Frontier School Corporation 126 E Main St Chalmers, IN 47929

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Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees Monday, January 16, 2023

<u>Present</u>: President Shelley Christopher, Vice President David Rosenbarger, Secretary Laura Bell and School Board Members Jared Rosenbarger and Stephanie LaOrange

Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Dan Sichting and Treasurer Cortney Parrish

President Shelley Christopher called the Meeting to order at 7:03 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Sichting presented the Business Professional Award students and the awards they received at the Regional PBA contest.

Routine Business

Laura Bell moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of the approval of the December 19, 2022 Minutes. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the December 31st Fund Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the December 31st Appropriation Report as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the December 31st Revenue Report as presented. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the December 31st Bank Reconciliation Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve December 31st Bond Report as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the December 31st Transfer Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the January 16, 2023 claims as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Technology Report

Mr. Hoover reported that Mr. Al Lindstrom is back in the office and working. He appreciated the Board approving a temporary hire during some of Al's leave to help with technical needs. He was quite helpful, and he received good reports from Frontier Elementary Staff. Much of our 6 1/2 days of Christmas Break was spent on setting up and documenting the two demonstration touch panels. In addition, the grant application

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was completed, and funding from Wabash Heartland Innovation Network (WHIN) was approved. Newline, the company making the displays, has a substantial software and service offering including IT-centric software and services such as device management, digital signage, emergency notification, and teacher-centric software and services for interactive lessons. Full training is available from Newline for teachers. One half-day of the break was devoted to installing a new athletic camera system for coaches in the HS Gym through HUDL. This was done with help from the Maintenance Department. The HUDL service and footage from the camera can help coaches in basketball, volleyball, and maybe baseball/softball during indoor practices and especially during home court games. The Wi-Fi is doing well, but switches not received by vendor yet. The installation is still planned for summer. Toshiba Elementary Copiers are in and working. There are black & white copiers in each of the two workrooms and a color copier with fax capability in the office. These are loaners until new devices that will be covered by our lease arrive, possibly during Spring Break.

Elementary Report

Mrs. Layton reported on Mrs. Jensen met with teachers on January 11th to review data and helped them review their goals that will be uploaded to SFS. We met projected growth in Math for all grade levels K-6, and all grade levels except 3rd and Kindergarten for reading. Team-level discussions were held to determine the next steps to improve growth for the next testing round in April and individual teacher goals were created. Mrs. Davis has been doing a wonderful job as our Math Interventionist this year. She works at FES on Mondays and Tuesdays; part-time Fridays; the rest of the week she is at the Jr.-Sr. High School. Mrs. Davis reviews NWEA data to help determine students that receive services. This year is Science Adoption year. Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Notary, Mrs. Tolle, and Mrs. Hartman will attend the Science textbook caravan on Wednesday. A committee will be formed to review the materials and determine which one fits our needs best for our new Science curriculum. A recommendation will be brought to the board in April. Our next Professional Development Day in February will continue to work on Inquiry-Based Instruction and the Science of Reading which we started today during PD. The afternoon will also be time for teachers to work together on vertical alignment with grade-level teachers above and below them. KDG Roundup will be Wednesday, March 8th. She is working with K teachers to finalize the plan for the meeting night and the two testing dates in April. Kidder Media is finalizing the postcard now. In your board packet this month, you have the updated 2022-2023 Frontier Dyslexia Plan and Protocols. Thank you to Jill Woods for working on this document and finalizing our Dyslexia testing/data. This Plan is located on our website and will be updated yearly. PTO is sponsoring some community events: Saturday, Jan. 21st is the STEM event in connection with Frontier FCCLA. The annual Pancake and Pajama Night is coming back; it will be Wednesday, Feb. 8th. FES students will start their skating unit tomorrow until Feb. 17th. Thank you to Mrs. May for organizing this fun experience. The 4th-6th grade Spelling Bee is this Friday at 1:30. Best of luck to all participants. Thank you Mrs. Clark for being the sponsor. The winner will compete in Regionals on March 4th. The 2nd-semester teacher observations will start back up again. She loves getting the chance to be in classrooms and watch the staff teach the best teaching practices to our fabulous FES students.

Jr.-Sr. High Report

Mr. Hettinger reported on Final exams finished well before Christmas Break. On the teacher workday, the staff worked on finishing semester one and began planning for semester two. Teachers finalized grades and

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report cards were distributed last week. All the NWEA teachers met on January 5th to identify trends, discuss modifications to address the data trends, and to share ideas for incentivizing the NWEA for students. During Teacher Professional Development, teachers worked with experts from Wabash Valley Education Center on Content Literacy Strategies, and Inquiry Learning and Application. VIMME Testing: The Spanish, Algebra, and Chemistry teachers are meeting next Monday to discuss updating the end of course assessments with new standards. The Early College High School Leadership team is meeting next Tuesday to continue our work towards full endorsement in preparation for the site visit on March 20th. The National Technical Honor Society will conduct its Tapping Ceremony next Wednesday to announce new members. On February 7th, local business and community members are invited to Frontier for CTE to learn more about the Career and Technical Opportunities available at Frontier Jr-Sr. High School. The school has purchased a monitor to be located in the gym/foyer area. The athletic team championship pictures from past sectional, regional, and semi-state teams will be digitized and set to scroll on the monitor.

Athletics Report

Mr. Gretencord reported on the following: A big thank you to Chris Peterson, Jeremy, and the rest of the staff that helped get the Brookston Gym ready for our basketball game this past Friday night. Alena did a great job of getting things over to Brookston for the concession stand, and we sincerely appreciate the volunteers that helped with the concession stand. Over Christmas Break, Chris Peterson was able to get our new Midwest Conference signs up in the gym. Chris and Mr. Hoover were able to get our Hudl Camera installed in the gym. That has been a nice addition for our coaches. We had our 2nd Athletic Council Meeting on 01/16/23 to go over revisions that need made to the Athletic Handbook. He put our name in to host the 2024 Baseball Sectional. He anticipates us getting that. Junior High Wrestling and Junior High Girls Basketball have started practices. The Girls Basketball Sectional draw is this Sunday at 5 pm. The Girls Sectional will be played at Tri-County. Varsity Wrestling Senior Night will be this Thursday the 19th. The Junior High Boys basketball teams will finish this Thursday the 19th. We have Homecoming this Friday vs Tri-County. The Athletic Boosters will be selling Pork Burgers that night. Girls Varsity Basketball Senior Night will be Thursday, January 26, 2023.

Counselor's Report

Mrs. Bassett reported on receiving the results back from our ASVAB testing: There are 46 juniors in the class; 43 took the test and 3 were absent. A student must have an AFQT score of 31 or higher to check off their bucket 3-Postsecondary-Ready Competencies. We had 31 students score ≥ 31. That is a 72% success rate. Seven students scored in the 80s and 90s. We had 12 students score ≤ 30. That is 28%. These students will have the opportunity to retake the ASVAB next year. Juniors also took the PSAT in October. We now require juniors to take the SAT Prep class. She compared scores from their junior year with their scores from their sophomore year. We saw 63% of the students increase both their Math and English scores. Another 25% increased one of their scores. We will continue to offer SAT Prep next year. SAT for juniors will be given in March. She is excited to see if the scores will match or be relatively close to what we observed on the PSAT. All seniors have been given their scholarship folders and they should be beginning their application process. Scheduling for the 2023-2024 school year began at the beginning of the semester.

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Transportation Report

Mrs. Hall thanked Officer Bolen for meeting with our bus drivers concerning active shooter training. We have a new white bus ordered that should arrive end of March. The new yellow bus that was ordered last year should be here the end of February. We are still putting feelers out for new bus drivers. The drivers completed route information so that it would be available to any substitute bus drivers.

Maintenance Report

Mr. Peterson reported that at Frontier Jr/Sr. High, we installed the new conference banners and HUDL camera and moved furniture around the main office to accommodate the new bullet proof glass that was installed. The new layout is not working out for the secretaries, and we are trying to work out a better solution. The sport picture frames near the concession stand and along the wall in the sophomore and junior hallway were rehung. He is looking for quotes to replace hot water boiler heater. During the cold blast that came through, the wind blow open the roof hatch and caused the hot water boiler heater to crack the manifold. This supplies the gym locker room showers and all the sinks surrounding the gym and weight room restrooms. Performance Service came out to repair a bad relay on AHU 12. There was no communication to the unit. He rented a scissor lift to repair the burned out lights in the gym. Miller's Flooring came out to help match the carpet in the main office where the counter top was located. In addition, he had them get some quotes for new carpet at all the other entryways. New counter tops for the HS art room were installed today. At the Elementary School, we were able to install a new drinking fountain on the second floor. They were not able to strip and wax any of the classrooms due to the lack of time and all the work that had to done at the HS. However, they were able to strip and wax 1st and 2nd floors under the drinking fountains. We also touched up all walls with paint around all the soap and paper towel dispensers.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Sichting reported that they are gearing up for the summer. He is submitting some bids to replace concrete at elementary and playground equipment at the elementary. The website has been redesigned. It needs a few updates but then is ready to go live. He is trying to get a replacement bus for the bus in the accident.

Budget/Finance

Mr. Sichting presented the January FY 2023 Tuition Support Distribution.

Mr. Sichting presented the 2023 Amended School Bus Replacement Plan. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the resolution to adopt the amended replacement plan. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting requested approval for the purchase of the Frontier Elementary School Cafeteria Serving Line. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the purchase of the new service line from CNT. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Mr. Sichting presented the Interactive Display Systems Purchase from WHIN Grant. David Rosenbarger made a motion to table the purchase. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the Cancellation of Frontier School Corporation Two Year Old Checks. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the cancelation. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the Frontier Elementary School Concrete Repairs. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the repairs contingent upon receipt of an updated quote. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the Frontier Elementary Replacement Playground Equipment. Laura Bell made a motion to table the purchase. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the Frontier School Corporation Office Technology Purchases. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the purchases from CDW-G. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Personnel

Mr. Sichting presented the resignation of Mrs. Katelyn Lowe-High School Cheerleading Sponsor. Laura Bell made a motion to accept the resignation. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the 2022-2023 Extra-Curricular Appointments:

- Mr. Shane Culver-Softball 1st Assistant
- Mrs. Melissa Culver-Pekny-Varsity Boys Track
- Mr. Derek Dean-Varsity Baseball
- Mr. Jason Fields-Baseball 2nd Assistant
- Mrs. Lucretia Jensen-Battle of the Books Coordinator
- Miss Shailen Johnson-Varsity Softball
- Mr. Jack Mikesell-Baseball 1st Assistant
- Mrs. Jennifer Newcom-Varsity Girls Track
- Mrs. Emma Pruitt-Boys 7th and 8th Track Head Coach
- Miss Katie Schroeder-Interim High School Cheerleading Coach
- Mrs. Stacy Schroeder-Cheerleading Volunteer Coach
- Mr. Jake Sullivan-Varsity Boys Track Assistant Coach
- Mrs. Trish Texeira-Volunteer Cheerleading Coach

Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the extra-curricular appointments. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Field Trips

Mr. Sichting requested the approval of Business Professionals of America (Overnight) to state competition. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the field trip. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Sichting presented for approval 2023-2024 Title IV Wabash Valley Consortium Membership. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the membership. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented 2022-2023 Frontier School Corporation Dyslexia Plan and Protocols. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the plan and protocols. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented Frontier School Corporation Care Fund Use for Overdue Lunch Accounts. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion approve the use of the fund with the instruction for café staff to encourage parents to complete free/reduced lunch applications. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented January Donations. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the donations. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Public Comments

No comments

Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to adjourn. Laura Bell seconded the motion.

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