

Frontier School Corporation

126 E Main St
Chalmers, IN 47929

School Board Meeting

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Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees
Monday, July 22, 2024

Present: President David Rosenbarger, Vice President Laura Bell, Secretary Jared Rosenbarger, and School Board Member Stephanie LaOrange

Resigned: School Board Member Shelley Christopher

Absent:

Also Present: Superintendent Dan Sighting, Successor Superintendent Fred Unsicker, Deputy Treasurer Lori Ringer, Assistant Deputy Treasurer Karlye Maloney

President David Rosenbarger called the Meeting to order at 7:01pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Routine Business

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve the agenda with the additions of 8.2-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Gym Lights Replacement, 9.1.3-Danielle Sighting-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, and 9.10-Frontier Elementary STEM Long Term Substitute Teacher for August 15th-October 18th. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 17, 2024 regular School Board meeting. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the June 30, 2024 Fund Report as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve the June 30, 2024 Appropriation Report as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger moved to approve the June 30, 2024 Revenue Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve the June 30, 2024 Bank Reconciliation Report as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger moved to approve the June 30, 2024 Bond Reports as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger moved to approve the June 30, 2024 Transfer Report as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Bell moved to approve the July 22, 2024 Claims as presented. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Technology Report

Mr. McFadden reported that the newline interactive boards are set up and ready to be delivered to the rooms. Mrs. Newcom will train staff receiving boards for the first time. The old Wi-Fi systems have been removed from both schools. There were minimal issues with PowerSchool rollover, and the system is ready for next school year. The iPad MDM server account has been updated to Mr. McFadden's control. New iPads and cases have been ordered for the growing number of students. A portion of the Chromebooks will be updated because they are out of warranty, but we will keep the current cases. The tech staff have been working on server cleanup. Switches have been moved, and 200 ft. of unnecessary cable has been removed from the Elementary. For next school year: PowerSchool is ready, Chromebooks are ready, iPads need to be updated for new students, clever.com and supporting sites will be finished by the end of July, and as of today 342 students have pre-registered.

Elementary Report

Mrs. Layton reported that Phonics Boot Camp and Kindergarten Boot Camp have started. In K Camp: Students will be learning the procedures & routines of school and the basic Kindergarten skills of cutting, coloring, and writing their name. They will 'graduate' with a certificate and ice cream social. Phonics Camp students will review phonic skills for students that were invited from existing grades 1-3. In board packet, there are hire recommendations for a new 1st Grade Teacher, Mrs. Ashley Brown, the 2nd STEM Maternity leave position, Miss Carly William, and the 1:1 paraprofessional opening, Miss Alaysia Clements. Some fun events before school starts are coming up: Kindergarten Meet-N-Greet, the corporation picnic, and the K-3 Open House. Grades 4-6 will hold in-person parent meetings during the first two weeks of school. FES PTO will also be having a Back to School Bash on Thursday, August 15th from 5:30-7:00pm with food and games. Online registration started July 8th and In-person registration is July 31st and August 1st. We have some new students already and a nice sized Kindergarten class entering. Thank you to FES PTO for organizing the supply kits this year. Yearbooks are in and are available for pickup during in-person registration. The building will soon be buzzing with teachers and staff starting to arrive back to prepare for the first student day. She thanked the cleaning and maintenance crew for working hard this summer on improvements.

Jr.-Sr. High Report

Mr. Sichtung reported that Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School is fully staffed. Mr. Hettinger is currently preparing for the start of the school year, prepping for registration, finalizing agendas for new teacher orientation & faculty meetings, and updating the faculty handbook & schedules. On the first day of school, there will be a hybrid schedule that allows class meetings and allows the teachers to meet with all their classes. There is a new twist on Open House this year. It will be held right before the first home football game to encourage increased attendance.

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Athletics Report

Mr. Gretencord reported the first practice for JH sports will be August 1st and for HS sports, August 5th. He thanked the maintenance and custodial staff for all of their help over the summer to prep JH locker rooms and baseball/softball restrooms. The lights in the gym are much better, and the new epoxy flooring at the Brookston Gym looks great. Hudl is running out of storage for game recordings and streaming for our coaches, so Mr. Gretencord has created a YouTube channel and is moving old games over from Hudl.

Counselors Report

As of right now, Mrs. Bassett has 4 new enrollees, but expects more next month.

Transportation Report

Mr. Sighting reported that Mrs. Hall would like to recommend to the board that we hire Darin Gravitt as a substitute yellow school bus driver. Pending re-inspection of 3 big buses, all of our buses have been serviced and are in good mechanical condition and ready for the school year. ESY for a few schools will be starting soon and drivers/aids are lined up.

Maintenance Report

Mr. Peterson reported that maintenance finished installing all the burned out parking lot lights at the Elementary. Wiring needed to be replaced in two poles due to corrosion and pests. The north and south side airway railings have been powder coated and reinstalled. The Brookston gym is finished being repainted. The boys' locker room restroom, at the Elementary, will be getting new partitions. They have been ordered and waiting for a date for install. The parking lots have been finished at the Elementary, and summer cleaning is finished as well. Day and night time custodians are going around and picking up any areas that need touching up. At the Jr.-Sr. High, all summer cleaning is finished. They replaced all tires on the Ferris lawn mower and the front tires on the maintenance gator. Maintenance took out a section of lockers from the boy's locker room inside the school and installed them in the old baseball boys' restroom. This will be used for JR High football players. We are having a contractor install a shower for the officials to use during football games. There are a few more items that will need to be installed at a later date. The walk-in freezer is still having issues, and it will need to be replaced eventually.

School Safety Report

Officer Bolen reported he has completed advanced school safety training, and he is gearing up for the start of the school year.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Sighting reported the roofing project at the Jr.-Sr. high school is behind schedule. They are planning to work weekends, weather permitting, to complete the project. They are also aware that there is a \$500 liquid damages clause in the contract. The Elementary roofing project is on schedule. Frontier School Corporation has a vacancy on the Frontier School Corporation Board. Interested parties are to email Superintendent Dan Sighting with a statement of intent of filling the vacancy. The deadline for emailing the statement of intent to Superintendent Dan Sighting is Tuesday, August 6, 2024. The Frontier School Corporation School Board will

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interview a minimum of three candidates in an open session prior to making a selection for someone to fill the vacancy. Mr. Sighting and Mr. Unsicker have been working on the 2025 Budget. They will complete it once they receive the 2025 assessed values. Sealing of the Frontier Elementary and Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School parking lots is complete. The Brookston Gym has been painted and epoxy floors are complete. New lights have been installed in the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School gym.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No Comments

Budget/Finance

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

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School gym lights replacement by Electric & More. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the replacement. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Personnel

Mr. Sighting presented the following resignations:

- Mark Feller-Varsity Softball Coach
- Hannah Peterson-Frontier Elementary Instructional Assistant
- Danielle Sighting-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
- Brittany Yoder-Frontier Elementary 1st Grade Teacher
- Lindsay Zimmer-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School 7th and 8th Grade Science Teacher

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

Mr. Sighting presented the hires:

- Mrs. Ashley Brown-Frontier Elementary 1st Grade Teacher
- Miss Alaysia Clements-Frontier Elementary Instructional Assistant
- Mrs. Hannah Peterson-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School 7th and 8th Grade Science Teacher

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

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024-2025 Extracurricular Appointments:

- Miss Emily Bell-Volleyball Girls 5th & 6th Grade Co-Coach
- Mrs. Laura Bell-Volleyball Girls Volunteer Varsity Assistant
- Mrs. Katie Cook-FFA
- Mrs. Rachel Funk-Volleyball Girls 5th & 6th Grade Co-Coach
- Mrs. Melissa Culver-Pekny-FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America)

National Technical Honor Society

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Governor's Work Ethic Coordinator 1

- Miss Shyann Dahl-Volleyball Girls 7th Grade Coach
- Mrs. Stephanie Fisher-Jr.-Sr. High School Activity A (Recycling Club)
- Mrs. Avery Granlund-Jr. High/High School Band
- Mrs. Melissa Gregorovic-Student Council 7th & 8th Grade
- Mrs. Kelly Knochel-9th Grade Class Sponsor
12th Grade Class Sponsor
- Mrs. Kate Lowe-Art Club
Sunshine Society
- Mrs. Candice Marlatt-Volleyball Girls 5th & 6th Grade Volunteer Assistant
- Mr. Kyle Marlatt-Football 7th & 8th Grade Volunteer Assistant Coach
- Mrs. Kathy Martin-10th Grade Class Sponsor
National Junior Honor Society
- Mrs. Whitney Martin-Cheerleading 7th & 8th Grade Co-Coach
- Mr. Chris Mathias-8th Grade Class Sponsor
- Mr. Jack Mikesell-Football Junior Varsity Coach
- Miss Jennifer Miller-Japanese Club
Spanish Club
- Mrs. Shaina Minnicus-11th Grade Class Sponsor
- Mr. Zach Minnicus-Football 7th & 8th Grade Assistant
- Mrs. Jennifer Newcom-Business Professionals of America
Technology Coach
Yearbook-High School
Yearbook-7th and 8th Grade
- Mr. Chris Perry-Football 7th & 8th Grade Head Coach
- Mr. Trent Phegley-Summer Weight Room Supervisor
- Mr. Maurice Plains-Jr. High/High School Choir
Football Varsity Assistant Coach
- Miss Danielle Sighting-Volleyball Girls Junior Varsity Coach
- Mr. Randy Sherer-Football 7th & 8th Grade Volunteer Assistant Coach
- Mrs. Amanda Szabella-National Honor Society-High School
- Mr. Brady Tolle-Football 5th & 6th Grade Head Coach
- Mrs. Brooke Tolle-Cheerleading 7th & 8th Grade Co-Coach
- Miss Kara Trella-Junior/Senior High Activity B (Health Occupations Students of America)
- Mrs. Jill Woods-Governors Work Ethic Coordinator 2
- Mrs. Sharon Wright-7th Grade Class Sponsor
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Student Council High School

Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the appointments. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Laura Bell abstaining.

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Mr. Sighting presented the 2024-2025 Mentors:

- Mrs. Emily Banta- 1/2 Elementary Mentor for Mrs. Avery Granlund
- Mrs. Melissa Culver-Pekny- 1/2 Junior High Mentor for Mrs. Avery Granlund
- Mrs. Sharon Wright (2023-2024 Mentor for Miss Rachel Wilson)

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

Mr. Sighting presented Kaitlyn Schneider for Frontier Elementary Study Table Supervisor at \$9.95 per hour. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the position. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2023-2024 Frontier School Corporation Classified Salary Schedule. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the schedule. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024-2025 Classified Handbook amendments. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the amendments. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024-2025 Contract for Speech Pathology Services from IEP Services. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the contract. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Assistant Payroll Clerk/Assistant Treasurer wage adjustment of \$1.00 per hour. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the adjustment. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting recommended Carly Williams for Frontier Elementary STEM Long-Term Substitute Teacher for August 15th -October 18th at a rate of \$159.00 per day. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the substitute. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Field Trips

None

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Other Business

Mr. Sighting presented inventory to declare surplus equipment for disposal. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the disposal. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the donations. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the donations. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Board Policy, 2nd Reading

- By-Law 0100-Definitions
- Policy 5136-Personal Communication Devices
- Policy 5200-Attendance

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

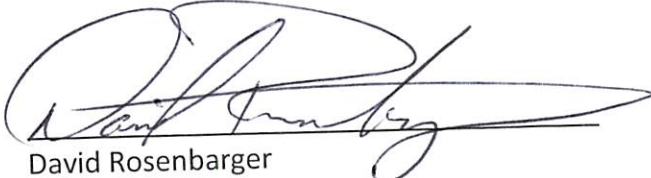
Public Comments

Laura Bell made a motion to adjourn at 7:49pm. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting is Monday, August 19, 2024 at Frontier Elementary School, 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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