

Frontier School Corporation

126 E Main St
Chalmers, IN 47929

Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees
Monday, September 16, 2024

School Board Meeting
OCT 28 2024
APPROVED

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

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.

Routine Business

Laura Bell moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 8.12-2025 Bus Purchase. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 19, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

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

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

Laura Bell moved to approve the August 31, 2024 Bank Reconciliation Report as presented. David Cosgray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Jared Rosenbarger moved to approve the September 16, 2024 Claims as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Technology Report

Mr. McFadden reported that all accounts and devices are assigned to students for textbooks and software. Access to Teachers and Admin have been edited as our needs change. He is updating WIFI due to issues we are having some load balancing issues. We are actively blocking all the sites that do not pertain to school.

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He is working with Bark to roll out the Parent app Campaign again. The Hudl Camera is fully operational. More technology is being used on the field. He updated our system to handle more connections with outside sports. Hicom will be out later this semester to install a multi directional antenna. He is looking into website redesign companies for our corporation's website.

Elementary Report

Mrs. Layton reported on last year's ILearn and IRead data. The NWEA Fall testing has finished for grades K-6th. Mrs. Jensen met with classroom teachers to discuss data and develop their goals. Teachers made student achievement goals based on the NWEA data. They also discussed needs so Mrs. Jensen can start making HA observations to ensure student needs are being met. After School Study Sessions started this month. They are offered to students in grades 3rd-6th; Monday-Thursdays until 4:00. She finished the Title One Grant and approved for the 24-25 High Ability Grant. Field Trips are starting! These are great experiences for the students to build background knowledge and gain experiences not possible at a school setting. Kindergarten teachers put on a wonderful Grandparent Day earlier this month. I appreciate their extra efforts to make this a memorable event. The School Improvement Team met to update data and finalize our School Improvement Plan for this year; which is in your board packet tonight for approval. She thanked the committee members: Erin Notary, Kelly McCormick, Jill Woods, Paula Bulla, Brooke Tolle, and Audra May. Parent/Teacher Conferences are being held Wednesday. NWEA reports will go home. Our goal is 100% attendance. We've had numerous special education, RTI, Speech, and 504 meet year. Another positive of FES, is that we really work together to get put in place to help students be successful. The school year is off to a busy start, teacher observations will start. Everyone is doing an amazing job. I appreciate their dedication.

Jr.-Sr. High Report

Mr. Hettinger reported Frontier has been assigned a career connections coach by Ivy Tech to help our students navigate dual credits and decide on college choices. Mr. Addison has been filling in as the Chemistry teacher since the beginning of school. He interviewed several applicants. He was able to hire a gentleman that has one year experience teaching science and has a science with chemistry minor degree. He will start at the beginning of the 2nd nine weeks grading period. The School leadership team will be attending the Rural Early College Network meeting in Plainfield this coming Monday. He shared data from last year on NWEA and ILearn. Attendance is a required component of being an Endorsed Early College High School, but it is also a great opportunity to network and to keep up with best practices from other schools. There is a powderpuff game on Wednesday, Oct. 2 starting at 7:00. The homecoming dance will be Saturday, Oct. 5.

Athletics Report

Mr. Hettinger reported that Mr. Gretencord thanked the board for the purchase of the Golf Cart. It has made things easier before football games. And Mr. Gretencord received a lot of nice compliments from the fans of Clinton Prairie for being able to drive them to their side of the bleachers and to their cars if need be. The football team is off to a hot start. They are currently 3-0. They play at Benton Central this Friday. The next home game will be Friday, October 4th vs Tri-County for our Homecoming. The young volleyball team continues to make improvements. They went 2-2 this Saturday at the Rossville Invite. They have 3 home

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matches this week. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Cross Country has had some strong showings. They will run in the TC invite tomorrow and then at the New Prairie invite this coming Saturday. BioTown has generously offered to donate Pork Burgers and Hot dogs to our concession stand. This will be a great addition to our menu.

Counselors Report

Mr. Hettinger reported that Mrs. Bassett and Mrs. Turner has been entering all the information for the INTERS report for our CTE funding. THE PST & SAT testing of students will be August 16th. They met with seniors last week to get them thinking beyond high school. September 23-27th is Spirit week to promote applying to colleges. Of 42 seniors, thirteen are on track for an academic diploma, two for a technical honors diploma, and eight the ICC diploma.

Transportation Report

Mrs. Hall reported that bus evacuations are this week. She hired a new bus driver substitute and should have a new substitute bus aide. She has provided in the packet information on a new bus.

Maintenance Report

Mr. Peterson reported that at Elementary: The swing set behind the Elementary School has been removed due to safety reasons that may harm any students. The cafe is still having issues with the dishwasher. Another contractor has been contacted to get a second opinion on the problem. A final punch walk on the Elementary roof has been completed and only a few discrepancies were found that will need to be touched up by Danco roofing. The north side basketball court light has been repaired. All lights are working around the school. He reported that at HS/JH: Maintenance staff have been very busy keeping the grounds looking good, while the grounds maintenance person is out for a knee replacement. There has been a practice football goal post installed in the field behind the football bleachers. Maintenance will be installing a new garbage disposal for the kitchen dish room. Maintenance installed a new ice machine in the FACS room. The roof project is looking about two weeks to be finished. This includes all the roofing membrane, metal edging, and ladders.

School Safety Report

Officer Bolen reported on tackling vapes in the school. He is working with other area SRO to know what is happening in the area. He is looking into a new alert system to replace Enforce. Tomorrow there will be a lockdown drill at elementary school. Thursday will be a bus evaluation. The timing chain broke on the security vehicle and he is requesting a new vehicle in the packet.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Sighting reported that he was notified last week that Frontier received a 2025 secured safety grant. He didn't receive as much as he hoped. Roofing projects are almost done and both should come in under budget to free up the funds for other projects. Staff has started writing the Title grants. Our average daily count date is October 1st. Currently we are at 651 students.

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Public Comments on Agenda Items

No Comments

Budget/Finance

Mr. Sighting presented the September FY 2025 Tuition Support Distribution.

Mr. Sighting presented the hearing on the 2025 School Bus Replacement Plan (Public Comment Period). No public comments were given.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2025 School Bus Replacement Plan Resolution. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the resolution. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the hearing on the 2025 Capital Projects Plan (Public Comment Period). No public comments given.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2025 Capital Projects Plan Resolution. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the resolution. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the hearing on the 2025 Frontier School Corporation Budget (Public Comment Period). No comments were given.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2023-2024 Frontier School Annual Financial Report. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the report. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Award Certificates Of Deposit-August Renewal to Fountain Trust. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the renewal. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Award Certificate of Deposit-September Renewal to Fountain Trust. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the renewal. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Boyce Systems Annual Subscription for Financial, Payroll, and Personnel Modules. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the subscription. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Replacement Purchase of School Resource Vehicle. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the purchase. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Bus Purchase. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the purchase. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Personnel

Mr. Sighting presented the resignations:

- Mrs. Cathy Clevenger-Frontier School Corporation Part-Time School Bus Aide
- Mr. David Addison-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Chemistry Teacher

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

Mr. Sighting presented the hires:

- Ms. Destiny Bowsman-Frontier School Corporation School Part-Time Bus Aide
- Mr. James Hartman-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Chemistry Teacher
- Mrs. Alison Gray-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Kitchen Assistant/Dish Room Attendant
- Mrs. Erica Wharf-Frontier Elementary Part-Time Instructional Assistant

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

Mr. Sighting presented for approval the pay differential for Allison Judy in Special Ed. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the differential. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented for approval the Wage Increase for Mrs. April Hall, Frontier School Corporation Transportation

Director. David Cosgray made a motion to approve the increase. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024-2025 Extracurricular Appointments:

- Mrs. Stephanie Fischer-Battle of Books 7th-8th Co-Sponsor
- Mrs. Meredith Helderle-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant
- Mrs. Cretia Jensen-Battle of Books 4th-6th Grade Sponsor
- Mrs. Shyann McMillan-Battle of the Books 7th-8th Co-Sponsor
- Mrs. Sharon Miller-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Girls Varsity Basketball
- Ms. Desiree Meyers-Frontier Elementary Student Council Co-Sponsor
- Miss Campbell Pekny-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Varsity Wrestling Volunteer Assistant
- Mr. Griffin Prickell-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Varsity Wrestling Volunteer Assistant and Junior High Wrestling Coach

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- Mr. Tyler Pruitt-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach
- Mrs. Chyanne Ray-Frontier Elementary Student Council Co-Sponsor
- Mr. J.T. Veach-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Junior High Wrestling Coach

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

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024-2025 Mentor of Mrs. Kelly Knochel-Mentor for Dr. Michael Pratt. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the mentor. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Collective Bargaining Hearing. No public comments were given.

Mr. Sighting presented the Adjust Frontier School Corporation Mini-Bus Driver Hourly Rate. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the rate. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Mr. Sighting presented the Adjust Frontier School Corporation Yellow Bus Driver Daily Rate. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the rate. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Adjust Frontier School Corporation Substitute Bus Aide Hourly Rate. David Cosgray made a motion to approve the rate. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Field Trips

None

Other Business

Mr. Sighting presented the Donations. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the donations. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Indiana Department of Transportation Purchase Agreement for One-Half of Acre at Frontier Elementary School. David Cosgray made a motion to approve the purchase. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024-2025 Frontier Elementary School Improvement Plan. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the plan. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Public Comments

None

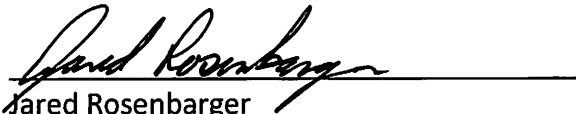
Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to adjourn at 8:30PM. David Cosgray seconded the motion.



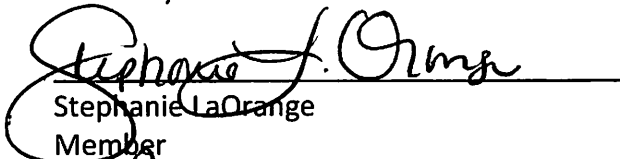
David Rosenbarger
President



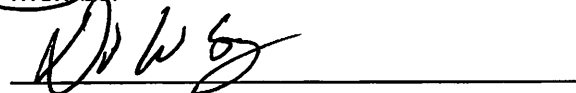
Laura Bell
Vice President



Jared Rosenbarger
Secretary



Stephanie LaOrange
Member



David Cosgray
Member

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting- Monday, October 28, 2024 at Frontier Elementary School, 811 Railroad Street, Brookston, Indiana 47923. This meeting is fully accessible. Any person wanting additional accommodations should contact the Frontier School Corporation Superintendent's Office at (219) 984-5009.