

Frontier School Corporation
126 E Main St
Chalmers, IN 47929

Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees
Monday, August 19, 2024

School Board Meeting
SEP 16 2024
APPROVED

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

Absent: Vice President Laura Bell

Also Present: Superintendent Dan Sighting, and Treasurer Cortney Parrish

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 addition of 10.4.5-Mr. Chad Brown-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Volunteer Varsity Assistant Football Coach. David Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented School Board Member, Mrs. Shelley Christopher's resignation effective July 22, 2024.

Mr. Sighting presented the appointment of replacement School Board Member, David Cosgray. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the appointment. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Parrish administered the oath of office to new School Board Member, David Cosgray.

Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 22, 2024 regular School Board meeting. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with David Cosgray abstaining.

Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the July 31, 2024 Fund Report as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

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

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

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve the July 31, 2024 Bond Reports as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve the August 19, 2024 Claims as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Technology Report

Mr. McFadden reported that all Chromebooks are in students' hands. iPads are slowly rolling out to the students. All Clever and textbook logins are set up. PowerSchool enrollment forms mapping is being adjusted. Parents have been filling out the forms and are confirming addresses. He has been looking into the redesign of our website and making it more mobile friendly. He is looking into running a direct fiber line from the HS to both buildings using our E-rate funds. The Newline boards are all set up. In September, they will start looking into updating the Chromebook fleet. He is looking for grants to put a smartboard in all the classrooms.

Elementary Report

Mrs. Layton reported on the new UFLI Phonics Program. All teachers in grades K-3 will be meeting again after the first nine weeks to check in. Mrs. Layton, Mr. Hettinger, Mr. Gretencord, and Mrs. Notary met with White County Probation and CPS before school started to make sure our policies and procedures are correct and to make sure everyone is on the same page. The elementary had a K-3 Open House two weeks ago and the PTO Back to School Bash. The 4th-6th grade parent meetings happened last week as well. NWEA testing has started. Goals will be made and data meetings will occur on September 11th.

Per state law, every student in grades K-2 has to be screened for Dyslexia. This testing has started with Mrs. Woods. The data will be very helpful to ensure we have appropriate services in place for students that need them. The elementary completed their first fire drill and first tornado drill for the school year. She has started to gather the committee for the School Improvement Plan. In the board packet this month, there are FES ECA's to approve. School clubs are starting: Recycling Club, Spell Bowl, Art Club, Coding Club, and Band/Choir. They have already started RTI meetings, 504 meetings, move-in conferences, and speech meetings to ensure students are ready for a successful year.

Jr.-Sr. High Report

Mr. Hettinger reported that losing three teachers within a few days of the start of school left us scrambling. For Art, we were able to hire a college graduate that majored in Studio Art. Mr. Plains will assume the duties of Band Director at the Jr/Sr. High School. Mr. Addison will fill in at the Chemistry position and we will keep the position posted in hopes of finding a licensed chemistry teacher. Mrs. Lowe has had her baby boy! Miss Dahl got married over the summer and is now Mrs. McMillan. With her impending wedding, Dr. Trella will soon be Dr. Harmon. The start of the school year has been pretty smooth –only a few minor tweaks to schedules and duties. Friday, August 23rd the Open House is pairing with the first home football game this year in the hopes of increasing attendance at both. Ivy Tech has assigned Frontier a Career Connections Coach. Tracy Winger will be at Frontier one day per week to work with students that are taking dual credit

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classes and pursuing the ICC and Associates Degrees. Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. Hettinger met with representatives of the 3E Micro Credential Grant to discuss how the program will be implemented and embedded into the Frontier classrooms. The purpose of the program is to increase workplace and soft skills while fulfilling graduation requirements as well as credit hours from Ivy Tech. The 1st NWEA testing window is now open, and they will be assessing students to establish starting points to track growth.

Athletics Report

Mr. Gretencord reported that football participated in the Midwest Conference Jamboree on Friday. We scrimmaged Tri-County and North Newton. He was very impressed with how we looked. A lot of enthusiasm was shown by the players. They looked prepared and excited to play. There are 28 players on the roster. We will start the season with two home games. Mr. Hettinger scheduled the Jr/Sr. High School Open house on Friday as well in hopes of drawing more fans to watch the football game. The Varsity Girls Volleyball team competed in a tournament on Saturday at Triton High School. They went 3-1 on the day. There are seventeen girls on the JV and Varsity volleyball teams. Cross Country will participate Saturday in the North White Invite at the Monon Park at 9:00 am. We have 10 boys and 7 girls. They conducted interviews for Girls Basketball last week and hope to have a recommendation for the board at the next school board meeting.

Counselors Report

Transportation Report

Mrs. Hall reported that they started the year fully staffed. Field trips and extra-curricular trips are all covered.

Maintenance Report

Mr. Peterson reported maintenance and custodians have been very busy getting everything in order. At the Elementary, the boys' gym restroom has new partitions installed, 7 Newline screens have been hung on walls in selected classrooms. There are a few more to be installed as soon as time is available. The dishwasher booster heater went out on the first day of school. A new unit was ordered and installed and it is working great. The dishwasher is not ready yet due to issues with the wash temperature, and he is looking into the problem. The roof project was finished on time. He had 2 ladders installed to make it easier for maintenance or contractors to access the roofs. At the Jr/Sr. High, the maintenance department has been working on help desk tickets and mowing & weed-eating. The ice machine in FACS room went out and he has a new one ordered. The old restrooms are finished with construction. New parking lot lights have been installed. They do not have the dimmer switch on them but this is something that can be added if needed. He has scheduled the lights to be on all night. They have finished trimming tree limbs out front for clearance of security cameras. The roof project is not finished. They still have two more sections to be completed and ladders to be installed. The east side of the school parking is off limits because the roof project is still in progress. He would like to thank all of his staff for doing an awesome job this summer for their hard work getting the schools in order for the first day of school. Larry Hughes will be retiring at the end of the month, and he will be greatly missed by all.

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School Safety Report

Officer Bolen reported that the year started out good. He is trying to meet the new kids. He believes there is a security issue because of the trees on the side of the high school. He is getting a quote for the film on the Corp office windows. He is working with E3 for the new security system.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Sighting reported that the start of the school year has been very smooth. The Title Grants pre-application has been approved. Which means that they can proceed with writing the Title Grants. The high school roof has had minimal progress due to the rain. They still need to complete the roof over the band room and commons area, which will take about 6 weeks. He is starting the process of an additional appropriation.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No Comments

Budget/Finance

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

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Jr./Sr. High School Athletic Department Golf Cart Purchase. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the purchase. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Jr./Sr. High School Athletic Fencing Purchase and Installation. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the fencing purchase. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2023-2024 Frontier School Corporation Extracurricular Account Report for approval. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the report. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Personnel

Mr. Sighting presented the termination of Ms. Anita Edwards-Frontier School Corporation Yellow School Bus Driver. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the termination. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the resignations:

- Mr. Hunter Briggs-Long Term Substitute for Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Art Maternity Leave
- Mrs. Avery Granlund-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School and Frontier Elementary Instrumental Music Teacher
- Mr. Larry Hughes-Frontier School Corporation Custodial Retirement
- Miss Elizabeth Spiker-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Chemistry Teacher
- Mrs. Shanna Dowell-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Kitchen Assistant/Dishwasher

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Mr. Sighting presented the hires:

- Mr. David Addison-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Chemistry Teacher
- Mrs. Cathy Clevenger-Frontier School Corporation Part-Time Bus Instructional Assistant
- Mrs. Amy Doles-Frontier Elementary School Choral Music Teacher
- Mr. David Doles-Frontier Elementary Part-Time Instrumental Music Teacher
- Mrs. Kirstyn Duncan-Frontier Elementary School Instructional Assistant
- Mr. Darin Gravitt-Frontier School Corporation full-time yellow bus driver
- Ms. Angelina Small-Frontier Jr/Sr. High School Art Long Term Substitute Teacher
- Miss Carly Williams-Frontier Elementary STEM Long Term Substitute Teacher

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

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024-2025 Extracurricular Appointments:

- Mrs. Sherry Banes-Co-Sponsor Frontier Elementary Activity A (Recycling Club)
- Mrs. Emily Banta-Frontier Elementary Activity B (Art Club)
- Mrs. Mindy Brennan-Frontier Elementary Activity C (3D Coding Club)
- Mr. Jim Bolen-Frontier Jr-Sr. High School Volunteer Varsity Assistant Football Coach
- Mr. Chad Brown-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Volunteer Varsity Assistant Football Coach
- Ms. Hallie Carter-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Girls Eighth Grade Volleyball Coach
- Mrs. Stephani Clark-Frontier Elementary Spell Bowl
- Mr. Shaun Cullum-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Fifth and Sixth Grade Football Coach
- Mrs. Michelle Culver-Co-Sponsor Frontier Elementary Activity A (Recycling Club)
- Mr. Jay Dawson-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Boys Sixth Grade Basketball Coach
- Mrs. Amy Doles-Frontier Elementary School Choir
- Mr. David Doles-Frontier Elementary Band
- Mr. Clint Federer-Frontier Jr-Sr. High School Boys Eighth Grade Basketball Coach
- Mrs. Gretchen Innocent-Frontier Elementary Yearbook Sponsor
- Mr. Kyle Marlatt-Frontier Jr/Sr. High School Boys Eighth Grade Basketball Coach
- Mrs. Joanna Mathis-Frontier School Corporation EL Teacher of Record
- Mr. Reed Mears-Frontier Jr/Sr. High School Boys Varsity Volunteer Assistant Coach
- Mr. Jack Mikesell-Frontier Jr/Sr. High School Boys Basketball JV Coach
- Mr. Don Mills-Frontier Jr/Sr. High School Boys C-Team Basketball Coach

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

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Mr. Sighting presented the 2024-2025 Mentors:

- Mrs. Emily Banta-Co-Mentor for Mrs. Amy Doles (50%)
- Mrs. Melissa Gregorovic-Co-Mentor for Mrs. Hannah Peterson (50%)
- Mrs. Amanda Szabela-Mentor for Mr. Jack Barron
- Mrs. Sharon Wright-Co-Mentor for Mrs. Hannah Peterson (50%)

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

Mr. Sighting presented the transfer of Mr. Maurice Plains from Half Day Elementary Choir to Half Day Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Instrumental Music. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the transfer. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Field Trips

None

Other Business

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024-2025 Frontier Jr./Sr. High School Faculty Handbook. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the handbook. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024-2025 Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette Memorandum of Understanding. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the memorandum. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Board Policy #3220.01-Teacher Appreciation Grant Re-adoption. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the re-adoption. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to adjourn at 8:06pm. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion.

The next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting-Monday, September 16, 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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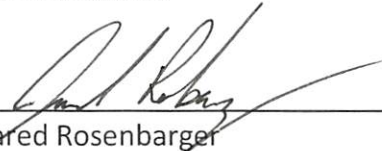
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