

Frontier School Corporation
126 E Main St
Chalmers, IN 47929

School Board Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees
Monday, May 15, 2023

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APPROVED

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 Cortney Parrish 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

Laura Bell moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 8.1.1 Resignation of Mrs. Lisa Davis-Frontier School Corporation Math Interventionist. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the April 30th Fund Report as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the April 30th Appropriation Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger moved to approve the April 30th Revenue Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve the April 30th Bank Reconciliation Report as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger moved to approve April 30th Bond Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the April 30th Transfer Report as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger moved to approve the May 15, 2023 claims as presented. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Technology Report

Mr. Hoover reported on the statutory changes related to textbook rental. He spoke on usage numbers regarding: Studies Weekly, Seesaw (K-2) IXL (whole school year) and Google Classroom (free). Sites like these are tools that might have been charged to textbook rental that may need to be funded other ways in the future. Student devices will be collected the last 2 days of school and examined for repair needs. Neither iPads nor Chromebooks are scheduled to be replaced this summer. The Network switches ETA is still June 12th at the vendor's location. Our sales rep said she would update us if the situation changes. He replaced computers at the Corporation Office last week--all except for Mrs. Hall.

Elementary Report

Mrs. Layton thanked Kathy Brewer-Staddon for her 36 years of dedication! She thanked Amanda Wheeldon for conducting CPR training to our 6th grade students. FES was awarded a \$25,000 grant through Purdue to get a STEM Education Lab. There are 67 labs in Indiana but we are the first one in White County. FES also was awarded a \$2,000 IN Mac Grant for STEM supplies. Thank you to Cassie Terry for helping prepare for STEM. She recommended to approve the summer HA teachers: Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. lunghuhn, Mrs. Terry, and Mrs. Banes. She also asked for approval our Kindergarten Bootcamp Teacher Mrs. Innocent and para Ms. Greer, and approval to bring back a former Falcon teacher, Delicia McCoy, to teach 6th grade. She thanked the staff handbook committee (Erin Notary, Paula Bulla, Jayme Whitaker, Stephani Clark, Gretchen Innocent, and Jayme Whitaker). Officer Bolen started the 6th Grade Keeping it Real Program (replaces DARE) to teach students about drug and alcohol awareness. FES PTO did an amazing job with Staff Appreciation Week the first week of May. A lot of food and gifts were given to our staff. The school had a lot of donations recently and appreciates all of the community support. Mrs. Woods held the yearly Title One Awards party last week. It was great to see how the students have improved this year in their reading skills. The new playground equipment installation should be in June. Other summer projects for FES include: bathroom stalls to be painted by Mrs. Banta, concrete work outside, benches/curbs repainted, and brick work will be tuck pointed. She thanked Mrs. lunghuhn for organizing and running three successful Book Fairs this year. End-of-the-year festivities are going on: Field Day, FHS Seniors will walk the elementary halls one last time, 6th-grade music program and celebration at the Lafayette Country Club, preschool graduation, Kindergarten Graduation, Awards Program for grades 3rd-6th, students will also get the chance to loop-up to visit with the grade level above them and ask questions/meet the teachers, and field trips.

Jr.-Sr. High Report

Mr. Hettinger reported all standardized testing – including VIMME and NWEA finished up on Friday, May 12th. Reports are being generated and distributed to teachers for planning purposes and instructional modifications. 2022-2023 teacher evaluations are complete and Mr. Hettinger is in the process of meeting with teachers before they all leave for the summer. End of Year Events: Senior Breakfast, Rehearsal, and Scholarship Night are Wednesday, May 24th, Final Exams, and Graduation

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Athletics Report

Mr. Gretencord reported Track Sectionals are tomorrow and Thursday at Twin Lakes at 6:00 pm. Girls Softball Sectional starts next Monday at Rossville. Frontier received the bye and will play the 2nd game on Tuesday vs. the winner of Clinton Central and Rossville. Boys Baseball Sectional starts next Wednesday at Remington. Frontier will play Tri-County in the 2nd game that day. Golf Sectional will be June 2nd at Logansport at 9:30 am. He finished interviews and submitted Varsity Coaching recommendations for Varsity Girls Basketball, Varsity Cheerleading, and Varsity Wrestling. He has been conducting interviews for Varsity Boys Basketball and should have a recommendation for hire at the next board meeting. Smart Pass with the Standard Package will cost \$3.39 per student. Smart Pass with the Plus Package will cost \$5.66 per student.

Counselor's Report

Mrs. Bassett reported that Master Schedule is complete. Summer school credit recovery will be from May 30th to June 27th. This year's graduating class has 48 students. She reported on post-secondary plans. She is still waiting on the March SAT test results.

Transportation Report

Mr. Sighting reported on that all the buses have arrived and we are still looking for yellow bus drivers.

Maintenance Report

Mr. Peterson reported that he is finally fully staffed. He is meeting with City Office to set the summer cleaning schedules. His crew will be setting up for graduation. The Principals have been given cleaning schedules.

School Safety Report

Mr. Bolen reported on the new security gate on shop door. Chief Bolen has been working with Mr. Hoover looking into participation in the Enforce 911 system, which is a county-wide emergency response system. White County Sheriff has agreed to pay for one year. Chief Bolen and Mr. Hoover have also been taking an inventory of security current equipment and software to ensure that we are taking advantage of all offered features. They are also looking into the need for additional cameras.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Sighting reported on the Bond Issue. He is waiting on the results of the Roof Survey from STR-SEG to determine the next step in moving forward. Summer 2023 Projects are: Pre-School Playground Pad-May 30th-June 2nd; Elementary Playground-Middle of June or October; Elementary Concrete Work is set to be completed this summer. He reported on HB 1001: State budget calls for an increase in year one and a small increase in year two that could disappear if enrollment drops. The increase in year one would be approximately \$115,000 based on an ADM of 635 students. State budget made changes to the way the Special Education Grant and Academic Honors Grant are calculated. Starting in 2023-2024 there will be no textbooks fees for parents. The anticipated textbook reimbursement is \$151 per student. This could stress the Operations Fund budget as the anticipated amount will not be sufficient for some classes at the Jr.-Sr. High School level. Due to large increases in property tax assessments, the Indiana General Assembly capped the increase in AV for the Operations fund to 4% for 2024 and 2025. The Operating Referendum Fund is capped at 3% growth for 2024 and 2025. He reported that teacher's compensation requirements for the Education Fund have changed from

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45% salary to 62%, which includes benefits. The language requiring discussion with the local Classroom Teacher's Association was changed to a "may" provision. Additionally, discussion can take place with teachers who aren't a member of the local association.

Budget/Finance

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

Mr. Sighting presented the Indiana ESC School Food Co-op Agreement 2023-2024. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the agreement. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2022-2023 Curricular Materials Reimbursement that will be deposited in Textbook Rental fund.

Mr. Sighting presented the Purdue University IN-Mac Grant in the amount of \$2000.00 for STEM supplies. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the grant. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Personnel

Mr. Sighting presented the resignations of Mrs. Lisa Davis-Frontier School Corporation Math Interventionist, Mr. David Doles-Frontier School Corporation Part-Time Instrumental Music, Mrs. Amy Doles-Frontier School Corporation Part-Time Instrumental Music, and Mr. J.D. Hoover-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School English/Language Arts Teacher. Laura Bell made a motion to accept the resignations. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the hires:

- Mrs. Lisa Bright-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Head Cook
- Ms. Charlain Bucher-Frontier Elementary School Custodian
- Mrs. Delicia McCoy-Frontier Elementary 6th Grade Teacher
- Mr. Donnie Riggs-Frontier School Corporation Instrumental Music Teacher
- Mrs. Whitney McFarlin-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School 7th-8th English/Language Arts

David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the hires. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented an increase to the Frontier Elementary Cafeteria Cashier/Kitchen Assistant 2023-2024 Hours. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the hours. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented and increase to the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Dishwasher/Kitchen Assistant Hourly Pay Rate and Hours. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the request. No one seconded the

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motion, and the motion died. Laura Bell made a motion to deny the request until there is an evaluation that shows improvement. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it was denied unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Elementary Kindergarten Boot Camp Personnel from July 19, 2023 through August 2, 2023. Mrs. Gretchen Innocent will teach and Mrs. Stephanie Greer will be the Paraprofessional for Boot Camp. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the appointments. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Elementary School High Ability Grant Summer Enrichment Sponsors of Mrs. Sherry Banes-Simply Spanish, Mrs. Paula Iunghuhn-Art and Science of Eric Carle, Mrs. Lucretia Jensen-Kitchen Concoctions, and Mrs. Cassie Terry-The Great Desert Challenge. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the sponsors. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Elementary Science Curriculum Professional Development. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the professional development. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented for approval the Approve Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Mentor of Mrs. Melissa Gregorovic for Mr. Lukas Mosimann. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the mentor. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2023-2024 Extra-Curricular Recommendations of Mrs. Shaina Minnicus-High School Cheerleading, Miss Danielle Sighting-Girls Varsity Basketball, and Mr. J.T. Veach-Wrestling. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the recommendations. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Field Trips

Mr. Sighting requested the approval of Class of 2023 Field Trip (Out-of-State and Overnight). Laura Bell made a motion to approve the field trip. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Sighting presented Frontier School Corporation Care Fund Guidelines. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the guidelines. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Sighting presented the 2023-2024 Frontier Elementary Certified Staff Handbook. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the handbook. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Mr. Sighting presented the 2024-2025 Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Student Handbook. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the handbook. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

David Rosenbarger made a motion to adjourn. Stephanie La Orange seconded the motion.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting-Monday, June 19, 2023 at Frontier Elementary School Library, 811 Railroad Street, Brookston, IN 47923. This meeting is fully accessible. Any person wanting additional accommodations should contact the Frontier School Corporation Superintendent's Office at (219) 984-5009.



Shelley Christopher

President



David Rosenbarger

Vice President

Laura Bell
Secretary



Jared Rosenbarger

Member



Stephanie LaOrange

Member