Frontier School Corporation
126 E Main St
Chalmers, IN 47929

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

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 Fred Unsicker, Superintendent Dan Sichting, Deputy Treasurers Lori Ringer and Karlye Maloney

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

Routine Business
Laura Bell moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 9.6.11-Mr. Hunter Pogue-Basketball Girls Varsity Volunteer Assistant Coach. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Laura Bell made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 18, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 4, 2024 Executive Session. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

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

Jared Rosenbarger moved to approve the November 30, 2024 Revenue Report as presented. David Cosgray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve the November 30, 2024 Bank Reconciliation Report as presented. David Cosgray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Stephanie LaOrange moved to approve the December 16, 2024 Claims as presented. Laura Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Technology Report

Mr. McFadden reported that he is working with Trafera to get all the cases and chargers squared away for the new devices and working with Google on the Chromebooks randomly freezing issue. When the Internet went offline at the Elementary, he worked with Comcast & Trust Tech to get up and running again. He is preparing for license software for next year. The AI software for teachers and students will be made available to teachers over winter break. He worked with E3 on installation software and firewall ports.

Elementary Report

Mrs. Layton reported that 15 families (30 kids) received assistance this holiday season. Frontier appreciates the support of our local churches, sororities, community members, and Frontier Rotary Club. She thanked Paula Bulla for organizing the event. NWEA testing has finished for the Winter Cycle. Mrs. Jensen will meet with teachers on January 8th to review data and help them review their goals that will be uploaded to SFS. Thank you to Mrs. Doles, 3rd-grade students, and 3rd-grade teachers for putting on a fantastic Holiday Music Program. PTO Christmas Shoppe was a success. She extended a special thanks to Audra May for heading up the event. Report cards will go home the Friday before break. Our next Professional Development Day is coming up on January 20th. Staff will be working with Wabash Valley presenters on The Science of Reading and Explicit Vocabulary Instruction then the afternoon will be time for them to work on aligning their curriculum with the new standards and writing rubrics. The 3rd-6th Grade Awards Program is coming up. It is always nice to take time out and celebrate student accomplishments. Staff report back after break on January 3rd for a staff lunch meeting, Emergent3 Training and a half-day work day. Students report back on January 6th.
It was a great first semester! The kids are growing academically and socially, and memories are being made.

Jr.-Sr. High Report

Mrs. Layton reported for Mr. Hettinger that the first candidate that was approved for the Chemistry teaching position during the November board meeting had to back out because she didn't pass the pre-screening requirements. He is recommending a new hire tonight. This person has been pre-screened and meets all the requirements to work in the United States. There is a slight chance that the new teacher will be in place for the start of the 2nd semester, but they may not start until after the 2nd week in January. Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Unsicker and Mr. Hettinger attended the Indian Trails Admin Retreat last Thursday where they were given more details about the new graduation requirements. The new requirements greatly change workplace employment requirements, and will require us to add a few classes and determine which teachers can teach the new classes. Congratulations to Mr. Plains and the junior high and high school choir and band students. Both the choir and band put on a great show last Wednesday night. Final Exams start this week Teachers report back on January 3rd, and we continue to march towards graduation!

Athletics Report

Mrs. Bassett reported for Mr. Gretencord that a new ticket booth/storage area for the golf cart will be put in over the next couple of months. It will be by the new fencing that was installed. This will give us one universal ticket booth for all outdoor sports. The events going over break are: Dec 27th Girls Varsity Wrestling vs Tri-

County - Senior Night; Jan 2nd Boys JV/Varsity Basketball at the Kouts Tournament, Jan 3rd Boys Wrestling at the Twin Lakes Bi-County Super Duals, Jan 3rd Girls Varsity Wrestling Sectional at Lafayette Jeff, and Jan 4th Boys JV/Varsity Basketball at Twin Lakes. He thanked Mr. Sichting for being a wonderful mentor and friend these past 2 ½ years at Frontier and wished him a safe, healthy, and relaxing retirement.

Counselors Report

Mrs. Bassett reported she has finished pre-registering next year's seniors and will continue with juniors and sophomores after Christmas Break. She attended an administrative retreat last week held by Indiana Trails Cooperative. Dr. Ernest from the State Board of Education discussed the new diploma requirements. We are now waiting on the final document from the DOE defining course requirements starting for the class of 2029. We should have this by December 31st. Ivy Tech met with all of our students taking on-line classes and registered and set them up to begin the second semester. FHS currently has three students from the class of 2026 that are on track for their associate's degree upon graduation. The next round of state testing will begin in March with the SAT, I-Learn grades 7 & 8 and I-Learn Biology.

Transportation Report

No report

Maintenance Report

Mr. Peterson thanked the board for hiring Brian McCoy as the night shift Maintenance/Custodian. He has been doing a great job maintaining the Brookston Gym, Corporate office, and the Jr./Sr. High School. Mr. McCoy has been a big help covering all the sport activities for all the home games. He rented a couple of lifts to repair some gym lights at the elementary and replace a few burned out light bulbs on the scoreboards for the Brookston gym and High School gym. Maintenance installed a new ice machine for the athletic training provided by the athletic boosters club. The night shift cleaning crew are doing a fair job considering the amount of turnover they experience. Maintenance help desk tickets are down to a minimum or they are all completed. This gives maintenance time to cover other areas that need attention. The Elementary dish machine is on order and waiting for delivery.

School Safety Report

Officer Bolen reported they are putting new servers in on December 30th and 31st, and E3 Training has begun.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Unsicker reported that he attended the Indiana Trails Retreat. He and Cortney Parrish attended a Budget meeting in Plainfield and received good information on what is going to happen with tuition support. He is working with Mr. Bolen on safety concepts. He is working with the teachers on the behavior grant, and he thinks that there may be a good chance that it will be approved to support our students with IEPs.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No Comments

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Budget/Finance

Mr. Unsicker presented the December FY 2025 Tuition Support Distribution.

Mr. Unsicker presented the December 2024 Property Tax Settlement.

Mr. Unsicker presented the December 2024 Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax, Excise Tax, and Financial Institutions Tax Settlement.

Mr. Unsicker presented the FY 2025 Teacher Appreciation Grant. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the grant. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Unsicker presented the 2025 Frontier School Corporation 1782 Notice.

Mr. Unsicker presented the 2025 Powerschool Student Information System Software Renewal. David Cosgray made a motion to approve the renewal. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Unsicker presented the Green Light Lawn Care Snow Removal Quote. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the quote. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Unsicker presented the Hi-Com Camera Server Update for Frontier Elementary and Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the update. David Cosgray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Unsicker presented the Frontier School Corporation 2025 Operations Fund Transfer Resolution. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the resolution. Laura Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Unsicker presented the Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Operation Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the resolution. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Personnel

Mr. Unsicker presented the resignations:

- Miss Lovely Gomez, Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Chemistry
- Mrs. Kayla Philippo-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Kitchen Assistant/Cashier effective December 20, 2024
- Mrs. Lori Ringer-Frontier School Corporation Payroll Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Retirement Resignation

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Mr. Unsicker presented the hires:

- Mr. Josiah Ozoemena-Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Chemistry Teachers
- Mrs. Karen Tucker-Frontier School Corporation School Bus Aide

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

Mr. Unsicker recommended to adjust the Frontier Elementary School Daytime Custodian Hourly Wage. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the adjustment. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Unsicker presented the Administrator 2025 Health Savings Account Deposit. Laura Bell made a motion to approve the deposit. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Unsicker presented the hire for Long-Term Substitute Teacher for Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School Chemistry. Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to approve the hire. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Unsicker presented the 2024-2025 Extracurricular Recommendations:

- Mr. John Culver-Boys Golf Volunteer Assistant Coach
- Mr. Ron Benakovich-Baseball Varsity Coach
- Mr. Trevor Benakovich-Baseball Boys Varsity Assistant 2/9th
- Mrs. Bailey Ladd-Softball 2nd Volunteer Coach
- Mr. Dan Layton-Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach
- Mr. Luke Mansfield-Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach
- Mr. Todd Manstield-Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach
- Mr. Scott Minniear-Softball 1st Assistant Coach
- Mrs. Jennifer Newcom-Track Girls Varsity Coach
- Mr. Maurice Plains-Golf Boys Varsity Coach
- Mr. Payton Richards-Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach
- Mr. Jake Sullivan-Track Boys Varsity Coach

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

Field Trips
None

Other Business

Mr. Unsicker presented the School Board Policy, 1st Reading:

- Policy 5111-Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrollment of Students without Legal Settlement in the Corporation, Proof of Indiana Residency
- Policy 5500-Student Conduct
- Policy 5610-Suspension and Expulsion of Students
- Policy 6140-Depository Agreements and Digital Payment Applications
- Policy 6250-Required ADM Counts for the Purpose of State Funding and Verification of Residency for Membership
- Policy 7540.03-Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
- Policy 7540.04-Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
- Policy 7540.09-Artificial Intelligence
- Policy 8420-Emergency Preparedness Plans and Drills

Mr. Unsicker presented the Frontier School Corporation Transportation Handbook Amended Section. Jared Rosenbarger made a motion to approve the amended section. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Unsicker presented the donations. David Cosgray made a motion to approve the donations. Stephanie LaOrange seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Stephanie LaOrange made a motion to adjourn at 7:57PM. Jared Rosenbarger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting- Monday, January 20, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at the Frontier Jr.-Sr. High School. This meeting is fully accessible. Any person wanting additional information should contact the Frontier School Corporation Superintendent's Office at (219) 984-5009. Any person wanting additional accommodations should contact the Frontier School Corporation Superintendent's Office at (219) 984-5009.

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