126 E Main St Chalmers, IN 47929

Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees

Monday, March 20, 2023

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

Absent: School Board Member Stephanie LaOrange

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

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

Routine Business

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the agenda with the additions of 7.4-School Bus Purchase Amendment and 10.6-Helen Higgins Trust and the deletion of 8.7-Treasurer Overtime Request. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The FCCLA students were recognized for Advancing to Nationals.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the minutes for February 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the minutes for March 14, 2023 Public Work Session. Jared Rosenbarger the motion, and it passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the February 28th Fund Report as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the February 28th Appropriation Report as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger moved to approve the February 28th Revenue Report as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the February 28th Bank Reconciliation Report as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve February 28th Bond Report as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger moved to approve the February 28th Transfer Report as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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David Rosenbarger moved to approve the March 20, 2023 claims as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Technology Report

Mr. Hoover reported on current projects concerning:

- 15 Interactive Displays- will start setup over Spring Break
- SARA from Status Solutions-web-based internal notification system that integrates externally for cost
- Network Switch Project-still planned for this summer.

Elementary Report

Mrs. Layton reported on Kindergarten Roundup, the Music Booster Fundraiser, new Science Adoption for grades 1-6, 2023-2024 FES Student Handbook, the Annual Career Fair, NWEA testing, spring field trips, 4th-grade recorder concert, annual 6th grade vs. staff kickball game, Student Council Carnival, IREAD results will be announced in April, and Mrs. McMullen's maternity leave. Everyone is making sure things are being accomplished and they are getting ready for the next school year.

Jr.-Sr. High Report

Mr. Hettinger reported on Successful Programs of BPA & FCCLA, Early College Endorsement Site Visit and the Early College Website. CELL met with several groups, and we are awaiting their full report and determination. One of our students created our Early College High School website.

Athletics Report

None

Counselor's Report

Mrs. Bassett reported on 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Orientations, SAT scores will be released within the week, Frontier Education Foundations' Bingo Night will be held April 21st, Rotary will sponsor a student to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference at Camp Techumseh.

Transportation Report

Mrs. Hall reported on:

- Yellow bus delivery
- New bus-washing vendor
- Need for additional drivers
- Field trips & sports transportation
- Maintaining the buses
- Trade-in of a yellow bus

Maintenance Report

Mr. Peterson reported on:

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- New expansion tank for the JR/SR HS boilers
- Replacement of the walk in freezer compressor at the JR/SR HS
- Replacement of all the bad light drivers in the High School gym
- Mulhaupts repair of the communication alarm
- Quotes for the Pour in Place rubber surfacing at the Elementary pre-school playground
- Quotes for the outside benches to be repainted
- Loss of a custodian employee at the Elementary School.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Sichting reported that a teleconference will be held with Ice-Miller (Bond Counsel) and Baker-Tilley (Financial Tax Advisors) concerning preparations for a bond project that would be effective in 2025 after the Ad Valorem Property Tax Bonds of 2014 are paid off in December, 2024. The teleconference is in preparation of a Bond project in 2024 that would go on the tax rolls for property tax payers in 2025. The telephone conference is to determine the size of the bond amount in terms of sizing the project. It should be noted that the Frontier Elementary Roof is nearing its life expectancy as well as roofs at Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School. Additionally, the boiler at Frontier Elementary may need to be replaced by a condensing boiler. He also reported on playground handicap accessibility, cement repair, HS Gym & Brookston Gym floor refinishing.

Budget/Finance

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

Mr. Sichting presented the Frontier School Corporation Landscaping and Mowing Quotes. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the quote from J Christopher Landscaping. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Shelley Christopher abstaining.

Mr. Sichting presented Outdoor Athletic Field Fertilizer, Seeding, and Upkeep Quotes. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the quote from J&D Turf. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the School Bus Purchase Amendment. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the bus purchase amendment. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Personnel

Mr. Sichting recommended the termination of Carrie Ebert- Frontier Elementary Custodian. David Rosenbarger made a motion to termination the custodian. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the resignations of Mrs. Audra May-Frontier Elementary Physical Education Teacher and Ms. Tamara Nelson-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Cafeteria Manager. Laura Bell made a motion to accept the resignations. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Mr. Sichting presented Frontier Elementary Dean of Students/Corporation Test Coordinator Maternity Leave. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the maternity leave. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented Frontier Elementary Summer School Appointment of Mrs. Joy Henson-Phonics Bootcamp Instructional Assistant. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the appointment. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Science Summer Professional Development. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the professional development. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the hire of Dustin Peterson for Part-Time Summer Maintenance Staff. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the part-time summer maintenance staff. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the Authority to Advertise Assistant Payroll Clerk/Assistant Treasurer. Laura Bell made a motion to table the approval of the advertisement. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it was tabled unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Sichting presented the Frontier Elementary 2023-2024 Student Handbook. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the handbook. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the Frontier Elementary Science Textbook Adoption. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the adoption. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the 2023-24 Frontier Elementary Class Transfer Limits. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the transfer limits. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the 2024-2025 Frontier School Corporation School Calendar. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the calendar. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed; 3 in favor, 1 opposed.

Mr. Sichting presented the Indiana Department of Education Waiver to count instructional minutes as opposed to instructional days. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the waiver. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the Agreement Establishing the Helen Higgins Frontier School Corporation Scholarship Trust with First Merchants Bank. Laura Bell made a motion approve the agreement. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Public Comments

Member

FCTA asked the School Board to sign a joint letter to oppose Senate Bill 486 concerning FCTA discussions with administration. There was discussion regarding the ongoing need for discussions between the FCTA and the Superintendent, but the board is opposed to signing the letter drafted by the FCTA to oppose the bill in its entirety.

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

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting-Monday, April 17, 2023 at Frontier Elementary School Library, 811 Railroad Street, Brookston, IN 47923This meeting is fully accessible.

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