

Frontier School Corporation

126 E Main St
Chalmers, IN 47929

School Board Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees

Monday, July 24, 2023

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APPROVED

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

Absent: Secretary Laura Bell

Also Present: Superintendent Dan Sighting, Corporate Treasurer Cortney Parrish and Attorney Bob Little

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

Routine Business

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve the agenda. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the June 30th Fund Report as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the June 30th Revenue Report as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

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

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the July 24, 2023 claims as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Technology Report

Mr. Hoover reported that SchoolMessenger was just purchased by PowerSchool. PowerSchool has students and class schedules ready for 2023-24. He reported that 48% of all students have registered online. Clever is synchronized with the new students from PowerSchool. He's working on the syncs from Clever to sites like

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NWEA, Naviance, McGraw-Hill, HMH, etc. 15 Touch display carts will be in classrooms by tomorrow. Mrs. Boss returned today to work on preparing the student devices for rollout on the first day. The Elementary will have them ready in their rooms, and the Jr/Sr High will include handouts during the organizational activities during the first day of school. All of our network switches, with the exception of those in the Corporation Office and Old Gym, were replaced. That means that every network wire in the schools was moved to new devices with new configurations.

Elementary Report

Mrs. Layton reported on the Phonics Camp and Kindergarten Bootcamp. Upcoming events are a Kindergarten Meet-N-Greet this Tuesday; the corporation picnic next Wednesday, and the K-3 Open House will be next Friday, August 4th. Grades 4th-6th will hold in person parent meetings during the first two weeks of school. FES PTO will also be having a Back to School Bash on Thursday, August 8th from 6:00-7:30 with food and games. Online registration started July 5th and In-person registration starts tomorrow and Wednesday. We are getting some new students which is always encouraging. She thanked the FES PTO for organizing the supply kits this year. Yearbooks are in and are available for pickup this week. The building is buzzing with teachers and staff starting to arrive back to prepare for the first student day on Tuesday, August 8th. She thanked the cleaning and maintenance crew for working hard this summer on improvements and a special thank you to our art teacher, Mrs. Banta, for painting the downstairs bathroom stalls. Next summer she will do the upstairs stalls.

Jr.-Sr. High Report

Mr. Hettinger reported on the hirings of Band Director - Mr. Donald Riggs, Junior High Language Arts - Mrs. Whitney McFarlin, High School Language Arts - Mr. Trent Phegley, High School Biology - Miss Elizabeth Spiker. He has a person of interest for the Corporation Math Interventionist. He is preparing for the 2023-2024 school year by updating the faculty handbook, creating schedules, working on school improvement goals, planning professional development, and creating meeting agendas to start the school year for New Teacher orientation, faculty & staff kick-off meetings, 3-E Grant – “Micro Credentials” teacher meeting, and Early College Teacher Cohort meeting. Open House is August 9th.

Athletics Report

Mr. Mark Gretencord reported that Fall Sports for high school will officially start on Monday, July 31st. He is meeting with Eventlink on Wednesday to discuss how we can accept credit cards at the gate and possibly the concession stand. Tyler and Emma Pruitt are conducting summer workouts in the weight room. 75 total weight programs were written. 50 athletes showed up 3 times a week, with 6 to 8 coming a 4th day. But most important was zero injuries while working out. Today was one of their peak/max days for Trap Bar DeadLift and every kid that was there this morning PR'd by big margins. Having the Pruitts be in charge of the summer workouts has been very beneficial to our athletes. Football scheduling has been rough at times. We have had 2 teams cancel on us this year because of low numbers and are going to 8 man football. One school just canceled on us Friday. Finding varsity officials has been tough as well. Mr. Hettinger helped with some funding so Smart Pass will be implemented this school year.

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Counselor's Report

No report

Transportation Report

Mr. Sighting reported that Mrs. Hall is looking for substitute bus drivers. But all else looks good for the start of school.

Maintenance Report

Mr. Peterson reported that his staff and the night cleaning crew have been very busy this summer. They were able to strip and wax all classrooms and have shampooed all classroom carpets and hallways at both schools. At the Elementary they were able to replace all the uneven concrete slabs and replaced all the handicap concrete access areas. All of the outside benches have been powder coated. The preschool playground area has a new rubber pad coating. During this week they will be pressure washing the front entrance and restriping the walkways and curbs. They removed all the tube TVs and had them disposed of to get ready for better TV technology. At the High School a new roof was installed on the old baseball restrooms. They have future plans for this building. He is not sure what it will be used for as the restroom still needs a lot of work. Mr. Peterson is working on getting quotes for a new handicap ramp to be installed for the football bleachers on the home side. He is working on quotes for a new fence line and relocating some gates. This will be for installing one ticket booth to cover all sports activities. The basketball backboard will be repaired sometime next week. New lights have been installed in the upper part of the gym. We are working on the air conditioning in the weight room. Both units were down most of the summer. One has a bad relay and the other the belt was broken. We will be installing new thermostats so we can have control over them. The current ones have been locked out and no one has the password. These will be installed when all the parts come in for the units. For the rest of the time before school starts we will be working on Help Desk tickets and anything else that may pop up.

School Safety Report

Mr. Sighting reported that they are looking into a panic button on all teacher computers. They submitted the School Safety grant application last week that includes door access systems and handheld radio for staff members. They will hear about funding for the grant in September.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Sighting reported on Title grant pre-applications. He will continue to work on the 2024 budget, 2024 bus replacement Plan, and 2024 CPF Plan. Wednesday, August 2nd is the staff Cookout, New teacher orientation is August 3rd, and First teacher day is August 4th.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

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Budget/Finance

Mr. Sighting presented the July FY 2024 Tuition Support Distribution.

Personnel

Mr. Sighting presented the hire of Miss Elizabeth Spiker-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Biology Teacher. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the hire. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2023-2024 Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Mentors:

- Mrs. Melissa Culver-Pekny (Co-Mentor)
- Mrs. Melissa Gregorovic
- Mrs. JoAnna Mathis (Co-Mentor)
- Mr. Maurice Plains (Co-Mentor)
- Mrs. Stacy Snoble
- Mrs. Amanda Szabella (Co-Mentor)

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

Mr. Sighting presented the 2023-2024 Frontier School Corporation Transportation Handbook. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the handbook. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2023-2024 Frontier School Corporation Classified Employee Handbook. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the handbook amendments. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented amending Maintenance Director and Treasurer wages from annualized to hourly. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the amendment. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2023-2024 Extra-Curricular recommendations:

- Mrs. Rachael Funk-Volleyball Co-Head Coach 5th & 6th Grade
- Mrs. Anna Mikels-Cross Country Junior High

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

Mr. Sighting presented the 2023-2024 Extra-Curricular Recommendation of Mrs. Ashley Rosenbarger-Volleyball Co-Head Coach 5th & 6th Grade. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the recommendation. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed with David Rosenbarger and Jared Rosenbarger abstaining.

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Field Trips

None

Other Business

Mr. Sichting presented amending 2023-2024 Frontier School Corporation School Calendar with 4 added Professional Development and Parent Teacher Conference days. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the change. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the Teacher Discussion Resolution 2023-7-1. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the resolution. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the 2023-2024 Frontier School Corporation Lunch and Breakfast Prices. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the prices. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the Re-adopt Board Policy 3220.01-Teacher Appreciation Grants. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the policy. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sichting presented the following Board Policies for first reading:

- By-Law 0141-Number
- By-Law 0142-Election and Eligibility to Serve
- By-Law 0142.1-Term
- By-Law 0142.2-Oath
- By-Law 0142.3-Vacancies and Appointment of Board Members
- By-Law 0144.1-Compensation
- By-Law 0144.2-Board Member Ethics
- By-Law 0152-Officers
- By-Law 0164.5-Member Participation in Meetings Through Electronic Means of Communication
- By-Law 0167.3-Public Participation at Board Meetings
- Policy 1213.01-Staff-Student Relationships
- Policy 1425-Nursing Mothers
- Policy 1615-Tobacco Use Prevention
- Policy 2410-Audio, Video, and Digital Recordings of Meetings
- Policy 2461-Recording of IEP Team Meetings/Case Conferences
- Policy 2462-Dyslexia Screening and Intervention
- Policy 2510-Adoption of Curricular Materials
- Policy 3124-Employment Contracts with Professional Employees
- Policy 3213.01-Staff-Student Relationships
- Policy 3215-Tobacco Use Prevention
- Policy 3231-Outside Activities of Staff

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- Policy 3362.01-Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Toward Staff Members
- Policy 3425-Nursing Mothers
- Policy 4120-Employment of Support Staff
- Policy 4213.01-Staff-Student Relations
- Policy 4215-Tobacco Use Prevention
- Policy 4425-Nursing Mothers
- Policy 5330-Use of Medication
- Policy 5512-Tobacco Use Prevention
- Policy 5517-Anti-Harassment
- Policy 5517.01-Bullying
- Policy 5771-Search and Seizure
- Policy 6152-Student Fees and Charges
- Policy 6250-Required ADM Counts for the Purpose of State Funding and Verification For Residency for Membership
- Policy 6550-Travel Payment and Reimbursement/Relocation Costs
- Policy 6700-Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
- Policy 7434-Use of Tobacco on School Property
- Policy 7440-Facility Security Program
- Policy 7540.02-Web Accessibility, Content, Apps, and Service
- Policy 8310-Public Records
- Policy 8451-Pediculosis (Head Lice)
- Policy 9111-Communications

Mr. Sighting presented the surplus property for the purpose of disposal. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the disposal. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to adjourn at 8:00PM. Stephanie La Orange seconded the motion.

The Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting will be Monday, August 21, 2023 at Frontier Elementary School Library, 811 S Railroad Drive, 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.