

Frontier School Corporation

126 E Main St
Chalmers, IN 47929

School Board Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees
Monday, October 28, 2024

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APPROVED

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Dan Sichting, Successor Superintendent Fred Unsicker, and Treasurer Cortney Parrish

President David Rosenbarger called the Meeting to order at 7:03 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Routine Business

Laura Bell moved to approve the agenda with the correction of 3.1 September 16, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 16, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Laura Bell moved to approve the October 28, 2024 Claims as presented. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Technology Report

Mr. McFadden reported that he helped Jeremy hang the last two Newline boards on the wall at the Elementary. He looked into Nearpod pricing because we have a few teachers who use it and it is a different way of creating assignments for students. He did some basic how-to tutorials with the new science teacher and got all of the technology switched over to him. WIFI at the Elementary is fully restored after the lighting strike last year. During fall break servers and switches were updated. He set up a secure network for news crews to plug into for the football game. An exploit was found with the networking products we use, and I pushed out the hotfix that Fortinet provided. He is looking into a new way to log into our window's devices using google and the security that they provide. Hicom was on site to install a WIFI array to all of our sports campuses. We made the system upgradable and scalable, to the point if we can get a clear line of sight to the antenna; we can get you internet in that building. He worked on the PA system at the High School. It is now fixed after a couple of weeks of trial and error.

Elementary Report

Mrs. Layton reported the book fair was a success with \$1,420.00 in profit. Mrs. lunghuhn tried a different company for this first one to get more of a variety of books. We will go back to our old company though for the next book fair in December. This month the elementary school had the FHS Volleyball, FHS Cross Country, and FHS Football/Cheerleaders Fan Tunnels. Coding Club, Art Club and Wrestling Camp were also held this month.

Mrs. Mikels from Lakeview Optometry in Monticello came to FES and volunteered to complete retina checks for all 1st grade students. The November 6th & 7th the SMILES Program will be here to provide dental services for our students. Several fabulous Field Trips in October: 3rd grade went to Camp Tecumseh, 1st Grade to the Indianapolis Zoo, 5th grade to the Feast of the Hunters Moon, 4th grade went to Conner Prairie and 2nd grade went to Prophetstown. 2nd Grade also had their famous Pioneer Day this month where students/staff dressed as Pioneers. Mrs. Doles did a fabulous job on the 1st & 2nd Grade Music Program: Camping Adventures. The next music program will be November 13th for our 5th Grade Veterans Program at the Old Gym 9:00/6:00 She thanked the FES PTO for organizing the yearly fundraiser. The incentive trip is to go bowling on Friday, November 8th. The Daddy-Daughter Dance will be Saturday, Nov. 9th and the Christmas Shoppe will be Dec. 6th. FES Student Council is putting on their annual Trunk-or-Treat this Wednesday from 5:30-7:00. The first nine weeks FLEW by but once again she was impressed with our staff and how hard we work to make sure students are successful.

Jr.-Sr. High Report

Mr. Hettinger reported that he attended the Indian Trails Cooperative Principals meeting, a Rural Education Collaborative meeting, and an area principals meeting. These meetings have focused on the new diploma requirements and how those requirements will cause changes in the courses we offer, the teacher licensures required, and the course options and/or pathways available to our students. The coming changes haven't found solid ground yet, but we are hoping for some concrete guidance from the state so we can get started with our own planning and logistics. On October 14, the Jr-Sr High School officially reached full licensing with all of our teachers licensed in their subject area. It's getting more and more difficult to find licensed teachers

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in all areas. Teacher observations are going well. Upcoming Events: The fall sports banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, and on November 19, the Early College Team will visit Sheridan High School to network, collaborate and to compare programs.

Athletics Report

Mr. Gretencord reported that the Cross Country team finished up their season this past Saturday. We had 3 girls and 3 boys advance to the regional. They were Maddie Gretencord, Brook Thompson, Kendall Bridwell, Kevin Altman, Chase Pekny, and Weston Maddox. The Varsity Volleyball team's season came to end on Saturday, October 18. They lost in the 2nd round of sectional to the eventual champions - Rossville. We did win our first match of the sectional in a thrilling come-from-behind 5 set match vs Carroll. Their record finished at 15-18 with a really young squad. The football team finished 8-1 winning the Midwest Conference with a perfect 5-0 record in conference play. They did lose this past Friday night in the first round of sectional to 3rd ranked Carroll. The Fall Sports Awards Recognition Night will be Wednesday, November 6. Overall, it has been a good Fall Season. Girls basketball started last week. We will not have enough girls for a JV squad this year. Girls wrestling has started up also. They are anticipating having 8 or 9 girls. Boys Wrestling starts next Monday. Boys basketball starts Monday, November 11.

Counselors Report

Mrs. Bassett reported that PSAT and SAT were given on October 16th. All makeup exams were finished. We finished our INTERS report and received the 30A. We reviewed to assure all classes were added. It was then given to Dan and Fred. We have been busy signing kids up for Ivy Tech. Ivy Tech divides their semester into two 8-week terms. We had 10 students successfully complete the first 8-week term and currently have five students taking a class this 2nd 8-week term. We have a number of students with a 504 Plan. They have finished the annual reviews with parents. December will begin our pre-registration for the 2025-2026 school year. We will begin with our next year seniors and once finished work with next year juniors and sophomores. Since our new diploma track has not been finalized, it will make it difficult to meet with next year freshman. Hopefully we will have something by the beginning of next semester.

Transportation Report

Mr. Sighting reported Mrs. Hall is continuing working on hiring bus aides and substitute bus drivers. She is currently training one yellow bus driver. She is also working on transportation assignments for winter sports.

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Maintenance Report

Mr. Peterson reported that at Elementary: Brenda Harrison resigned from head custodian for the Elementary School and a replacement was found in Lisa Fuller. During Fall Break, maintenance was able to train the new elementary custodian. The kitchen dishwasher will need to be replaced. Due to the age and the main part we are needing cannot be located anywhere, the part is obsolete. Maintenance is working with the Kitchen Director for a new dishwasher replacement. During Fall Break maintenance was able to finish up on some outstanding help desk tickets. He reported at the JR/SR High: Mr. Fence It has started installing new fencing around the High School playing fields. There will be new entrances to all outside playing fields. We are looking for a new ticket booth that will accommodate the new golf cart and to be used as a new main ticket booth for all outside sport activities. Maintenance had to replace the hot water tank that is located in the main office, it was leaking due to the age of the tank. Lawn and shrub secured the sprinkler system for the winter months. Maintenance ordered 4 skids of ice melt for both schools for the winter. With the board approval the walk-in freezer will need to be replaced due to age and mechanical issues. He has had to have I.C.U. Mechanical out multiply times for repairs. Even with his grounds maintenance employee back from a medical issue. Maintenance is still working the grounds to stay on top of things.

School Safety Report

Officer Bolen reported no major safety issues at the school. Icon did replace a camera at the elementary. He completed 8 hours of rifle and handgun training pertaining to a school with other local officers. He thanked everyone for allowing the officers to use the school. They have trained every officer, jail staff, and jailor in white county in defensive tactics at our school. The new police car has lights and sirens. The car still needs graphics. A canine search was completed at the high school; nothing was found. There was an unexpected lockdown at elementary due to a subject outside of the fence.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Sighting reported that the high school roof is almost complete with one metal piece needing completed. They have begun adding the chain link fence at the high school. Mr. Unsicker reported that he has been attending conferences on property taxes, safety training, and advanced school safety training.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No Comments

Budget/Finance

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

Mr. Sighting presented the Ordinance or Resolution for 2025 Appropriation and Tax Rates. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the tax rates. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Resolution for 2025 Budget Authorization of Reductions. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the resolution. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Mr. Sighting presented the Resolution to Issue Tax Warrant. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the resolution. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Emergent E3 Application and Services Desktop and Mobile Apps as well as onboarding and Set-Up. David Cosgray made a motion to approve the application. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Walk-In Freezer Coolant System Upgrade. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the upgrade. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

Personnel

Mr. Sighting presented the resignations:

- Mrs. Shyann Burris-Frontier Elementary School Kitchen Assistant/Cashier
- Mrs. Brenda Harrison-Frontier Elementary Day Custodian
- Mrs. Deb Lucas-Frontier School Corporation Part-Time Bus Aide

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

Mr. Sighting presented the hires:

- Mrs. Chelcie Moss-Frontier Elementary Kitchen Assistant/Cashier
- Ms. Lisa Fuller-Frontier Elementary School Day Custodian

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

Mr. Sighting presented the 2023-2025 Agreement with the Frontier Classroom Teachers Association and the Frontier School Corporation. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the agreement. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 1% Base Salary Increase for Non-Certified Employees, Bus Drivers, and Administrators. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the increase. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Mr. Sighting presented the Stipend for Non-Certified Employees, Bus Drivers, and Administrators. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the stipend. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024-2025 Extracurricular Appointments:

- Mrs. Stephanie Fischer-2024-2025 Jr.-Sr. High School Battle of the Books (Co-Sponsor)
- Mrs. Shyann McMillan-2024-2025 Jr.-Sr. High School Battle of the Books (Co-Sponsor)

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

Mr. Sighting presented the 2024-2025 Mentor of Mrs. Melissa Culver-Pekny-Mentor for Mr. James Hartman. David Cosgray made a motion to approve the mentorship. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented for approval of the Full-Time Status for Frontier School Corporation Bus Aide. David Cosgray made a motion to approve the rate. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Field Trips

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School FFA (Overnight and Out-of-State) field trip. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the field trip. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Sighting presented the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School 2024-2025 School Improvement Plan. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the plan. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sighting presented the School Board Policies, 1st Reading:

- Policy 1130-Conflict of Interest
- Policy 3113-Conflict of Interest
- Policy 4113-Conflict of Interest
- Policy 6110-Grant Funds
- Policy 6111-Internal Control Standards and Procedures
- Policy 6112-Cash Management of Grants
- Policy 6114-Cost Principles-Spending Federal Grants
- Policy 6325-Procurement Federal Grants/Funds

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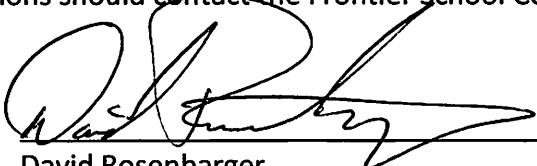
- Policy 6550-Travel Payment and Reimbursement/Relocation Costs
- Policy 7310-Disposition of Surplus Property
- Policy 7450-Property Inventory

Public Comments

None

Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to adjourn at 8:0 5PM. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion.

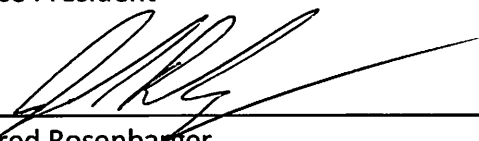
Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting- Monday, November 18, 2024 at Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School, One Falcon Driver, Chalmers, Indiana 47929. This meeting is fully accessible. Any person wanting additional accommodations should contact the Frontier School Corporation Superintendent's Office at (219) 984-5009.




David Rosenbarger
President



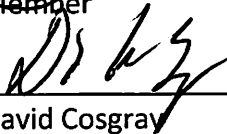
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