

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SCHOOL
CORPORATION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024**

PRESENT: Zachary Smith Howard, Dawn A. Downer, Doris L. Gowan, Larry J. Walker, Bruce Hibbard, Jill Britt, Chase Huotari, Sharon Kight, Tyler Knight, Fred McWhorter, Jeff Murphy, Kent Pettet, Kaitlin Porter, Lynlie Schoene and Toni Stephenson

The Board of Education of the Franklin Township Community School Corporation, Marion County, Indiana, met in Regular Session at 6:00 P.M. at the Administration Offices, located at 6141 South Franklin Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46259, on Monday, January 8, 2024. All Board Members and news media had been duly notified and the agenda properly posted.

REGULAR MEETING

Ms. Amy Matthews, School Board Attorney, called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Matthews asked for a motion to approve the agenda as written. Ms. Downer made a motion to approve and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD FOR 2024
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Matthews stated that the School Board is required by law to re-organize prior to January 15th of each year. She asked for nominations for the office of President. Mrs. Gowan nominated Mr. Howard for the office of President, Ms. Downer for the office of Vice President and Mrs. Gowan for the office of Secretary. Ms. Downer seconded the nominations. There being no additional nominations, Ms. Matthews called for the vote. The motion to approve Mr. Howard as President, Ms. Downer as Vice President and Mrs. Gowan as Secretary carried 3/0/1, with Ms. Downer, Mrs. Gowan and Mr. Howard voting in favor and Mr. Walker abstaining.

APPOINTMENTS

President Howard read the list of School Board Appointments for 2024. (Exhibit No. 24-01)

Legislative Liaison	Zachary Smith Howard
Central Nine Rep.	Dawn A. Downer
Central Nine Alt.	Larry J. Walker
CIESC Advisory Council	Dr. Chase Huotari
Franklin Township Ed. Foundation Rep.	Zachary Smith Howard
Designee to sign community supported residential/student contracts for IDOE	Dr. Bruce Hibbard
HSBT Administrative Rep.	Mr. Fred McWhorter II
HSBT FTEA President &/or Designee	Katie Cadle/Bryan Sawyers

APPROVE SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

President Howard asked for a motion to approve Church, Church, Hittle and Antrim as the School Board Attorneys for 2024. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve and Ms. Downer seconded. The motion passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 24-01)

APPROVE TREASURER AND DEPUTY TREASURER

President Howard asked for a motion to approve Mr. Fred McWhorter II as Treasurer and Mrs. Kaitlin Porter as Deputy Treasurer. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve and Ms. Downer seconded. The motion carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 24-01)

APPROVE SCHOOL BOARD SALARY FOR 2024

President Howard asked for a motion to approve the School Board Salary for 2024 as listed below. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve. Ms. Downer seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 24-01)

Yearly Stipend	\$2,000
Regular Meetings	\$75
Special Meetings	\$60
Board Activities	\$60

APPROVE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2024

President Howard asked for a motion to approve the list of School Board Meeting dates for 2024 as presented. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the dates and Mrs. Downer seconded. The motion carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 24-02)

ACCEPT/APPROVE UNIFORM CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

President Howard recommended the Board Members accept the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements submitted by the following Board Members: Mr. Howard, Ms. Downer, Mrs. Gowan and Mr. Walker. There being no objections, President Howard called for the vote which passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 24-03)

READ/APPROVE INDIANA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. CODE OF ETHICS

President Howard and Mrs. Gowan read the ISBA Code of Ethics that was included in the meeting documentation. He asked the Board Members to sign the attached statement acknowledging their understanding of the code and agreeing to abide by it. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the signed statements. Ms. Downer seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 24-04)

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

President Howard opened the floor for comments from the community. There were no comments

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Howard asked for a motion to approve the following list of Consent Agenda Items. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve the items and Ms. Downer seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting - December 18, 2023
 - 2. Executive Session – December 18, 2023
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 24-05)
- C. Year-End Appropriation Transfers 2023 (Exhibit No. 24-06)
- D. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 24-07)
- E. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 24-08)
- F. Donations (Exhibit No. 24-09)
- G. Fundraisers
- H. Surplus Equipment for Disposal
- I. Resolution to Transfer Funds to Rainy Day Fund

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer stated that her report will be short this evening because the C-9 Board is not scheduled to meet until later in the month.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Howard reported that the FTEF Board has not met since our last Board Meeting and

he will provide an update next month. There were no questions or comments from the Board Members.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

President Howard stated that today was the first official day of the 2024 Legislative Session and while it is a short session, educational issues continue to be a priority for lawmakers. He added that they intend to build on the literacy items that were passed during the last session. President Howard invited everyone to the Indiana School Board Association’s day at the Statehouse which is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th. There were no questions.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE FCHS FIELD TRIP

Dr. Chase Huotari recommended approval for the FCHS Thespian Troupe 258 to travel to Indiana Wesleyan University on January 19-21, 2024 to compete in the Indiana State Thespian Thespy Competition. Ms. Downer made a motion to approve the field trip and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 24-10)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Bruce Hibbard stated that this is School Board Appreciation Month and as a token of our gratitude we have placed a goodie bag at each of the Board Members seats. He thanked them for their continued support of our schools and students. Dr. Hibbard noted that it is because of their support that we are able to be recognized for having the highest graduation rate in Marion County (98.50%) and the 2nd highest in Central Indiana. He added that he is extremely appreciative and proud of all our dedicated administrators, teachers, staff members and students for working tirelessly to achieve such a wonderful accomplishment.

Dr. Hibbard recognized our Police Department for their continued assistance with our traffic issues and their presence in our schools which creates a safe environment for everyone.

BOARD COMMENTS

President Howard conveyed that he echoes Dr. Hibbard’s comments regarding our wonderful graduation rate. He stated that it is phenomenal the results we have achieved from the hard work of our teachers, students, staff and administrators. President Howard shared that he appreciates everyone’s efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

President Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

APPROVED



Zachary Smith Howard, President



Dawn A. Downer, Vice President



Doris L. Gowan, Secretary

ABSENT
Kelly L. Foulk, Member



Larry J. Walker, Member

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The Board of Education of the Franklin Township Community School Corporation, Marion County, Indiana, met for purposes of a Board of Finance Meeting at 6:00 P.M. at the Administration Offices, located at 6141 South Franklin Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46259, on Monday, January 8, 2024. All Board Members and news media had been duly notified and the agenda properly posted.

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

School Board President, Zachary Smith Howard, called the Board of Finance Meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Howard recommended to keep the President and Secretary of the Board of Finance the same as are presently serving those positions on the Board of Education: President, Mr. Zachary Smith Howard and Secretary, Mrs. Doris L. Gowan. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

REVIEW OF INVESTMENT & FINANCIAL POLICIES

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the Investment Income Policy (F200), the Debt Management Policy (F325) and the Reserve and Liquidity Policy (F350) that were included in their packets. He stated that there are not any changes to the Investment Income Policy for 2024 and the Board recently approved Policies F325 and F350 thus they remain unchanged as well. There were no questions or comments. (Exhibit No. 24-11)

REVIEW OF INVESTMENT REPORT

Mr. Fred McWhorter II presented the 2023 Annual Investment Summary Report and the Investment Income History. He stated that he has included the 18-year history of investment income for the Corporation and our current primary banking institution is the Teachers Credit Union. Mr. McWhorter summarized the various interest income items and was proud to share that our total interest income for 2023 was \$3.2 million dollars. There were no questions or comments. (Exhibit No. 24-12)


REVIEW OF DUAB FISCAL INDICATORS

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that a few years ago some school corporations in the State got into financial trouble and as a result the Distressed Unit Appeal Board (DUAB) now oversees Indiana school corporations' budgets. He shared that Franklin Township Community School Corporation looks good as our enrollment is staying steady and our cash balances are remaining consistent. Mr. McWhorter invited the Board to visit the DUAB website, which is included in the meeting documentation, to get an overview of the financial status of any school corporation in the State of Indiana. There were no questions or comments. (Exhibit No. 24-13)

ADJOURNMENT

President Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

APPROVED



Zachary Smith Howard, President



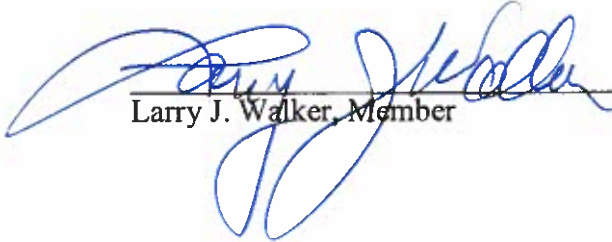
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Doris L. Gowan, Secretary

ABSENT

Kelly L. Foulk, Member



Larry J. Walker, Member