

**Frontier School Corporation**

126 E Main St  
Chalmers, IN 47929

**Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees**

Monday, February 26, 2024

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

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dan Sighting and Treasurer Courtney Parrish

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

**Routine Business**

Mr. Sighting recognized the Frontier FFA for receiving 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the National Skillathon.

Laura Bell moved to approve the agenda with the revisions of 8.9 Review of Frontier School Corporation Investment Policy and 9.2.4 Hire Frontier Elementary Cafeteria Cashier/Kitchen Assistant. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 15, 2024 Reorganization Meeting, January 15, 2024 Board of Finance Meeting, and January 15, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the January 31, 2024 Fund Report as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger moved to approve the January 31, 2024 Appropriation Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the January 31, 2024 Revenue Report as presented. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve the January 31, 2024 Bank Reconciliation Report as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger moved to approve the January 31, 2024 Bond Report as presented. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the January 31, 2024 Transfer Report as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the 2023 Year End Fund Report. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Laura Bell made a motion to approve the 2023 Year End Appropriation Report. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the 2023 Year End Revenue Report. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the 2023 Year End Appropriation Transfers. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the February 26, 2024 claims as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Technology Report**

Mr. McFadden reported on he is upgrading the Network with firmware upgrade of switches and the firewall access points software update. He reported that the Verkada Vape Sensor trial period has ended. To install the system at FJSHS would have been ten thousand dollars a year. He is doing a system check on IRead and SAT since this is the first year it will be done online. He is enrolled in training for Powerschool MBA master class. He is getting technology ready for E-collect forms and kindergarten round up. The IT Team is planning the end of year collection and start of year roll out. He is working on getting new teacher laptops and summer projects.

**Elementary Report**

Mrs. Layton thanked Officer Bolen for getting radios for every staff member. The 4th-6th grade Spelling Bee winner was 5th grader Julian Sulfridge with Reagan Marlatt as the alternate. Julian will compete in Regionals on March 4th. She thanked Mrs. Clark for being the sponsor. She thanked the FES PTO for putting on the Pancake and Pajama Night. It was a huge success serving around 150 people. She thanked everyone that donated. The committee is working on the student handbook for the 24-25 school year to be approved at the March board meeting. IREAD is coming up for 3rd graders. She thanked Erin Notary and the 3rd-grade teachers for creating that schedule. Final spring NWEA testing will start again the week after spring break. Mrs. Notary finished WIDA testing for elementary students and Mrs. Mathis completed them for the HS student. Fun Events for the month: The girl's and boy's basketball teams and HS Wrestling Team did a fan tunnel at FES, the FES Book Fair is happening right now, the 3rd grade went to Purdue to watch a musical, 4th grade went to the state house, and 2nd grade went to the Career Center in Monticello. Professional Development days were a success; time was given for teachers to align the curriculum with the new standards and complete vertical & horizontal alignment conversations. They participated in Google training and dug deeper into learning about the Science of Reading. February flew by with lots of ACR and RTI meetings for students and staff observations.

**Jr.-Sr. High Report**

Mr. Hettinger reported on FAFSA Night, and the 3 E Grant. The School Leadership Team (Mrs. Snoble, Mrs. Szabela, Mrs. Turner and Mr. Hettinger) visited Parke Heritage High School to meet with other members of the

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Quad Group (Sheridan, Seeger, Parke Heritage) to discuss collaboration, networking, and a possible CDL Pathway and simulator. If we cannot find a teacher that can teach dual-credit chemistry, we are looking into partnering with Ivy Tech or Indiana University to continue dual-credit chemistry and to keep our Early College High School status. The faculty worked with Wabash Valley Education Center and focused on increasing instructional and assessment rigor. The faculty also worked on updating course standards and met in groups to ensure articulation of standards. Freckles Graphics will be on site to install a metal 3D Logo for the main office. A group of students will be taken to the Career+ HireMe 2024 event at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds. Upcoming in March, students will be taken to the Ivy Tech College Summit and to the White County Youth Summit. SAT testing will happen in school on March 6, 2024.

**Athletics Report**

Mr. Gretencord reported that the girls varsity basketball team finished the season with a 4-18 record. Three boy wrestlers advanced to Semi State: Chase Pekny, Weston Maddox, and Griffin Prickel. All 3 lost their first round match at Semi State. Boys varsity basketball has their sectional this week. Our boys will play Friday night at 6:00 pm at Caston vs the winner of Tri-County and South Newton. Tri-County and South Newton will play tomorrow night. JH girls basketball will finish up their season on Wednesday night at 6:30 pm at North Newton. Junior High wrestling will finish up their season on March 8, 2024 at the Midwest Conference meet at North White. The Winter Sports Awards recognition night will be March 12 at 6:00 pm. Varsity softball will start their first official practice on March 4, 2024. Varsity baseball and boys varsity golf will start their first official practice on March 11, 2024. Varsity track has already started their practices.

**Counselors Report**

No report

**Transportation Report**

Mr. Sighting reported that Mrs. Hall has been working on rerouting since the unexpected closure of BASE.

**Food Service Report**

Mr. Boulanger, the new Food Service Director, reported that he is in the process of learning school policies and procedures and learning the National School Nutrition Program. Shyann Burris is a new cashier and kitchen helper at the Elementary café.

**Maintenance Report**

Mr. Peterson reported that the elementary playground is about finished. He has been working with Christopher's Landscaping to help with the finishing touches. Gravel is being laid in the soft places in the middle of the playground. Ground cover will be laid with weather permitting and mulch will be in soon. The geo-grids will be placed before the mulch is laid. The walk-in freezer at the elementary school broke down. The compressor was bad; but it was under warranty. A freezer trailer was brought in until the freezer compressor was repaired. In the old gym all of the sinks in the restrooms and locker rooms have been replaced with new faucets. Also, in the old gym, the blocks in the middle of the two doors have been repaired. They were cracked around the door jams. Maintenance staff is working on getting quotes for painting the gym

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walls, ceiling, red and black stripes, the bleachers, and the bleachers floors. At the high school gym, the ceiling lights were replaced with new LED light drivers. Water has been turned on for the outside facilities for all spring and summer sport activities. The elementary experienced a possible lighting strike that took out the intercom system and the fire alarm panel. Both will need to be replaced. The fire alarm pull station has been tested and will still work if needed. Maintenance staff is working on quotes for replacements.

**School Safety Report**

Mr. Bolen reported on the completion of the Door Access system at Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School and the near completion at Frontier Elementary School.

**Superintendent Report**

Mr. Sighting reported he and Chris Peterson have been meeting with painting companies. It is their hope to bring a recommendation to the school board during the March meeting to paint the inside of the Brookston Gym this summer. Riteway Construction will be here in March to begin the process of demolition of the tile and carpeted areas of the Brookston Gym and finishing the floor areas with paint chips and epoxy similar to the floors in the weight room and locker rooms at Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School. The epoxy paint chip floors will be installed in the restrooms, south hallway entrance to the gym, and north hallway entrance to the gym. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Bolen touched on the completion of the Door Access system at Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School. HiCom will be returning in the next two weeks to complete the installation of the Door Access System at Frontier Elementary. He has been working on finalizing the 2025-2026 School Calendar Survey for teachers and parents. His hope is to publish the 2025-2026 School Calendar Survey for teachers and parents in early March and share the results publically at the March 18, 2024 School Board meeting and on the Frontier School Corporation website.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items**

No Comments

**Budget/Finance**

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

Mr. Sighting presented the Early Literacy Achievement Grant Resolution. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the resolution. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Resolution for Transfer from Pension Debt Fund to Debt Service Fund. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the resolution. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Resolution for Transfer from Operations Fund to Rainy Day Fund. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the resolution. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Mr. Sighting presented the Engagement Letter/Fee Agreement with Lewis-Kappes Law Firm. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the agreement. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Resolution Electing to Join or Enlarge the Public Employees' Retirement Fund as administered by the Indiana Public Retirement System to include Food Service Director as a covered position. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the resolution. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024 Bond Repayment Length and Debt Service Tax Rate. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the repayment terms for 10 years and 10 months. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 1003 Waiver for approval. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the waiver. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier School Corporation Investment Policy. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the policy. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Personnel**

Mr. Sighting presented the resignations of:

- Miss Chelcie Moss-Frontier Elementary Cafeteria Cashier/Kitchen Assistant
- Mrs. Stacy Snoble-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Chemistry Teacher
- Mr. Mark Wessel-Yellow Bus Driver

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

Mr. Sighting presented the hires of:

- Frontier School Corporation Minibus Instructional Assistant
- Frontier School Corporation Yellow Bus Driver
- Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Homebound Instructor
- Frontier Elementary Cafeteria Cashier/Kitchen Assistant

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

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

- Mr. Trevor Benakovich-Baseball 1st Assistant Coach
- Mr. Dan Layton-Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach
- Mr. Kyle Sorenson-Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach
- Mr. Kaleb Wagner-Baseball 2nd Assistant Coach

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

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Elementary Custodian Hourly Wage Increase. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the increase. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Elementary School 1st Grade Teacher Maternity Leave. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the leave. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Elementary Summer School 2024 Hires of:

- Mrs. Gretchen Innocent-Kindergarten Boot Camp Teacher
- Ms. Stefanie Greer-Kindergarten Boot Camp Instructional Assistant
- Mrs. Joy Henson-Phonics Boot Camp Instructional Assistant
- Mrs. Jill Woods-Phonics Boot Camp Teacher

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

Mr. Sighting asked for approval of the Frontier Elementary long-term STEM substitute. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the hire. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Field Trips**

None

**Other Business**

Mr. Sighting presented February 2024 donations. Shelley Christopher made a motion to accept the donations. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Quality Roofing Services Bid Removal Request. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the bid removal. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting asked for approval to award the roof replacement for Frontier Elementary School to Danco Roofing Services. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve Danco Roofing for the EL roof replacement. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting asked approval to award the roof replacement for Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School to Superior Roofing Services, Inc. Laura Bell made a motion to approve Superior Roofing for the JSHS roof replacement. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024 Payout of Helen Higgins Scholarship Trust. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the payout. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Mr. Sighting asked for approval for Early Dismissal for April 8, 2024 for the Solar Eclipse. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the early dismissal. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Revised 2023-2024 Frontier School Corporation Dyslexia Plan and Protocols. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the revised plan and protocols. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

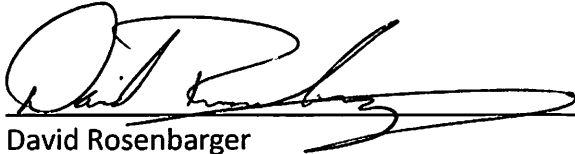
**Public Comments**

None

Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 pm. Stephanie La Orange seconded the motion.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting-Monday, March 18, 2024 at Frontier Jr/Sr High School, 1 Falcon Drive, Chalmers, IN 47929.

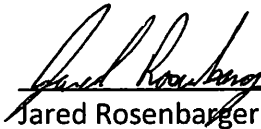
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David Rosenbarger  
President

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Laura Bell  
Vice President



Jared Rosenbarger  
Secretary



Shelley Christopher  
Member



Stephanie LaOrange  
Member