

Frontier School Corporation  
126 E Main St  
Chalmers, IN 47929

Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees School Board Meeting  
Monday, October 16, 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:**

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dan Sichting, and Corporation Treasurer Cortney Parrish

President Shelley Christopher called the Meeting to order at 7:04PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The FFA Livestock Skill-athon Team was recognized as the Reserve State Champions for Indiana with individual members also placing.

**Routine Business**

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve the agenda with the deletions of 8.5 and revisions 8.1 & 9.1. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 18, 2023 Collective Bargaining Hearing, September 18, 2023 Project Hearing, September 18, 2023 Budget Hearing, and September 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the September 30<sup>th</sup> Fund Report as presented. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the September 30<sup>th</sup> Appropriation Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger moved to approve the September 30<sup>th</sup> Revenue Report as presented. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve the September 30<sup>th</sup> Bank Reconciliation Report as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger moved to approve September 30<sup>th</sup> Bond Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger moved to approve the September 30<sup>th</sup> Transfer Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the October 16, 2023 claims as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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**Technology Report**

Mr. McFadden reported on new key fobs and Access IT software. He made a master list and cleaned out any unnecessary accounts. Jordan Boss is training on active directory, new student and staff onboarding, and in house Chromebook repairs. He is looking into replacing teacher laptops and possibly attaining more Newline Interactive boards. He spoke on upgrading to HDMI cables from VGA. He was able to establish Wi-Fi in the High School weight room and ordered a spare access point device. He is looking into updating the network.

**Elementary Report**

Mrs. Layton reported that the 23-24 High Ability Grant was approved; they will start closing out the 22-23 grant that is due at the end of December. Seven FHS students come to FES every Wednesday for an hour to work in teacher classrooms for the Family and Consumer Science Education and Training Class; great hands-on experience. They also have 2 full time student teachers and 9 Purdue Block students that are working with our FES students. She appreciates the staff for allowing them to have these experiences in their classrooms. The Book Fair was a success! Thank you to Paula lunghuhn, Marliyn Guntrip and Mindy Brennan for their hard work. \$1,420 was raised from the Book Fair. Officer Bolen, Mr. Hettinger, and Mrs. Layton attended the School Safety Conference to maintain certification of being School Safety Specialists. It is always nice to have a refresher on safety topics but also makes you feel proud to know that policies and procedures are being done correctly at Frontier School Corporation. This month they had the FHS Volleyball Fan Tunnel, Cross Country Fan Tunnel, and FHS Cheerleaders as door greeters. Mrs. Layton loves having the HS students in the building as positive role models. Thank you to Mrs. Wheeldon for conducting vision screenings for all K, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade students. Mrs. Mikels from Lakeview Optometry in Monticello will be coming to FES and volunteering to complete retina checks for all 1st grade students. Today and tomorrow the SMILES Program is here to provide dental services for 50 of our students. Mark Gretencord and Mrs. Layton attended the IASB Legal Conference the first week of October. It was four hours long but it's always reassuring to see that we are following the legal requirements. Field Trips have started. We have multiple RTI, 504, Speech, and Special Education meetings to ensure needs are being met. Thank you to the FES PTO for organizing the fundraiser. The incentive trip is to go bowling on Friday, November 10th. The Daddy-Daughter Dance will be Saturday, Nov. 11th and the Christmas Shoppe will be Dec. 14th-15th. Amy Turner organized a wonderful convocation for both schools; "Look Out for the Left Out". It had a heartfelt message of being kind. Students in grades 3-6 attended (5th was on a field trip). Upcoming events and important dates: Wednesday, October 18th 1st & 2nd Grade Music Program 6:30 Old Gym; Thursday, October 19th 2nd Grade Pioneer Day; Thursday, October 19th 5th Grade to Eiteljorg; Friday, October 20th 2nd Grade to Prophetstown (AM) & 4th grade to Conner Prairie; Monday, October 23rd-Friday, October 27th FALL BREAK; Thursday, November 2nd Trunk-or-Treat; and Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day Program 9:00am and 6:30pm Old Gym. The first nine weeks FLEW by but once again she is impressed with her staff and how hard they work to make sure students are successful. At the last staff meeting she brought in blow horns, because we needed to "Toot Our Own Horns" for exceeding both our LA and Math School Improvement Goal plus the exciting results of 100% perfect IREAD score for gen ed. Please take the time to email all staff telling them you appreciate everything they do.

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**Jr.-Sr. High Report**

Mr. Hettinger reported on conducting observations on 14 teachers in October. They conducted a school blood drive. Thanks to Mrs. Wright for heading that up. They have had several academic Field Trips: FFA, Yearbook, FCCLA, and BPA. He attended an Indiana College Core informational seminar to better understand the requirements and processes of earning an ICC. He attended the Career and Technical Education Meeting at Indian Trails Vocational Cooperative with other Co-op principals to cover recent changes in legislation and other CTE requirements. Frontier hosted "Look out for the Left out", a great convocation with the basic message of "be nice". He attended the Advanced School Safety Training. Sessions were on School Safety Legislation, the Total Solar Eclipse, school shooting safety, media communication, and youth vaping. Report cards have been distributed for the 1st Nine Weeks

**Athletics Report**

Mr. Mark Gretencord reported that Brook Thompson (4th) and Kendall Bridwell (9th) earned All-Conference for the girls and Weston Maddox (10th) earned all-Conference for the boys Cross Country teams. Devin Bushman (16) and Adam Wheeldon (17) were All Conference Honorable Mention at the MWC meet on 10/07. Cross Country advanced 2 boys and 2 girls to the New Prairie Regional. The IHSAA eliminated a round of their post season tournament for Cross Country. So they pushed the sectional back a week and got rid of the semi-state. So, the top 5 teams advance their entire team to the regional and then they take the next top 15 runners that were not on a team that advanced and they get to go as individuals. Weston Maddox finished 1st overall and Devin Bushman finished 41st in the boys race. Brook Thompson finished 10th and Kendall Bridwell finished 19th for the girls. Our varsity volleyball teams finished with a 21-11 record. They lost a tough 5 set match to Tri-County on Saturday morning after winning a thrilling 5 set match Thursday evening to South Newton. They did finish 6-1 in conference play earning them a share of the Midwest Conference. There was a 3 way tie for the conference. There will be numerous post season awards for some of these ladies coming out soon. Our football team won an exciting game in the pouring down rain Friday night. They won 21-20 in overtime. Their current record is 5-4 and we will be hosting Tri-Central this Friday night in the first round of the sectional. Coach J.T. Veach and Coach Tyler Pruitt held a wrestling camp the first week of October for grades K-6 at the Brookston Gym. They put 2 mats in the gym and had 68 kids sign up. Girls Varsity Basketball and Girls Varsity Wrestling started their official practices today as did Junior High Boys Basketball. Frontier will be hosting North White in the Girls basketball scrimmage on Saturday, October 28 at 11 am. Their first game will be on Tuesday, October 31. 6th Grade boys and girls started basketball last week. Boys Varsity Practice will start on November 6th.

**Counselor's Report**

Mrs. Bassett reported that the SAT was given last Wednesday to eleven seniors. Sophomores and juniors were also to take the PSAT that day but Collegeboard overloaded their system and many school were not able to take the test. We were able to administer it today. Everything went smoothly. She is finalizing some details of the INTERS report due this week. Unfortunately, some funding for specific classes are not in our favor. The final funding once amount will be available once the 30A is received and we check it over. Our convocation "Look Out for the Left Out" was a huge success. In fact, the 7th graders had a mobile lemonade stand on Friday and collected \$100 to give to Casa Calla which is a home in Romania, a place for refugees, which our

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speakers support in memory of their daughter Calla. November 15th the ASVAB is scheduled for all juniors. Even though this is no longer one of the requirements for bucket three, it is still a great career inventory.

Mrs. Bulla completed the bullying lessons. The next lessons will be about careers. They collected coats for families in need. She is ready to start collecting data for Christmas families in need. She started High Ability small groups this year which has been very successful.

**Transportation Report**

Mrs. Hall reported that they have drivers and driver trainees, so things are looking good. They are working on maintenance and discipline issues.

**Maintenance Report**

Mr. Peterson reported that the High School backboard has a new cable and a safety strap. They also installed a new safety strap on the north side basketball backboard. A new blower fan and pulley assembly was replaced for the football locker room and public restrooms. They installed two new LED wall mount lights on the west side of the weight room. They replaced a relay switch for the weight room air units. There was an issue with the air conditioning not working. Six of the nine Elementary parking lot lights were covered under warranty. They had to purchase 3 more. They will be installed when time becomes available and weather permits. The ceiling tiles and lights in the HS gymnasium will be repaired this week. There is new siding on the old restrooms. A new LED wall light was also installed. They are in the process of turning the restrooms into a place for football officials on one side and the other side will be for the JR High football locker room storage. He has ordered 4 skids of road and sidewalk salt to be ready for the winter months. During fall break the outside sprinkler system will be winterized. When Football season is over all outside water will be shut off for the winter season. The Elementary gym floor will be getting new lines and seal coating. His staff will be cleaning all the dust and dirt that this produces, and cleaning other areas that this may effect.

**School Safety Report**

Mrs. Layton reported that Mr. Bolen caught someone breaking the new backboard. Subject is paying for it. He has placed gun safes in each office for extra ammo, and guns etc. Training should start soon for IN Force 911 program. They have found more vapes in girls' cafeteria restroom. They are watching closely with help of female staff members. The "Don't Prop" door stickers have been installed.

**Superintendent Report**

Mr. Sighting reported that during fall break STRSEG will be out to core roofs to see if we can save money by not replacing the installation when we do the roofing project. Later this month, we need to finalize the Title II A grant budget, Title IV grant budget, and the Title III grant budget. We are in the middle of contract negotiations and hopefully we will be able to wrap those up before the next board meeting.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items**

None

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**Budget/Finance**

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

Mr. Sighting presented the Ordinance or Resolution for 2024 Appropriation and Tax Rates.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the 2024 appropriation and tax rates. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Resolution for 2024 Budget Authorization of Reductions. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the resolution. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Resolution to Issue Tax Warrant. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the resolution. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Lafayette Glass Bullet Resistant Window Quote for Frontier Elementary. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the quote. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2023-2024 AdTec Erate Consulting Agreement. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the agreement. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors Engagement Letter for Debt Issuance and Continuing Disclosure. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the engagement. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the School Safety Grant Door Access Quote. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the quote. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Resolution approving Form of Seventh Amendment to Lease. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the amendment to lease. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Resolution reapproving the Building Corporation. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the resolution. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Personnel**

Mr. Sighting presented the following Resignations:

- Resignation of Frontier Elementary Custodian
- Resignation of Frontier School Corporation Yellow Bus Driver

Laura Bell made a motion to accept the resignations. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Mr. Sighting presented the following New Hires:

- Hire Frontier School Corporation Mini-Bus Driver effective September 18, 2023.
- Hire Frontier School Corporation Yellow Bus Driver effective October 30, 2023

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the hires. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

- Mr. Tyler Pruitt-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach
- Mr. Tyler Pruitt-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Junior High Wrestling Assistant Coach
- Mr. Kyle Marlatt-Frontier Girls Basketball 6th Grade Head Coach
- Mr. J.T. Veach-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Junior High Wrestling Assistant Coach

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

**Field Trips**

None

**Other Business**

Mr. Sighting presented October 2023 Donations. Laura Bell made a motion to accept the donations. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Improvement Plan. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the plan. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the International Travel Program Update.

**Public Comments**

None

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

The next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting will be Monday, November 20, 2023 at Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School, 1 Falcon Drive, Chalmers, IN 47929. This meeting is fully accessible. Any person wanting additional accommodations should contact the Frontier School Corporation Superintendent's Office at (219) 984-5009.

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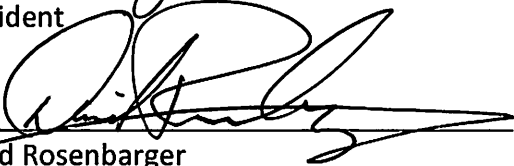
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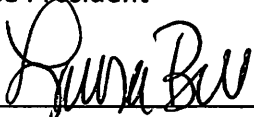
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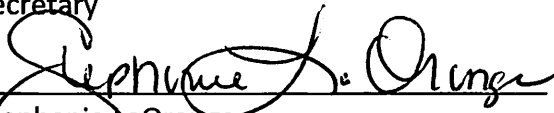
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