

**Frontier School Corporation**  
126 E Main St  
Chalmers, IN 47929

**Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees**  
Monday, December 18, 2023

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

**Absent:** None

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

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 with the deletion of 3.1 Special Meeting Minutes of 11/08/23. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the November 30, 2023 Fund Report as presented. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the November 30, 2023 Appropriation Report as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the November 30, 2023 Revenue Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve the November 30, 2023 Bank Reconciliation Report as presented. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger moved to approve the November 30, 2023 Bond Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Rosenbarger moved to approve the November 30, 2023 Transfer Report as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the December 18, 2023 claims as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Technology Report**

Mr. McFadden reported on getting quotes for new teacher devices. He is looking into technology recycling. He is setting up PowerSchool for the 24-25 school year. The ticket system is down from 400 unsolved tickets

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to 35 unsolved tickets that were created before his hire. He is looking into a Grant from USDA involving telemedicine technology, telecommunication, and technology upgrades.

**Elementary Report**

Mrs. Layton reported that they have 21 families (58 kids) that received assistance this holiday season. Frontier appreciates the support of our local churches, sororities, community members, and Frontier Rotary Club. Thank you to Paula Bulla for organizing. NWEA testing has finished for the Winter Cycle and she shared the results. Mrs. Jensen will meet with teachers on January 10th to review data and help them review their goals that will be uploaded to SFS. She thanked Mr. Riggs, 3rd-grade students, and 3rd-grade teachers for putting on a fantastic Holiday Music Program. This Wednesday will be the Elementary Band/Choir Program at the HS with the HS Band/Choir. The PTO Christmas Shoppe was a success. Special thanks to Audra May for heading up the event. The next professional development day is coming up on January 15th. Staff will be working with Wabash Valley presenters on The Science of Reading and Google tech tips then the afternoon will be time for them to work on aligning their curriculum with the new standards. She thanked Mrs. Mathias and the FES Student Council for putting on a movie night for students in grades K-2. They had 95 students attend. The playground has not yet been installed. Last Monday, Kevin Dill came and worked with FES staff to review student behaviors and help to maintain a positive climate/culture. He was very complimentary of FES. Mr. Layton attended his workshop for administrators last Wednesday at Wabash Valley which is always a good refresher. They drew 25 student names for the \$10 Walmart positive incentive gift cards. She thanked FEF for donating them. Wednesday will be the 3rd-6th Grade Awards Program. Staff reports back after break on January 5th for a staff meeting and a half-day work day. Students report back on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Report cards go home Friday on the last day.

**Jr.-Sr. High Report**

Mr. Hettinger reported Mrs. Johnson's maternity leave has been filled for the second semester. Miss Becca Adams, a Purdue Graduate working on her master's degree, will be filling in. The Junior High English position has been filled with an English trained and English licensed teacher. Mrs. Shyann Dahl will start on January 5, 2024. Mrs. Cook plans to return from Maternity leave on January 22, 2024. The School Leadership Team traveled to Seeger to participate in the Early College High School Networking meeting. The last few weeks have been challenging to get subs – lots of sickness going around. Mr. Hettinger thanked the faculty and staff, as they always step up and cover when needed. He attended with Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. Sighting the Cooperative Admin Retreat in Monticello to learn about the latest policies and state requirements, and to network with other member schools. The students will take 8 final exams spread over three days. Teachers report back on Friday, January 5, 2024 and first semester grades are due by Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Over Christmas break a small office renovation planned to create a safe area to help direct crisis management.

**Athletics Report**

Mr. Gretencord reported that he is excited for our new hires in our spring sports. He thinks we have some good coaches coming in pending the board's approval. Girls JH will start practicing when we get back from our break. They have had a few open gyms already. Boys basketball has 2 wins right now and girls basketball

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has 1 win. Our wrestling team finished 2nd at Seeger. Weston Maddox and Griffin Prickel won their weight classes. Griffin is currently 11-0 on the season. Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, there is wrestling at 5:30 at the high school vs West Lafayette, boys JV/Varsity basketball vs Twin Lakes is at the Brookston Gym starting at 6:00 pm. Those that go to the wrestling meet first and then come to the basketball game won't have to pay to get into the basketball game and will receive a free popcorn. The girls will play Thursday of this week at the high school vs Caston at 6:30 pm. Over break, boys JV/Varsity basketball is at the Kouts Tournament on Dec 28, 2023. These games start around 10:00 am. Wrestling will participate in the Bi-County Super Duals at Twin Lakes on December 29, 2023. Girls varsity basketball is at Twin Lakes on January 2, 2024. Girls Varsity basketball vs Pioneer on January 4, 2024 is at Frontier at 6:30 pm. Boys JV/V basketball is at Pioneer on January 5, 2024 starting at 6:00 pm. Girls Varsity Basketball is at Gary Lighthouse CPA on January 6, 2024

**Counselors Report**

Mrs. Bassett reported that Pre-Registration has begun for the 2024-2025 school year. All next year seniors have been preregistered. At this time, 10 seniors will be receiving the Indiana College Core Certificate in May. To receive this, you must earn 30 college credits with a minimum of 3 college credits in each of the six categories: Written Communication, Speaking and Listening, Quantitative Reasoning, Scientific Ways of Knowing, Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing, and Humanistic Ways of Knowing. Presently, our students range from 30 college credits to 54 college credits. The student with 54 college credits is working to attain her associates degree in general studies. She plans on adding additional college classes next semester to have the 60 credits needed for an associate's degree. Mrs. Bassett attended the Indian Trail's Admin retreat last Monday. During this time, they were able to network with other schools regarding pathway opportunities. Benton Central is now offering the pathways our students used to attend at Twin Lakes. We are excited to be able to offer this opportunity to our students again. The Frontier Education Foundation has started planning for the bingo event that will be on April 19, 2024. Teachers have the opportunity to apply for mini grants up to \$500. The foundation will award a total of \$6,000. Fifty \$10 Walmart gift cards have been purchased for Red and Black Payback. Students are entered into a drawing from staff members when they are going above and beyond. In spring, fifty more gift cards will be purchased for second semester.

**Transportation Report**

Mr. Sighting reported that they are requesting to purchase a new mini bus. They are looking for a mini bus instructional assistant.

**Maintenance Report**

Mr. Peterson reported that the Elementary playground has been disassembled and is ready for the new equipment. Contractors will start assembly of the new playground equipment December 19, 2023. The maintenance/custodial crew has been cleaning and replacing ceiling lights and scoreboard lights and a few other items that needed attention at the Brookston Gym to get ready for all the activities this month. The High School kitchen has a new water heater tank. Winter break projects include: the Elementary playset install, new lights to be installed at the High School Auditorium, and a safe room will be added in the main office.

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Custodians will be cleaning areas that are hard to get to when students are in classes. The night cleaning crew has added another person to their staff. This should help getting rooms a more productive cleaning.

**School Safety Report**

Mr. Bolen reported that he is waiting on grant money in January to complete their projects like the radios and cameras. He is trying to attend all ballgames to eliminate issues. The high school has been pretty busy working to minimize the fights and control attitudes. He spoke about using the QR code posters to contact him regarding issues anonymously. The female café restroom has been consistently vandalized.

**Superintendent Report**

Mr. Sighting reported on the high school safe room. They are currently in the bond process. The next step will be selling the bonds. STR-SEG will be putting out bids for the roofing projects to be rewarded in February. The roofing projects should begin this summer. There have been two applicants for the Food Service Director position.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items**

None

**Budget/Finance**

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

Mr. Sighting presented the December 2023 Property Tax Settlement.

Mr. Sighting presented the December 2023 Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax, Excise Tax, and Financial Institutions Tax Settlement.

Mr. Sighting asked to rescind the 2024 Budget Form 4 from October 16, 2023. David Rosenbarger made a motion to adopt the resolution to rescind. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Board President Shelley Christopher invited comments on the proposed 2024 Operations Fund Property Tax Levy. No comments were made.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024 Updated Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the rates. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Toshiba copier lease for the Frontier School Corporation Superintendent's office. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the lease. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Mr. Sighting presented the 2023 Teacher Appreciation Grant stipends. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the stipends. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Green Light Lawn Care snow removal quote. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the quote. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Indiana School Boards Association Superintendent Search Agreement. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the agreement. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Hi-Com 50% deposit payment for the door access system. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the payment. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024 fifteen passenger mini-bus quotes. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the purchase. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Personnel**

Mr. Sighting presented the resignations of

- Rita Floyd- Frontier Elementary School kitchen assistant
- Tyler Pruitt-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School weight room supervisor

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

Mr. Sighting presented his intent to retire. David Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the intent to retire. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the hires of

- Frontier School Corporation Assistant Payroll Clerk/Assistant Treasurer
- Frontier Elementary Day Custodian
- Temporary Language Arts/Math Interventionist
- Frontier Elementary Kitchen Cashier and Kitchen Assistant

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

Mr. Sighting presented the hire of temporary long-term substitute teacher for Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School maternity leave. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the hire. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the maternity leave for Frontier Elementary STEM teacher. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the leave. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

- Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Baseball Coach
- Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Softball Coach
- Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Girls Varsity Assistant Track Coach
- Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School 7th & 8th Boys Track Head Coach
- Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Volunteer Wrestling Coach
- Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Boys Track Varsity Assistant Coach

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

Mr. Sighting presented the Food Service Director Consultant compensation. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the compensation. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Field Trips**

None

**Other Business**

Mr. Sighting presented December 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 Elementary updated extracurricular account descriptions. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the descriptions. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

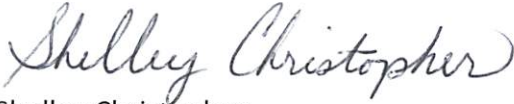
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David Rosenbarger made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Stephanie La Orange seconded the motion.

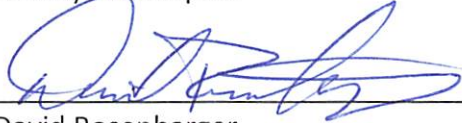
Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting-Monday, January 15, 2024 at Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School, 1 Falcon Drive, Chalmers, IN 47929. This meeting is fully accessible. Any person wanting additional accommodations should contact the Frontier School Corporation Superintendent's Office at (219) 984-5009.

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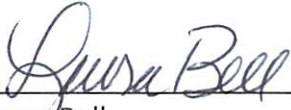
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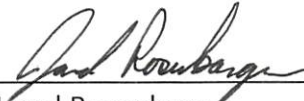
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