

Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees  
Monday, April 17, 2023

**Present:** President Shelley Christopher, Vice President David Rosenbarger, Secretary Laura Bell, and School Board Members Stephanie LaOrange and Jared Rosenbarger

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dan Sighting, Corporation Treasurer Courtney Parrish, and Attorney Bob Little

President Shelley Christopher called the Meeting to order at 7:02 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Routine Business**

Laura Bell moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 8.1.3 Resignation of Lukas Mosimann-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School 7th & 8th Grade English/Language Arts Teacher. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the minutes for March 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the March 31st Fund Report as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

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

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the March 31st Bank Reconciliation Report as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Jared Rosenbarger moved to approve the April 17th, 2023 claims as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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**Technology Report**

Mr. Hoover reported that during Spring Break they updated computers. Mr. Lindstrom replaced some of the computers in the Elementary Computer Lab with newer models left over from other upgrades around the buildings. He is also installing updates to servers this evening since the April Microsoft updates were just released last week. Mr. Hoover also installed a software deployment tool to help with application software updates and a vulnerability scanner for additional cyber safety. They are working with the teachers at both schools to schedule the return of devices. The switch vendor has received all of the network switches that provide power for items like wireless access points, phones, and cameras. The estimated ship time on the switches that don't provide power is June 12th. These switches are for the servers and wall connections that don't go through desk phones. That date would still allow for installation during Summer Break. We don't have a schedule set up yet for the installs.

**Elementary Report**

Mrs. Layton congratulated 3rd-grade students, Jaryn Hefner and Gwen Mikels, for receiving a perfect score on the IREAD test! IREAD results: 88% Passed; the State passing rate is 69%; Special Education students who did not pass will receive a waiver or test again. The two students who did not pass, and did not get a waiver, will retest on May 22nd & 23rd. NWEA Spring testing will close this week. She will have a growth report at the next school board meeting. She thanked Mrs. Doles and the 4th grade teachers/students for a fabulous recorder music program. Ten FES 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students participated in the White County Battle of the Books Competition last Wednesday. She thanked Mrs. Jensen for being the club sponsor. April 14th was the annual 6th grade vs. staff kickball game. Staff won. Lots of laughs! She thanked the FES PTO for providing water and popcorn. The annual FES Spring Carnival was on the 14th. Lots of families came out to have some fun. She thanked Mrs. May and the FES Student Council for organizing this event. Staff appreciation week is May 8th-12th. The PTO has some fabulous surprises planned. She encouraged the board to please write an email or send a thank you card to the schools to show how much you appreciate their hard work. I AM testing is wrapping up and ILEARN testing is starting. She thanked Mrs. Notary for scheduling the testing sessions and making sure all the staff were trained and ready to go. In the board packet are recommendations for some teacher transfers: Mrs. Mathias to transfer to PE and Mrs. Terry to transfer to our new STEM position. With these transfers opens up 6th grade teaching positions that will be interviewing for next week. Mrs. Layton presented a packet of information on STEM. The end of the year is wrapping up with field trips, awards programs, and 6th-grade celebrations. FHS seniors will also do their senior walk through the FES halls.

**Jr.-Sr. High Report**

Mr. Hettenger reported on The Center for Excellence Learning and Leadership has fully endorsed Frontier Jr-Sr. High School as an Early College High School. Endorsement is good for 4 years, upon which time we have to apply for re-endorsement. Frontier Jr-Sr. High School is currently interviewing for two teacher openings: Band (K-12) and Junior High Language Arts. Teacher Observations are mostly completed for the year. Upcoming Events: This Wednesday is 7th Grade Orientation; Friday is Basket Bingo – the Frontier Education Foundation fundraiser; Wednesday, May 3rd is the FFA Banquet; May 8th-12th is Teacher Appreciation Week; Wednesday, May 10 is the Spring Concert; Wednesday, May 17 is Academic Awards Night; Thursday, May 18 is the Senior Walk at the Elementary; Final Exams are on Friday, May 19, Monday, May 22, and Tuesday, May 23,

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Senior Breakfast, graduation rehearsal, and Scholarship Night are on Wednesday, May24; and Graduation is on Saturday, May 27 at 1:00. Both ILearn and NWEA testing will be taking place over the next three weeks.

**Athletics Report**

Mr. Gretencord reported that Spring Athletic Events started the first week of April. Track and baseball numbers are good. Softball and Golf are a little on the low side. Junior High was supposed to have their first home meet tonight. The concession stand was open by the baseball / softball fields when we hosted the baseball and track meet this past Thursday. It worked out well. Our High School and Brookston Gyms have been resealed. There are open coaching positions. Mr. Gretencord is looking into a POS Kiosk system for concessions and ticket sales that will allow for credit cards. Justin Schroeder will play in the North South All-Star Game. He has a SmartPass online demo this Friday.

**Counselor's Report**

Mr. Gretencord reported that Mrs. Bassett has not yet gotten scores back on SATs. Two students were not there at time of testing, and the College Board would not release the scores until everyone is done. ILearn is next week. Basket Bingo is sold out. Sixth Grade orientation is this Wednesday.

**Transportation Report**

Mrs. Hall reported that the buses are looking good thanks to the new power washing company. She is still waiting on two new buses. She expects to lose one or two drivers this coming fall. There is training available in July, in Lafayette, for bus drivers.

**Maintenance Report**

Mr. Peterson reported that the Elementary cafeteria and the hallway were stripped and waxed over Spring Break. The Brookston gym floor was sanded and resealed. In addition, during break, the High School gym floor was sanded and resealed, and new lockers were installed in the JR High section. The Elementary staff was able to strip and wax the 2nd floor staff restrooms, all three stairway landings were shampooed, buffed art room, aerators de-limed, music room, library & all entrances were shampooed, and windows and walls were cleaned. At the High School, the staff cleaned the weight room and restrooms, cleaned out the boys' and girls' locker rooms & showers, cleaned the gym mezzanine area, shampooed all carpets in the main office, buffed cafeteria, shampooed all entrances, cleaned glass and wipe down walls, wiped down trophy cases, and replaced faucets in the teachers' lounge restrooms. The roof drain on the south side where the roof was replaced had a small leak, so we contacted Slatile Roofing for repairs. Mr. Peterson also had the tech repair other areas where there were tears in the roof while he was here. STR/SEG came out and did a roof survey on the Jr-Sr. High School, Elementary, and Brookston Gym for replacement needs. I want to thank my Elementary maintenance/custodian staff for doing the best that they can until we can fulfill the full-time custodian position.

**Superintendent Report**

Mr. Sichtung reported on his conference call with Ice Miller and a financial planning company regarding issuing new bonds. The 2014 Bonds will be repaid in December 2024. He discussed the bond timeline and the roof

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replacement costs as possible options. He is following-up with the company that is adding soil to the outdoor fields in order to firm up their timeline for completion. The Legislative session is discussing Budget options and the revenue forecast.

**Budget/Finance**

Mr. Sighting presented the April FY 2023 Tuition Support Distribution.

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Elementary Gym Sand, Seal, and Repaint quotes. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the quote from A & H Athletic Floor Services. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Softball Field Water Line Replacement. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the quote from QC Communications. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Elementary Preschool Playground Rubber Replacement quotes. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the quote from NVB Playgrounds (AAA State of Play). Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Mulhaupts quote for Installing Card Reader on Frontier Elementary Foyer Entrance Door. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the quote. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Personnel**

Mr. Sighting presented the resignations of:

- Kyle Marlatt-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
- Scott Sproles-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Wrestling Coach
- Lukas Mosimann-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School 7th & 8th Grade English/Language Arts.

David Rosenbarger made a motion to accept the resignations. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Cafeteria Transfer of Brenda Mitchell from Head Cook to Cafeteria Manager. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the transfer with the stipulation that the Elementary Cafeteria Manager receive the same rate of pay. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Dish Room/Kitchen Assistant Increase in Hours and Wage. Laura Bell made a motion to table the discussion. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it was tabled unanimously.

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Mr. Sighting presented the Treasurer Overtime Request. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the overtime request. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting asked for the Authority to Advertise Payroll Clerk/Assistant Treasurer Position. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve advertisement. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the ACP Speech and Communication Professional Development Stipend for approval. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the stipend. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Elementary School 1st Grade Maternity Leave from August 8<sup>th</sup>-October 20<sup>th</sup>. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the leave. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the hire of a Long Term Substitute Teacher for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade Maternity Leave. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the position. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Transfer of Mrs. Cassie Terry from 6th Grade to the STEM Teaching Position at Frontier Elementary School. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the transfer. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Transfer of Mrs. Michelle Mathias from 6th Grade to the EL Physical Education Teaching Position. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the transfer. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Field Trips**

Mr. Sighting requested approval of the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Business Professionals of America Field Trip (Overnight and Out of State). Laura Bell made a motion to approve the field trip. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting requested the approval of Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Field Trip (Overnight and Out of State). Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the field trip. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Other Business**

Mr. Sighting presented the Agreement Establishing the Helen Higgins Frontier School Corporation Scholarship Trust. David Rosenbarger made a motion approve the trust. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Mr. Sighting presented the 2023-2024 Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Course Description Handbook. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the handbook. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Educate, Empower, and Employ Grant Data Sharing Agreement. David Rosenbarger made a motion approve the agreement. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented Brookston Prairie Township Library Appointment. Laura Bell made a motion approve the appointment. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Science Textbook Adoption. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the adoption. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

None

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

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting-Monday, May 15, 2023 at Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Library, One Falcon Drive, Chalmers, IN 47929.

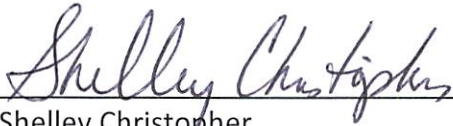
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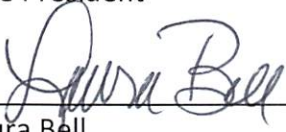
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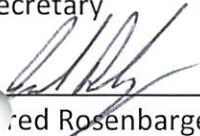
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