

MAY 16 2022

APPROVED

Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees

Monday, April 18, 2022

**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 Sighting, Attorney Bob Little, Deputy Treasurer Lori Ringer.

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

**Routine Business**

Laura Bell moved to approve the agenda. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the Fund Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

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

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

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

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

Laura Bell moved to approve the April 2022 claims as presented. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Technology Report**

Mr. David Hoover reported that a network engineer from Chester IT was onsite to assist with the switchover to the new core switch. They also reviewed current connectivity issues and planning the new network equipment for this summer. Technology Initiatives planned are to: Implement Google Drive; Improve online

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security; Improve student account management; Increase account security; Replace firewall switches and access points; Replace main servers at Elementary; Replace older Chromebooks; Replace student iPads; and Tighten Wi-Fi rules.

**Elementary Report**

Mrs. Jillian Layton reported that NWEA testing closed and they will have a growth report at the next board meeting. IREAD results show 75% of students passed. 94.5% of General Education students passed with Cole Gumbel receiving a perfect score on the IREAD test. Special Education students who did not pass will be recommended for a waiver or will test again. All students who did not pass are receiving services and IREAD remediation. She is recommending the board approve 2 teachers for High Ability Summer Enrichment classes with 2 more spots needing teachers. She and the committee had interviews for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade with good applicants applying, so they just need to make a decision. She thanked the committee for their help. They are still accepting applications for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade with interviews starting soon. She thanked the PTO for providing water and popcorn for the Annual 6<sup>th</sup> Grade vs Staff Kickball game. Staff won. She thanked the Math committee for their hard work in reviewing and recommending the Math curriculum. She thanked the student handbook committee for their hard work in compiling the FES Handbook. Staff Appreciation is May 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. The end of the year is wrapping up with field trips, award programs and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade celebrations.

**Jr.-Sr. High Report**

Mr. Hettinger reported that NWEA Testing is completed, and they will be analyzing the reports for student growth as well as determining adjustment in instruction. The NHS sponsored the Every 15 Minutes Program with Kudos to Mrs. Szabela, the National Honor Society, and everyone that helped pull off the program. During Freshman Orientation they met with the incoming freshman and parents to discuss HS. The School Leadership Team attended the Rural Early College Network meeting in Indianapolis to collaborate with other Early College Schools about obtaining endorsements. April 19<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Professional Development with a focus on Social Emotional Learning & Curriculum Alignment. Events coming up are 7th Grade Orientation, JH ILEARN, Nine Weeks Progress Reports, Biology ILEARN, Prom, Senior Activities, FFA Banquet, JH Dance, Spring Concert, Academic Awards Night, Semester 2 Final Exams, Senior Scholarship Night, and Graduation.

**Athletics Report**

Mr. Jones reported that spring sports have started with all teams having competitions. He thanked the Booster Club for their support in getting the Senior and team pictures taken and banners hung. They will be implementing a new software, FinalForms, to improve data tracking and communication with coaches, parents, and athletes.

**Transportation Report**

Mr. Sighting reported they are planning to hire a bus driver to take over the open route next year, and they are continuing to look for more bus drivers for possible needs in the future.



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**Counselor's Report**

Mrs. Bassett reported that 7<sup>th</sup> Grade orientation is coming up to familiarize 6<sup>th</sup> grade students with the Jr. High School. ILearn testing begins on Thursday. Master schedule and student schedules are still being completed. Freshman orientation went well, and all CTE teachers were present their pathways. The course description handbook is finished. All but one senior is on schedule to graduate. Summer school forms for credit recovery will be going out to students the beginning of May. FEF's Basket Bingo fundraiser is Friday and is sold out!

**Maintenance Report**

Chris Peterson reported that Lawn and Shrub came and checked & repaired sprinkler heads on all the ball fields. They have started the supplies process with Cintas. BR Bleachers are coming this week to inspect all bleachers at the HS. He contacted Mulhaulpts to install 3 door closers at the Elementary main office area for security reasons. He contacted Millers flooring for two classrooms and the front entrance carpets at the HS to be replaced. At this time he has a full staff.

**Superintendent Report**

Mr. Sighting reported that the Frontier Elementary received a Small and Rural Schools Achievement Award of \$23,000. They will use the award to contract with a behavior specialist to improve the RTI program. The state is accepting 1009 waivers to use release days for professional development. They are receiving quotes for roofing projects. 45 students are already enrolled for kindergarten next year, which is about where they were year at this time. He expects another 10-15 before school starts. He believes the enrollment should stay stable for next year.

**Budget/Finance**

Mr. Sighting presented the April FY 2022 Tuition Support Distribution.

Mr. Sighting recommended approval of the Math Textbook Adoption for Grades K-8. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the Math Adoption for K-8. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented a resolution to combine 8400 (FHS Holding) and 8401(FES Holding) into 8400 (School Lunch Holding) account. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the resolution. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the AdTec Contract Fee E-Rate Agreement for Category 2 Services. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the quote. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Personnel**

Mr. Sighting presented the Resignation of a Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School cheerleading Coach. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the resignation. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Mr. Sighting presented the hires:

- Ms. JoAnna Mathis-Frontier School Corporation EL Teacher of Record.

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

Mr. Sighting presented for approval a Medical Pathway and the hire of Miss Kara Trella as Medical Pathway Teacher ( $\frac{5}{8}$  teaching position). Laura Bell made a motion to approve the hire. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented for approval an Hourly Rate Increase for Frontier School Corporation Deputy Treasurer. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the increase. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented for approval to Increase Technology Assistant Hours from 30 Hours to 37.5 Hours as of 10/1/2021. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the hours. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented for approval Bereavement Leave for Bus Drivers. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the leave. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented for approval the Food Service Director Contract. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the contract. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented for approval Frontier Elementary Dean of Students/Corporation Test Coordinator/Instructional Coach Job Description. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the description. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented for approval the Hire Part-Time Summer Maintenance Assistant. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the hire. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented for approval the Hire of 2 Frontier School Corporation Summer Enrichment Sponsors. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the hiring. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented for approval the Hire Frontier School Corporation Bus Driver and to reimburse him for training hours. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the hiring. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### Field Trips

Mr. Sighting requested the approval of Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School FCCLA Field Trip (Overnight and Out-of-State); Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School BPA Field Trip (Overnight and Out-of-State); Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Girl



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Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball Field Trip (Overnight). David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the field trips. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Sighting presented the 2022-2023 Frontier Elementary Student Handbook Revisions. Laura Bell made a motion to approve revisions. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2022-2023 Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Student Handbook Revisions. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve revisions. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2023-2024 Frontier School Corporation Calendar. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the calendar. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2022-2023 Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Textbook Rental and Class Fee Changes. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to table the changes. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it was tabled unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Brookston Prairie Township Public Library Board of Trustee Appointment. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the calendar. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2022-2024 Request for Proposal for Property/Casualty, Commercial Automobile, Inland Marine, Crime, Umbrella Excess, Workmen's Compensation, Cyber Liability, Commercial Liability, Employment Practices Liability, Educational Errors & Omissions Liability, and Security & Law Enforcement Liability and advertisement. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the calendar. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Comments from the Public

Tiffany Dazey spoke on her disappointment of how the threat to her son was initially handled.

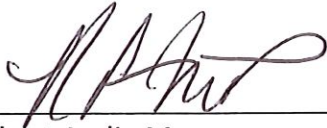
Tia Federer spoke on how the threat was handled and that mental illness doesn't need a reason.

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, May 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Library.

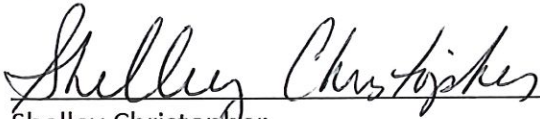
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Robert Andie Mears  
President

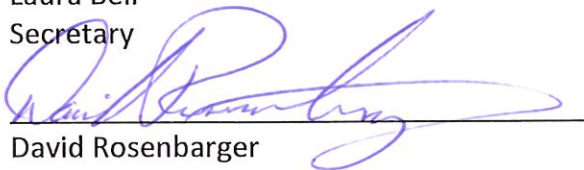


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Vice President

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Laura Bell  
Secretary



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David Rosenbarger  
Member

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Stephanie LaOrange  
Member