed due to weather and quarantines. Mrs. Layton has completed her NWEA meetings with the teachers to go through the data from fall to winter, and we are seeing good growth. The Jr/Sr High is looking into moving from a 7-period day to an 8-period day, but they are also looking into a modified schedule with block scheduling on certain days. Input continues to be received from all stakeholders to modify this idea. The purpose is to give students the opportunity to complete more dual-credit courses in our Early College High School Program. All pros and cons are being considered during this process.

Athletics and Transportation Report

Mr. Burgess reported that the winter sports season is wrapping up. Wrestling will be finishing up in the near future. Boys will be participating in the sectional tournament next week. Winter Awards Night is March 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Spring sports start on March 15, 2021. The restroom/concession stand project is moving along nicely after some weather delays.

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Counselor's Report

Mrs. Bassett reported that virtual school is going very well now. Eleven students have not completed one or more portions of the ISTEP. We are working very hard to make sure they are completed. Prescheduling has started. SAT day is coming up in the near future, and 33 juniors are taking it. Twin Lakes has organized a Trade Summit at Reynolds Elementary on March 12, 2021, and we are planning to take a group of students.

Maintenance Report

Mr. Peterson reported that the maintenance crew has been very busy with snow removal. MERV 13 filters have been ordered for both schools. There was a roof leak in the Jr High area that has been resolved.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Sichting reported that we have received two reimbursement checks from the solar array for electrical credits. Mr. Sichting believes the softball/baseball restrooms and concession stand project will still be completed on time for spring sports as long as the weather cooperates in March. Mr. Sichting addressed the roof leak in the Jr High wing of the school, and suggested we consider replacing that roof this spring. The GEER grant has enabled us to purchase Chromebooks and iPads. The grant requires a survey of teachers, staff, and students to give us an idea of professional development that may be needed. The High School will be receiving \$100,000 from the Rural Early College Network Grant over the next three years to pay for college sees that teachers may need to become credentialed to teach dual-credit classes and for professional development.

Budget/Finance

Mr. Sichting presented the February FY 2021 Tuition Support Distribution. This month was a reconciliation month for the special education grant. We are receiving a cash infusion for being underfunded in the previous months. February 1, 2021 was the second ADM count day at 621.33 students.

Mr. Sichting recommended approval of the quote from Lamininque to replace countertops and base cabinets in the Elementary Art Room for \$12,304.50. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the quote. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented Daikin Chiller Service and Repair Maintenance Proposal for approval. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the proposal. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting asked for approval of the appropriations transfers to close out the 2020 budget. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the resolution. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Personnel

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Mr. Sichting presented the resignation of the Jr/Sr High School ECA Treasurer, Makayla Kincaid on February 19, 2021. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the resignation. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the hires of Temporary Frontier Jr/Sr High School ECA Treasurer, Angela Burgess and Frontier Jr/Sr High School Head Cook, Charlotte Reed. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the hires. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sicthing presented a change in schedule for the Frontier School Corporation A/P Clerk & Indiana Data Reporting Specialist, Paige Barnes, effective October 1, 2020. She will move from Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm to Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the change in schedule. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the 2020-2021 Extra-Curricular recommendations:

- Sydney Altman-Volunteer Assistant Track Coach
- Jason Fields-1st Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach
- Emily Frier-Girls Junior High Track Coach
- A.J. Hall-2nd Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach
- Savanna Harrison-1st Varsity Softball Assistant Coach
- Kate Lowe-Boys Junior High Track Coach
- Tim Mickle-Boys Golf Coach
- Anna Mikels-Girls Assistant Varsity Track Coach
- Jac Sproles-Junior High Wrestling Coach
- Scott Sproles-Junior High Wrestling Coach
- Jake Sullivan-Boys Assistant Track Coach
- Adam Wright-2nd Varsity Assistant Softball Coach

Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the recommendations. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Field Trips

Mr. Sichting asked for approval of Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Business Professional of America (Overnight) field trip on February 28th and returning on March 2nd for the State Competition in Indianapolis. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the field trip. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Other Business

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

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Mr. Sichting presented a resolution to establish a Frontier School Corporation Police Department for the purpose of employing our SRO directly instead of contracting through the Town of Chalmers. Laura Bell made a motion to accept the resolution. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the Frontier School Corporation Chief of Police Handbook for approval. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the handbook. Shelley Christopher 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, March 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Frontier Jr/Sr High School Library.

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