

**MINUTES OF PROJECT HEARING AND PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION  
HEARING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021**

PRESENT: Doris L. Gowan, Dawn A. Downer, Kelly L. Foulk, Larry J. Walker, Bruce Hibbard, Chase Huotari, Tyler Knight, Fred McWhorter, Jeff Murphy and Kent Pettet

The Board of Education of the Franklin Township Community School Corporation, Marion County, Indiana, met in Special Session at 6:00 P.M. at the Administration Offices, located at 6141 South Franklin Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46259, on October 18, 2021. All Board Members and news media had been duly notified and the agenda properly posted.

Vice President Doris Gowan called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**EDGEWOOD INTERMEDIATE & NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT HEARING &  
PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION HEARING**

Vice President Gowan welcomed everyone to the Public Hearing and stated that if anyone is interested in speaking at the Hearing there is a sign-up sheet on the table. She also noted that the Notice of this Preliminary Determination Hearing was published as legally required in the Indianapolis Star and Indianapolis Business Journal. She asked Mr. Erik Long, Bond Counselor with Ice Miller, to proceed with the Hearing. Mr. Long stated that this is the first of two (2) Public Hearings regarding the proposed Edgewood Intermediate and New Elementary Projects with the second hearing scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2021. He added that pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.5, a school corporation must hold two public hearings and adopt a resolution to preliminarily determine to issue bonds or enter a lease for a project which has a total project cost in excess of a non-controlled project. Mr. Long shared that these resolutions establish the maximum financial terms for the proposed project. Mr. Fred McWhorter II, Chief Operating Officer, recognized the following individuals that were also in attendance: Mr. Caleb Moffatt with BakerTilly Municipal Advisors, Mr. Jim Thompson with Gibraltar Design, Mr. Ron Fisher with Schmidt Associates, and Mr. Victor Landfair with Skillman Corporation. Mr. McWhorter shared that as we have previously conveyed, our enrollment continues to increase every year and this project will address the need for additional classroom and cafeteria space as well as repairs and improvements to Edgewood Intermediate's existing facility. He added that with this renovation the building capacity will increase from 1200 to 1500 students. Mr. McWhorter stated that because of the continual housing developments and the fact that South Creek Elementary and Acton Elementary are over 90% capacity, we feel there is a need to build a new elementary school. He gave an overview of the proposed new elementary school which would hold 700 students and be built on our existing property at Senour and Thompson Roads. Mr. Walker asked if the 700 student capacity will be enough space. Mr. McWhorter replied that it should be sufficient. Ms. Downer stated that she feels 600-700 students is a large number for administrative reasons, and questioned the lack of space for school buses so they don't have cause to go in reverse. Mr. McWhorter replied that the buses will not have to back up, it is just that the photo on the slide presentation gives the perception that there is not enough room. He added that we will be able to do both projects under the current property tax cap. Mr. Caleb Moffatt gave an explanation of the School Corporation's existing annual debt service/lease rental payments and increments. He also offered a summary of the financing and repayment options for the proposed projects.

Vice President Gowan opened the Public Hearing for anyone who wished to speak regarding the proposed Edgewood Intermediate and New Elementary School Projects. There were no comments. She thanked Mr. Long, Mr. Moffatt and Mr. McWhorter for the information. Vice President Smith stated that the second Public Hearing for the proposed project will be held on October 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. (Exhibit No 21-133)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Gowan adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED

ABSENT  
Zachary T. Smith, President

  
Dawn A. Downer, Secretary

  
Larry J. Walker, Member

  
Doris L. Gowan, Vice President

  
Kelly L. Foulk, Member