

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023**

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

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 October 23, 2023. All Board Members and news media had been duly notified and the agenda properly posted.

REGULAR MEETING

President Zachary Howard called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Howard called for a motion to approve the agenda as written. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve and Mrs. Foulk seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

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. Foulk motioned to approve the items and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Special Board Meeting – September 19, 2023
 - 2. Board Work Session – September 19, 2023
 - 3. 2024 Budget Hearing – September 25, 2023
 - 4. Hearing on Lease Agreement – September 25, 2023
 - 5. Regular Board Meeting – September 25, 2023
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 23-109)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 23-110)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 23-111)
- E. Donations
- F. Fundraisers
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer reported that the Central Nine Governing Board met recently and everything is going well. She shared that the construction project is off to a good start and the welding section is scheduled to be completed first. Ms. Downer conveyed that Central Nine is currently fully staffed. She added that each of the participating school corporations should be receiving their revised invoices based on the actual student participation counts. There were no questions or comments from the Board Members.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Howard shared that the Franklin Township Education Foundation had a great turnout for the 27th Annual Golf Fore Kids event and raised \$30,000. He congratulated Dr. Huotari for placing 2nd in the longest drive contest. President Howard noted that they are searching for a new Executive Director and the job description has been posted on FTEF's website. Mr. Walker conveyed that years ago it was suggested that the Director's position be voluntary so all of the donations could be channeled to the students and teachers. President Howard replied that the Board weighed all of the options prior to outlining the job and decided that they want to take the position to the next level to hopefully expand the community and alumni outreach thus increasing the donations. Mrs. Foulk stated that she is hopeful they get someone that will meet the qualifications and be enticed by the benefits package. Dr. Hibbard conveyed that his hope is that the new Director will be more aggressive in reaching out to our parent groups and Franklin Central alumni. Dr. Pettet added that he has been in charge of several of the FTEF events in the past years and it is a huge time commitment to organize any of the fundraisers. He stated that he feels that hiring the correct person is critical to the success of the Foundation and by offering a competitive salary they are hoping to surpass their expectations. President Howard noted that the FTEF Board would like to have 40% of the new Director's time be used for fundraising efforts. There were no additional questions or comments.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE 2024 BUDGET AND ASSOCIATED RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that on September 25th we held a Public Hearing outlining our 2024 Budget, the Bus Replacement Plan and the Capital Projects Plan. He conveyed that he feels certain that the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) will certify 2024 as the lowest tax rate in School Corporation history. He added that there have not been any questions since last month. Mr. McWhorter recommended approval of the following 2024 Budget and the associated forms and resolutions that were included in the Board Meeting packets: Budget Form 1 – Budget Estimate, Budget Form 2 – Estimate of Misc. Revenue, Budget Form 3 – Notice to Taxpayers, Budget Form 4 – Resolution for Appropriations & Tax Rates, Budget Form 4B – Budget Estimate - Financial Statement – Proposed Tax Rate, 2024 Protected Tax Resolution, Resolution for recurring transfers from Education Fund to Operations Fund, Year End Appropriation Transfers, Budget Reduction Resolution, 2024 Capital Projects Plan and 2024 Bus Replacement Plan. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve and Mrs. Foulk seconded. President Howard thanked Mr. McWhorter for his efforts in creating a budget that maximizes our income while keeping our spending within the budgeted projection. There being no additional comments, President Howard called for the vote which passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 23-112)

BOARD POLICIES – 2ND READING AND APPROVAL

Mr. Jeff Murphy referred the Board Members to their copies of the five (5) School Board Policies that were included in their packets and recommended approval. He added that there have not been any revisions to the policies since the 1st reading: Policy C100 – Admission to the Corporation (Legal Settlement), Policy F225 – Fundraising and Crowdfunding, Policy F325 – Debt Management Policy, Policy F350 – Reserve and Liquidity Policy, and Policy H250 – School Library Material Removal Request Procedure. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve the policies. Mr. Walker seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 23-113)

APPROVE MAXIM HEALTHCARE SERVICES AGREEMENT

Dr. Sharon Kight referred the Board Members to their copies of the Maxim Healthcare Services Agreement that was included in the meeting documentation and recommended approval. She explained that the agreement is to hire a Behavior Technician to be placed at Kitley Intermediate. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the Agreement and Mrs. Gowan seconded. President Howard thanked her for being creative in trying to fill the open positions in Special Education. There being no additional comments, President Howard called for the vote which passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 23-114)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard stated that we are continuing to do well and we are twelve days away from falling backwards an hour on November 5th. He asked Dr. Pettet to share an update on the FC Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams as they look forward to the State Championship.

Dr. Pettet was excited to announce that both the Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams qualified for State over the weekend and will be competing at Indiana State University in Terre Haute on Saturday. He shared that this will be the 12th time the FC Boys and Girls Teams have qualified to compete in the State Championships. The Board Members wished them good luck on Saturday.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no Board Member comments.

ADJOURNMENT

President Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.


APPROVED



Zachary Smith Howard, President



Doris L. Gowan, Vice President



Larry J. Walker, Secretary



Dawn A. Downer, Member



Kelly L. Fowlk, Member

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

An executive session was held on October 23, 2023 at 6:27 p.m. for which notice was given in accordance with the law to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process. In addition, the School Board Members were trained with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

The following members of the Board of Education were in attendance:

Dawn A. Downer
Kelly L. Foulk
Doris L. Gowan
Zachary Smith Howard
Larry J. Walker


The undersigned Board Members who were present and participating in said executive session hereby certify that they discussed no subject matter in the executive session other than that for which public notice was given.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


APPROVED



Zachary Smith Howard, President



Doris L. Gowan, Vice President



Larry J. Walker, Secretary



Dawn A. Downer, Member



Kelly L. Foulk, Member