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**Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees**  
Monday, November 20, 2023

**Present:** President Shelley Christopher, Vice President David Rosenbarger, Secretary Laura Bell (arrived 7:55pm) and School Board Members Stephanie LaOrange and Jared Rosenbarger

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dan Sighting, Corporation Treasurer Cortney Parrish, and Attorney Bob Little  
President Shelley Christopher called the Meeting to order at 7:05PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Routine Business**

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

David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 30, 2023 Tentative Agreement hearing. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 8, 2023 Special Board Meeting. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the October 31, 2023 Fund Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve the October 31, 2023 Appropriation Report as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger moved to approve the October 31, 2023 Revenue Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve the October 31, 2023 Bank Reconciliation Report as presented. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger moved to approve October 31, 2023 Bond Report as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the October 31, 2023 Transfer Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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David Rosenbarger moved to approve the November 20, 2023 claims as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Technology Report**

Mr. McFadden reported that the Inforce 911 system is ready to be installed on devices. The training is being finalized. CDW-G is getting three options from manufacturers for new teacher laptops. He stated that help-desk tickets are now under 100. He is wrapping up the projects Mr. Hoover started. He is also training in PowerSchool and starting 24-25 School Year Planning. He is looking into software and hardware updates for administration and support staff. He is looking into installing a Hicom camera system to the weight room as well as to the exterior doors. There should be no internet downtime for this installation.

**Elementary Report**

Mrs. Layton reported that the new playground has arrived! The company delivered it but can't come back until Dec. 4th to install. Chris, Jeremy, and Jim started the demolition of the old playground. The front playground will be closed for two weeks. The 2022-2023 HA Grant is finalized and submitted. She thanked Michelle Mathias and FES Student Council for organizing the Trunk-or-Treat and Fountain Trust Bank for donating free hot dog dinners and prizes and to our community members that brought a trunk. The Student Council will also have a K-3 movie night on Wednesday, November 29th. She thanked the FES PTO for organizing a bowling fundraiser incentive trip. We had 92 students attend in grades K-6. She appreciates the staff members that attended. The PTO and FHS Girls Basketball also held the Daddy-Daughter Dance on Saturday, November 11th. Mr. Riggs held a fabulous first Veteran's Day Program on Wednesday, November 8th with the 5th-grade students. She thanked the staff that helped organize and decorate for it. She thanked the Frontier Rotary Club for passing out dictionaries to every 3rd grade student. Our FES Spell Bowl Team placed 2nd in the green division at their competition last Monday. She thanked Stephani Clark for being the sponsor. Upcoming events and important dates are Wednesday, December 6th: 3rd Grade Winter Program 9:00 & 6:30 @ FES; Monday, December 11th: Kevin Dill coming to FES; Thursday, December 14th: PTO Family Merry Market 5:30-7:00 @ Old Gym; Friday, December 15th: PTO Holiday Shoppe; Wednesday, December 20th: 3rd-6th Grade Awards Program 1:30; Thursday, December 21st: K Rudolph Day; Friday, December 22nd: Report Cards; and Monday, December 25th-Friday, January 5th: Winter Break. Elementary sports have started a new season with basketball for both boys and girls, wrestling, and cheerleading. Our gyms are full every day with various grade levels practicing. NWEA is coming up after Thanksgiving Break and winter data meetings will be held on January 10th. She will start back with observations after the break as well.

**Jr.-Sr. High Report**

Mr. Hettinger reported on meeting with Ivy Tech to evaluate student transcripts to confirm Indiana College Core eligibility and to evaluate student transcripts to determine if anyone is close enough to earn an Associate's degree. The seniors received cap and gown information at the senior meeting. He met with area principals from surrounding schools at a network meeting. They try to meet once every nine weeks to compare notes and to share wins and losses. At the last meeting he learned about how some schools are

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creating local graduation pathways from classes that we already offer. He attended the National Rural Education Conference. Some of the more impactful sessions included: Improving School Culture; Building Leadership Capacity; Grow your own teacher program-Addressing teacher shortage; Empowering Teacher Leaders; What does the 5th day look like on a 4-day school week?; and What do future-ready students look like? Important dates coming up are Winter NWEA testing, the Early College team will travel to Seeger High School on Monday to learn about their Early College program. 9<sup>th</sup> Graders are being certified in CPR. Mrs. Culver-Pekny will again host a Culinary Camp in early December.

**Athletics Report**

Mr. Gretencord reported the new scorer's bench is in. It was purchased by the Athletic Boosters. Boys wrestling filled all but two or three weight classes out of fourteen. Girls wrestling has three participants. There is not a JV team for Girls Basketball. The varsity girls team has had some close games. They lost by one to Attica on November 7th and lost a heartbreaker in OT to Delphi on Saturday. The 8th Grade Boys Basketball has really low numbers and the 7th Grade is at nine players. However, the 6th Grade Boys have decent numbers. The 6th Grade Girls team has 5th and 6th graders combined. Boys JV and Varsity Basketball tips off tomorrow night at 6 pm vs Benton Central. Tuesday, December 19th we will be playing a JV and Varsity Boys Basketball game at the Brookston Gym vs Twin Lakes at 6:00 pm.

**Counselors Report**

Mrs. Bassett reported that PSAT scores came in from October 16<sup>th</sup>; Grade 10 had seven students score > 1000 and sixteen students score > 900. Grade 11 had 12 out of 39 students score ≥ 1000. She said that 18 students improved their ERW scores (46%) and 23 students improved their Math scores (59%). ASVAB was given on November 8th to all juniors. They continue to meet with seniors who have below average grades every three weeks to help keep them accountable for graduation. Pre-registration is in its beginning stages.

Mrs. Bulla reported that 53 students in 23 families are being helped with Christmas and Christmas extras by a combined effort of several local individuals and organizations.

**Transportation Report**

No report

**Maintenance Report**

Mr. Sighting reported the loss of an elementary custodian. It has been very difficult to find a replacement. Currently they are using City Office Cleaning services to fill-in until we find a full time custodian. As for the night time cleaning services they are also going through personnel changes and this has caused a lot of issues with cleaning procedures throughout both schools. Lawn and Shrubs has winterized the sprinkler system at the High School playing fields. The water for the outside buildings has been shut off for the winter months. They are in the process of making the old restrooms into a place for the Jr. High football storage and football officials. Mr. Peterson has been working on the old storage shed that is located at the west side of the football field. It will be used for extra storage for the athletic departments. The steps at the old gym on the north side are getting repaired and new handrails installed. Maintenance is in the process of changing out air filters for

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both schools. They have not changed out any of the Elementary parking lot lights due to being short of custodians. We will also be in the process of removing the Elementary playground set and having it ready for the new one next month.

**School Safety Report**

Mr. Bolen reported that they received the Keeping it Real program books for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. They are waiting on grant money to get additional radios.

**Superintendent Report**

Mr. Sighting reported that the ILEARN test is changing to three short evaluations and one summative evaluation. We will need to determine if we want to participate in the piloting program. We should receive the TAG Grant by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Corp office is closing out the 2023 budget. We have had two recent applicants for the Payroll/Assistant Treasurer position as well as an applicant for the open elementary custodian position. December property tax settlement will be coming soon.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items**

None

**Budget/Finance**

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

Mr. Sighting presented the Amendment to Boyce Software License and Maintenance Agreement Auto Renewal Structure. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the amendment. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Caterpillar 60 Month Lease for Compact Track Loader. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the lease. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with David Rosenbarger abstaining.

Mr. Sighting presented the Brookston gym restroom and foyer flooring sealing proposal. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the floor sealing. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2023-2024 Frontier School Corporation Curricular Charges.

Mr. Sighting presented the Estimated Reimbursement for 2023 Summer School Programs.

President Christopher opened the public hearing on Seventh Amendment to Lease at 7:50pm. The hearing was closed with no public comments.

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Mrs. LaOrange made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Seventh Amendment to Lease. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the Resolution Assigning Construction Bids and Contracts to the Building Corporation, once received. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving First Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Issuing Bonds. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the STR-SEG proposal 61935 for roof design services at Frontier Elementary School. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the proposal. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the STR-SEG Proposal 61936 for Roof Design Services at Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the proposal. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Amendment of Page 19 of the 2023-2024 Frontier School Corporation Transportation Handbook. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the amended handbook page. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Personnel**

Mr. Sighting presented for approval, the suspension, without pay for the Contracted Food Service Director through Indy Kaldahl Painting, Inc. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the suspension. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented for approval the contract cancellation for Contracted Food Service Director through Indy Kaldahl Painting, Inc. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the contract cancellation. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the hire of Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School English/Language Arts Teacher. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the hire. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the increase in the hourly rate for Substitute Nurses to \$18.00 per hour. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the new hourly rate. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Mr. Sighting presented the definitions and benefits for Certified full-time substitute and Classified full-time substitute. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the definitions and benefits. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented for approval the mentor for Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School English/Language Arts Teacher. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the mentor. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the adjustment of Frontier School Corporation paraprofessional from part-time to full-time. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the adjustment. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

- Volunteer Assistant for Boys Basketball-Mr. Thomas Boyles
- 8th Grade Girls Basketball Head Coach-Mrs. Janelle Kennedy
- Girls Varsity Track Head Coach-Mrs. Jennifer Newcom
- Head Boys Golf Coach-Mr. Maurice Plains
- Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball Coach-Miss Emma Sorenson
- Boys Varsity Track Head Coach-Miss Liz Spiker
- Girls 7th Grade Basketball Coach-Mrs. Keli Whitaker

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

**Field Trips**

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Business Professionals of America field trip (overnight). Laura Bell made a motion to approve the field trip. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School FFA (overnight and out-of-state). Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the field trip. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School FCCLA (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 November 2023 Donations. David Rosenbarger made a motion to accept the donations. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Teacher Appreciation Grant policy review results.

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

Mr. Sighting presented the 2023-2024 Dual Enrollment MOU with Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the agreement. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


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

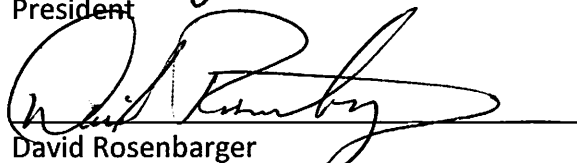
**Public Comments**


None

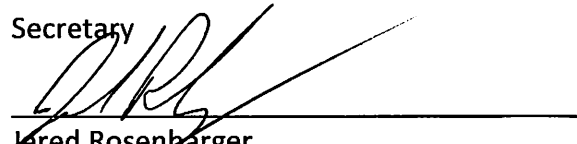
David Rosenbarger made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Stephanie La Orange seconded the motion.


The next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting will be Monday, December 18, 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.

  
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