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, November 15, 2021

APPROVED

<u>Present</u>: President Andie Mears, Vice President Shelley Christopher, Board Member Stephanie LaOrange, Board Member David Rosenbarger

Absent: Secretary, Laura Bell

Also Present: Superintendent Dan Sichting, Attorney Robert Little, and Deputy Treasurer Lori Ringer

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

Routine Business

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Shelley Christopher moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 3.2 November 2, 2021 Tentative Agreement Hearing minutes, and 3.3 November 8, 2021 Special Board Meeting minutes. Delete 7.3 Frontier School Corporation Treasurer Proposal to move Preschool Fund to Education Fund and replace with 7.3 Resolution for 2022 Budget Authorization for Reductions. Also, delete 8.2.1 Deb Lucas Frontier Elementary School Part Time Instructional Assistant. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees eld October 18, 2021, the November 2, 2021 Tentative Agreement Hearing and the November 8, 2021 Special Board Meeting. Stephanie LaOrange 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.

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

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

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve the Bank Reconciliation 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 November claims as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Technology Report

Mr. Hoover reported that state reporting is still a struggle for the DOE, vendors, and schools. He also talked about cyber insurance and multi-factor authentication and that some schools were forced to start multi-factor authentication for all staff. This means that the school might need a contract with a third party for an audit and that basic cultural changes can make a large impact, meaning that it's important to lock the computer screen when you walk away, have a long password, and to continue phishing training. He has also learned better ways to use Zoom for in-person classes and for distance learning and he hopes to have a quick guide prepared to help teachers. There are 20 Chromebooks and 10 iPads on order and the rest are waiting for ECF funding details. Regarding Wi-Fi issues, he explained that all Elementary west wing classrooms now have access to HP wireless access points positioned every other room to minimize radio interference. He tested these and it shows 2x the access speeds. The specials area, office, and cafeteria at the elementary school still have older access points. The small-scale issues still remain with the K-2 iPads on the new access points, mostly with IXL. 3rd-6th grade classroom access points were installed recently.

Elementary Report

Mrs. Layton reported Mrs. Pruitt stepped in for Sara Brown while she is on maternity leave and thanked Mallory Rawles for helping her with the transition. CLASS coach, Mr. Jim McMillian came and spoke about SPRW strategies to use in their curriculum and the importance of leadership. A movie night has been planned for November 18th held by the student council for grades K-2. Free tutoring has started and is going very well Mrs. Innocent is tutoring students in grades K-2 and Mrs. Jensen is tutoring students in grades 3-6. Professional development has been very successful. Teachers had the opportunity to work with other teachers to help develop their curriculum, experience the 1st training for Stop the Bleed from Mrs. Wheeldon, and received training on the Depths of Knowledge. The Captain Cash program, provided by White County Extension Office, started for 3rd grade students, and Sara Kramer (Frontier Alum) is teaching the lessons, which should last four weeks. The Rotary donated new dictionaries. A Washington D.C. meeting was held for current 6th and 7th graders, and 50 families attended. The trip will be October 14th-18th, 2022. The Veterans Program was held November 11th. Mrs. Layton thanked Mr. Sieber, Mrs. Notary, Mrs. Jensen, and the 5th grade students for their hard work. The Elementary staff prepared for the holidays by taking the staff holiday greeting card picture. The 3rd-6th grade awards will be held on Monday, Dec. 20th. Student council will also host a snowflake dance on Dec. 17th, and Kindergarten's Rudolph Day will be the 17th. Boys and girls basketball has also started. NWEA testing is also right around the corner, and midterms will be sent home November 19th. She also mentioned that the staff is continuing to work very hard to meet the needs of the various students.

Jr-Sr High Report

Mrs. Layton gave Mr. Hettinger's report. She reported that on November 1st, the teachers participated in professional development. They focused on improving the Depth of Knowledge in instruction and assessment and integrating technology into instruction. This PD was very successful and the JSHS plans to engage in follow-up activities throughout the years. She also thanked Mrs. Wright and the Student Council for hosting a blood drive in October. The Early College Leadership Team is traveling to Rising Sun High School this Wednesday to network with other high schools and discuss best practices for dual credit programs. The

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second nine weeks is at the halfway point and progress reports will be sent home on Friday. Frontier and Tri-County will be teaming up to collaborate on building end-of-course assessments. This will help the teachers spot holes in their instruction and ensure they are covering the standards.

Athletics Report

None.

Transportation Report

None.

Counselor's Report

None.

Maintenance Report

During fall break, the light covers in the library were cleaned out and a new water bottle filler was installed in the high school commons area. The new cleaning crew is doing a good job at cleaning both schools, but have been reminded of a few things that need to be done. We are getting prepared for the cold weather by preparing all of the equipment. There should be enough salt by the 1st of the year and more will be ordered. Pro-Tint installed shatter resistant film on all the entrance and exit doors at the High School. Covers were stalled over pull stations in the HS gym. The gas line project will also be underway. Lawn & Shrub came out and winterized the sprinkler system. We are looking to installing Cintas products to help with supply and demand for custodial supplies.

Superintendent Report

New Orleans Nov 30, 2021-Dec 4, 2021 for the American Career and Technical Education Conference. This week he will be attending the Indiana Association of School Businesses Officials meeting in Ft. Wayne. There is an uptick of students with Covid-19 positives and students being quarantined. The situation is being monitored. We have been able to maintain in-school instruction, but some pending tests may tip us to the point that some grades levels may need to go virtual. On November 2, 2022 while teachers were having PD, bus drivers and cafeteria staff also took part in professional development. Mike LaRocco led bus driver PD centered on safety and protocols. Cafeteria staff viewed videos provided by the DOE on food safety. After Thanksgiving, things will be hectic with lots of sports, music programs and finishing classes for the semester.

Budget/Finance

Mr. Sichting presented the November FY 2022 state tuition support distribution.

Mr. Sichting presented a proposal for the 2022 PowerSchool Annual Renewal. Mr. Sichting recommended the board renew the annual PowerSchool subscription for \$8,668.01. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the purchase. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.

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Mr. Sichting presented a Resolution for 2022 Budget Authorization for Reductions. Mr. Sichting asked for permission for himself and Treasurer Cortney Parrish to make reductions as seen fit in the budget for the 2022 calendar year. David Rosenbarger motioned to allow both individuals to make changes to the budget. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Personnel

Mr. Sichting presented resignations of:

- Mr. Peter Johnson, Frontier Jr./Sr. High School PE Teacher as of December 21, 2021.
- Ms. Allison Thayer, Frontier Jr./Sr. High School Special Education Teacher as of December 21, 2021.

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

Mr. Sichting presented recommendations for hire of:

• Bridgett Raney-Frontier Elementary Instructional Assistant (2nd Semester).

Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the new hire. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Field Trips

None.

Other Business

Mr. Sichting presented the November 2021 donation from Performance Services to the Frontier Education Fund. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the donations. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Other Items for Discussion

None.

Public Testimony

None given.

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

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be held on Monday, December 20, 2021 at the Frontier Elementary School Library.

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