

**Frontier School Corporation**

126 E Main St  
Chalmers, IN 47929

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

Monday, April 15, 2024

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

**Absent:** School Board Member Stephanie LaOrange

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

President David Rosenbarger called the Meeting to order at 7:00PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Three students who received IREAD perfect scores were recognized.

**Routine Business**

Laura Bell moved to approve the agenda. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 18, 2024 regular School Board Meetings. No one seconded the motion. Shelley Christopher made a motion to table the approval of the minutes. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Laura Bell moved to approve the April 15, 2024 Claims as presented. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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**Technology Report**

Mr. Sighting reported that Frontier purchased and received 16 new 75" interactive displays that will be in our classrooms for the 2024-2025 school year. The tech team will meet with the admin to see how we want to distribute them into the classrooms. New laptops are being added to the network and distributed to the classrooms. We are looking into different solutions for the old laptops. The tech team will get all the old devices collected and have more information on the options once all the older devices are collected in May. Starting Wednesday, April 17th, Hicom will be installing a wireless bridge from the High School to the baseball field. This will provide the northern sports complex with internet and will make it possible to stream the baseball sectional game. Technology installed a server rack in the Baseball penthouse for network expansion if the need arises. At the High school and the Elementary we were having issues with devices not being able to connect to the network. Mr. McFadden worked with Fortinet, the manufacturer of the Wi-Fi access points, to troubleshoot the issue. It turns out that we were over saturating the 2nd floor of the elementary with too many Wi-Fi signals. We reduced the amount of access points by 15% to solve this problem. The high school had a similar issue but only needed a 5% reduction. Chromebooks use a long-term support channel, where they stay at one version for a 6 month period before needing a major update. April is the next round of tests and the Chromebooks need to be moved from the 114 channel to the 120 channel. We spent two weeks in "optional update" before switching to "mandatory update" last week. All Chromebooks should be ready for the testing window this week.

**Elementary Report**

Mr. Sighting gave Mrs. Layton's report: She congratulated the 3rd-grade students for receiving a perfect score on the IREAD test! IREAD results are that 71% passed; with the state passing rate at 65%. Special Education students who did not pass will receive a waiver or test again. The students who did not pass and did not get a waiver will retest on May 20th & 21st. NWEA Spring testing is finished at FES. FJSHS will finish in the middle of May, then the window will close. FHS Band came to FES and played music/explained instruments to 4th-6th graders to try to get more students interested in joining the band. Friday, April 5th was our annual Career Fair for 4th-6th grade students. Mrs. Layton thanked the community members that came to present to our students. Frontier had 20 FES 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students participate in the White County Battle of the Books Competition last Tuesday. He thanked Mrs. Jensen for being the club sponsor. Progress Reports went home Friday, April 12th. Staff appreciation week is May 6th-10th. Our PTO has some fabulous surprises planned. Mrs. Layton asked the board to please write an email or send a thank you card to the schools to show how much their hard work is appreciated. IAm testing and ILEARN testing is starting. She thanked Mrs. Notary for scheduling the testing sessions and making sure all the staff were trained and ready to go. High Ability COGAT testing will start these next two weeks for Kindergarten, 2nd, and 5th grade. Mrs. Jensen and Mrs. Layton will be giving those. In the board packets are recommendations for three High Ability summer enrichment classes and the 2nd part of the maternity leave for the Elementary STEM teacher. FES Student Council had their annual spring carnival last Thursday. She thanked Mrs. Mathias for organizing. Important

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**Upcoming Events:**

- Friday, May 3rd: 5th Grade Recycle Fair
- Monday, May 13th: Field Day
- Wednesday, May 15th: 6th Grade Celebration & Music Program
- Thursday, May 16th: Senior Walk at FES
- Thursday, May 16th: Pre-K Graduation 6:30 (last day of Pre-K)
- Friday, May 17th: 5th Grade to IN Beach
- Monday, May 20th: K Graduation 1:15
- Wednesday, May 22nd: 3rd-6th Grade Awards 1:30
- Thursday, May 23rd: Last Day for students

Mrs. Layton thanked the FES Staff for helping out and covering while she has been out on medical leave. She hopes to return Wednesday, April 17th if the doctor clears her.

**Jr.-Sr. High Report**

Mr. Hettinger reported that we are close to filling the PE and Chemistry positions. Right before Spring Break the Jr/Sr. High School hosted a convocation for the student body, with the theme of making good decisions and how bad decisions can have devastating consequences. During our Jr/Sr. High School faculty meeting this past week we hosted Gypsy Joe's coffee truck for the teachers and staff. Mr. Hettinger, Mrs. Szabela, Mrs. Snoble, and Mrs. Knochel traveled to Carmel for the RECN network meeting to network with other Early College High Schools receiving the RECN Grant. It's always a great opportunity to share your story and to find out innovative things other schools are doing. May 6th-10th is Teacher Appreciation Week. End of year assessments of ILEARN and NWEA are in progress or starting. The Jr/Sr. High School hosts the RECN visitation team on site Wednesday, April 17th. The purpose of the visit is to begin wrapping up the Grant requirements and to discuss sustainability going forward. Mr. Gretencord and Mr. Hettinger will be attending the IHSAA Spring Principal meeting in Huntington on Monday, April 22nd to get the latest updates and rule changes for the next school year.

The Jr/Sr. High School has freshman orientation on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and 7th Grade orientation on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Athletics Report**

Mr. Gretencord reported that spring season is well underway with numerous cancellations and rescheduling going on. We had one home softball game. Our first home baseball game is scheduled for April 16th (weather permitting). Also scheduled for April 16th, is our first home golf meet and our first JH home track meet. Our first varsity home track meet is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd. He would like to thank Chris Peterson and Jake Rhoda for all of the work done at our athletic fields as they keep up on the mowing and other projects that need to be worked on.

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**Counselors Report**

Mrs. Bassett reported that ILEARN for 7th and 8th graders will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, April 16th–April 24th. Freshman orientation is April 17th starting at 6:00 p.m. 7th grade orientation is April 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m. SAT scores have been released. Out of 40 juniors, 50% scored at or above the state requirement in English. 25% scored at or above the state requirement in mathematics. 9 students scored at or above in both English and math. Registration for next year is going well. Once the two orientations are finished, we should be able to finalize our master schedule.

**Transportation Report**

Mrs. Hall reported that the field trip season has started. She is working on summer school driving schedules and obtaining drivers for the extended schedules. We are getting ready for the annual bus inspections to be performed prior to the end of school. She is still looking for a yellow bus driver for the fall.

**Food Service Report**

No report

**Maintenance Report**

Mr. Peterson reported that during Spring Break the Cafeteria and connecting hallway at the Elementary was stripped and waxed by Midwest Flooring. The stage was stripped and waxed by the custodial staff. With the time they had left, all of the entrance ways, library, main office, stairway landings, and music rooms were shampooed. The railing for the steps at the Brookston Gym has been installed and the steps have been repaired. A new fire alarm panel was installed by Mulhaupts and is in working order. Brand Electric will be replacing the intercom system when school has been let out for the summer. He reported that at the high school the cafeteria was stripped and waxed by Jack Laurie Floors LLC. Not much custodial work was completed due to the death of a staff member's family. Air Handler #11 had a faulty chill water pump. Maintenance has repaired the problem and installed a thermostat guard in this same air handler. Maintenance put up flags on all game fields. The softball scoreboard was not working so the circuit board had to be replaced. Mr. Peterson is having Mulhaupts replace the door frame in the gym that leads into the weight room. The doors are still in good condition. His part time grounds maintenance person has returned from Florida and has started maintaining the lawns at the High School.

**School Safety Report**

Officer Bolen reported that Hi-com is done with the security system at the Elementary, everything is working well. Enforce911 is all set up. He is a Certified Instructor again for the academy. He will be attending a class in Louisville, KY in June to become an active shooter instructor, so he can teach our staff in preparation for next school year.

**Superintendent Report**

Mr. Sighting reported that the 2024 Bond was sold on Thursday, March 28, 2024 and the proceeds were deposited to the Frontier School Corporation Bond account with US Bank.

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He solicited two quotes for outdoor athletic field maintenance for the next year. He is requesting the board's approval of one of the two quotes tonight during the Budget/Financial section of the business meeting.

The board awarded the 2024 Frontier landscape and lawn mowing contract during the March 16, 2024 School Board meeting. The spring clean-up of the landscape beds at Frontier Elementary, Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School, and the Frontier Superintendent's Office has occurred at this point.

During the final walk-through of the epoxy floor project at the Brookston gym by Riteway, asbestos tile was found under the carpet and in other tiled areas in the Brookston Gym. J & B Environmental has been contacted and provided a quote of two thousand three hundred three (\$2,303) dollars to remove the asbestos tile. So, the floor project is on hold until the asbestos tile can be removed.

The Brookston gym will be painted this summer. The Brookston gym painting will begin on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

He is requesting the Board's approval tonight of the A.I.A. Document for Superior Roofing Services, Inc. Additionally, Superior Roofing Services has provided a quote to add Roof Area #11 for two hundred sixty nine thousand nine hundred eighty seven (\$269,987) dollars. The estimate provided in the STR-SEG Roof Survey of replacement of roof area #11 was two hundred seventy thousand (\$270,000) dollars. The estimate excluded the extraction and hook-up of the high school chiller including the rental of the crane needed. Frontier School Corporation received an estimate for disconnection, removal, reinstallation, and crane rental for the high school chiller during the roofing of Area #11 of forty eight thousand (\$48,000) dollars. I am recommending approval of the quote for Superior Roofing Services, Inc. to replace roof area #11. Mr. Peterson and I will solicit more quotes for disconnection, removal, reinstallation, and crane rental for the high school chiller that will need to be removed prior to replacing roof area #11.

Frontier School Corporation is in the process of soliciting hardscape quotes for resealing and fixing some minor pavement issues at Frontier Elementary, Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School, and the Frontier Superintendent's Office. The quotes will be received and evaluated prior to the May 20, 2024 school board meeting.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items**

No Comments

**Budget/Finance**

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

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024 Bond Project Budget. Laura Bell made a motion to accept the budget. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Mr. Sighting presented Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School copier lease. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the lease. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the outdoor athletic field maintenance quotes. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to accept the J&D Turf quote. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the pre-engineered soil application with J&D Turf. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the application. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the contract for Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School with Superior Roofing Services, Inc. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the contract. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Superior Roofing Services, Inc. quote for Roof Area #11. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the quote. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Personnel**

Mr. Sighting presented the resignation of Mrs. Jennifer Walters-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Cafeteria Cashier/Kitchen Assistant. Shelley Christopher made a motion to accept the resignation. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the hire of the Frontier Elementary Fall STEM maternity leave long-term substitute teacher. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the hire. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented approval of the Frontier Elementary High Ability Grant Summer Enrichment Instructors:

- Mrs. Sherry Banes-Simply Spanish
- Mrs. Gretchen Innocent-Building with K'Nex & Legos
- Miss Kaitlyn Schneider-Poetry Through Eras

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the instructors. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the hires:

- Mrs. Deb Lucas-Part-Time Mini-Bus Instructional Assistant
- Mr. Jon Connolly-Part-Time Mini-Bus Driver

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

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**Field Trips**

Mr. Sighting recommended approval of the following field trips:

- Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Business Professionals of America National Competition (overnight and out-of-state)
- Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (overnight and out-of-state)

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the field trips. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Other Business**

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

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024-2025 Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Course Description Handbook. Shelley Christopher made a motion to approve the handbook. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2025-2026 Frontier School Corporation calendar. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the calendar. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024-2025 Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Student Handbook. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the handbook. Shelley Christopher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

Mrs. Allison Austin expressed that the student to teacher ratio is too high at the Elementary. Mrs. Jordan Boss wants more teachers to be hired.

Laura Bell made a motion to adjourn at 8:10PM.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting-Monday, May 20, 2024 at Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Library, 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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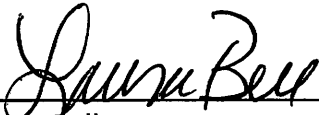
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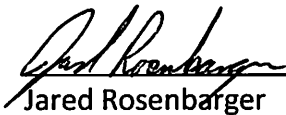
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