

**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 25, 2021**

PRESENT: Zachary T. Smith, Doris L. Gowan, Dawn A. Downer, Kelly L. Foulk, 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 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 25, 2021. All Board Members and news media had been duly notified and the agenda properly posted.

REGULAR MEETING

President Zachary Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:25 P.M. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Smith asked for a motion to approve the following list of Consent Agenda Items. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve the items and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Special Board Meeting – September 20, 2021
 - 2. GO Bonds Hearing – September 27, 2021
 - 3. 2022 Budget Hearing – September 27, 2021
 - 4. Regular Board Meeting – September 27, 2021
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 21-141)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 21-142)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 21-143)
- E. Donations
- F. Fundraisers (Exhibit No. 21-144)
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal (Exhibit No. 21-145)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer shared that the last meeting for the Central Nine Governing Board was earlier than usual due to Fall Break and everything is going well. She reported that Franklin Central has 235 students attending C-9 this year, which is a slight increase from last year. Ms. Downer stated that they have revised their COVID protocols to match Johnson County so facemasks are now highly recommended, but not required to be worn. She noted that they still have one instructor that is out due to the virus. Mr. Walker asked what the rules are for someone who is diagnosed with COVID and was not wearing a mask. Ms. Downer replied that they are still following the contact tracing and distancing guidelines. There were no additional questions.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Smith reported that the Fall Grant Program begins this Friday and offers one Building Grant of \$2000 as well as the Ben Shuman Science Grant of \$1000. He also shared that FTEF has \$2500 in the Thankful for You Grant Fund which will be used to reward 25 teachers and/or staff members who receive recognition for their contribution to our schools via a social media gratitude campaign beginning Friday. President Smith noted that the Franklin Township Community Art Project Committee is pleased to announce that a couple of FTCS Art teachers along with a local artist will be joining the committee and the project if moving forward nicely. He added that the Education Foundation will be reaching out to the Curriculum leaders to get help in identifying areas of greatest need for their end of year impact. He noted that their next meeting is planned for this Thursday, October 28th. There were no questions or comments from the Board Members.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE 2022 BUDGET AND ASSOCIATED RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that on September 27th, we held a Public Hearing outlining our 2022 Budget, the Bus Replacement Plan and the Capital Projects Plan. He recommended approval of the following 2022 Budget and the associated forms and Resolutions that were included in the Board Meeting packets: 2022 Form 4 Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates, 2022 Resolution to Adopt the Capital Projects Fund Plan, 2022 Bus Replacement Plan and Resolution, Resolution to Reduce 2021 Budget Appropriations, Appropriation Transfer Resolution, Resolution to Transfer Amounts from Education Fund to the Operations Fund, and 2022 Protected Taxes Resolution. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. There being no questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote which passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-146)

APPROVE KITLEY INTERMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION BIDS

Mr. Fred McWhorter II shared that we had the bid opening for the Kitley Intermediate Construction Project on October 7th. He referred the Board Members to their copies of the list of contract bid recommendations totaling \$14,239,677 that was included in the meeting packet and recommended approval. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve the construction bids and Mr. Walker seconded. President Smith asked if these bids are within the budgeted cost for the project. Mr. McWhorter replied that they are a little bit over, but we are still on budget. There being no additional questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote. The motion to approve the Kitley Intermediate Construction Bids carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-147)

APPROVE ACTON ELEMENTARY HVAC GUARANTEED ENERGY SAVINGS PROVIDER

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that after receiving proposals from three (3) vendors, we have chosen Schneider Electric as the Best Responsive and Responsible vendor to provide Acton Elementary HVAC Guaranteed Energy Savings and recommended approval. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. Mr. Walker asked if we evaluated all of the HVAC equipment when we re-opened Acton a few years ago. Mr. McWhorter replied that it has been five years since we re-opened the school and we have replaced some of the equipment during that time. President Smith asked if we are planning to use ESSER funds to pay for this project. Mr. McWhorter replied that we do intend to use ESSER to pay for this and he will be sharing the full price of the project with the Board as soon as possible. There being no additional questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote. The motion to approve the Acton Elementary HVAC Guaranteed Energy Savings Provider passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-148)

AUTHORIZE PROJECT HEARING & PRELIMINARY HEARINGS FOR FCHS REFERENDUM

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that as the Board Members are aware, we have been discussing the need to remodel Franklin Central High School for quite some time. He presented an overview of the proposed project to renovate the aging FCHS as well as address various building issues at each of our six (6) elementary schools and shared that we cannot afford to do these projects

under the current property tax cap. Mr. McWhorter conveyed that we have held several informational meetings regarding the proposed FCHS referendum and asked for the Board's approval to move forward with the Project Hearings, Preliminary Determination Hearings and preliminarily notifying the County Auditor regarding a potential Construction Referendum vote on the May 2022 ballot. He added that we have met with community members, PTA Groups, the Chamber of Commerce, and each of our school building staffs to present the need for the proposed projects and the information has been very well received and the response has been very positive. Mr. Brock Bowsher with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors presented the financial impact to Franklin Township Schools and residents if the taxpayers approve the proposed referendum. Dr. Hibbard and Mr. McWhorter stated that all of the project and referendum information is posted on our website along with a property tax calculator for homeowners' convenience. A discussion regarding the sample ballot question followed. Mrs. Foulk expressed her concerns with certain portions of the ballot question and feels it is unfair to list a previous failed referendum attempt. Mr. McWhorter replied that while there is a portion of the question we can alter, unfortunately, we do not have the ability to change certain sentences. He asked for the Board's approval to move forward with the Project Hearings and the Preliminary Determination Hearings. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve. Mrs. Gowan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. McWhorter II recommended the Board's approval of the Resolution Authorizing Administration Regarding Controlled Project (Exhibit A), which was included in the meeting documentation. He stated that this resolution authorizes he and Dr. Hibbard to contact the County Auditor in preparation for the proposed FCHS Referendum. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve the resolution and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

(Exhibit No. 21-149)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard invited Mr. Rick Hunter to speak on behalf of the Flashes Football Foundation. Mr. Hunter invited everyone to the PAC fundraising event scheduled for Saturday, October 30th at the Sertoma Club from 5:00-10:00 p.m. He stated that the Football Foundation is sponsoring the event and is selling tickets for \$75 each which includes food, music and fun.

BOARD COMMENTS

President Smith stated that in place of the Board Work Session on Monday, November 8th, he encouraged the Board Members to attend Franklin Central High School's Open House from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

President Smith also added that the December 13th Work Session has been changed to a Special Board Meeting on Monday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. He stated that it will be the 2nd Hearing for the proposed Referendum.

President Smith reminded the Board Members that the school visits resume Thursday with Bunker Hill Elementary and Adams Elementary.

President Smith shared that he recently attended the ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference where he met with fellow School Board Members from across the state. He added that he is on the ISBA Awards Committee and was delighted to be a part in presenting the Outstanding Educator and Boardmanship Awards.

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED



Zachary T. Smith, President



Doris L. Gowan, Vice President



Dawn A. Downer, Secretary



Kelly L. Foulk, Member



Larry J. Walker, Member

**MINUTES OF PROJECT HEARING (EDGEWOOD INTERMEDIATE & NEW
ELEMENTARY) AND 2ND PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION HEARING
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President Zachary Smith called the Special Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

EDGEWOOD INTERMEDIATE & NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT HEARING &
2ND PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION HEARING

President Smith 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. He also noted that the notice of this 2nd Preliminary Determination Hearing was published as legally required in the Indianapolis Star and Indianapolis Business Journal. Mr. Caleb Moffatt with BakerTilly Municipal Advisors, stated that this is the second of two (2) Public Hearings regarding the proposed Edgewood Intermediate and New Elementary School Projects. He added that pursuant to Indiana Code 20-26-7-37, before a school corporation may spend more than \$1 million to build, repair or alter a school building that will be financed by a lease or bonds, it must hold a public hearing at which explanations of the potential value of the project to the school corporation and community are given. Mr. Moffatt also stated 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. He explained that these public hearings and the adoption of resolutions are the beginning of the legal process and will establish the maximum financial terms for the proposed projects. Mr. Fred McWhorter II, Chief Operating Officer, stated that the projects will be underneath the current property tax cap. He shared that as we have previously conveyed, our enrollment has increased by 494 students this school year, and will continue to increase because of the numerous housing developments under construction. Mr. McWhorter gave a summary of the proposed Edgewood Intermediate project and stated that it will address the need for improvements to the existing facility as well as the addition of classroom and cafeteria space which will increase the building capacity from 1200 to 1500 students. He added that due to 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. Mr. McWhorter 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. Brock Bowsher with BakerTilly, shared an explanation of the School Corporation's current annual debt service/lease rental payments and increments. He also offered a summary of the financing and repayment options for the proposed projects.

President Smith opened the Public Hearing for public comments regarding the proposed projects. There were no comments. He thanked everyone for their participation in the Hearing.

(Exhibit No. 21-137)

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF EDGEWOOD INTERMEDIATE & NEW ELEMENTARY
PROJECT RESOLUTION

Mr. Erik Long with Ice Miller recommended the Board's consideration of the Project Resolution (Exhibit A) that was included in the meeting documentation. He stated that the estimated cost of the projects is \$59.5 million dollars. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve the resolution. Mrs. Foulk seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-138)

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION RESOLUTION

Mr. Erik Long recommended the Board's consideration of the Preliminary Determination Resolution (Exhibit B) that was included in the meeting documentation. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-139)

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION

Mr. Erik Long recommended the Board's consideration of the Reimbursement Resolution (Exhibit C) that was included in the meeting documentation and explained that this resolution allows the School Corporation to be reimbursed for any expenditures which may occur prior to receiving the issuance of the obligations. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve. Mrs. Foulk seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-140)

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

APPROVED



Zachary T. Smith, President



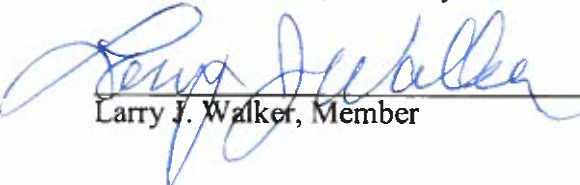
Doris L. Gowan, Vice President



Dawn A. Downer, Secretary



Kelly L. Foulk, Member



Larry J. Walker, Member

RECORD OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ADDITIONAL
APPROPRIATION HEARING

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

An Additional Appropriation Hearing was held on October 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for which notice was given in accordance with the law for the purposes of discussing and receiving public input on additional appropriation from General Obligation Bond proceeds.

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

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

President Zachary Smith called the Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. He stated that the public will be allowed to speak regarding the project following the information shared by Mr. McWhorter.

Mr. Fred McWhorter II, Chief Operating Officer, stated that due to our continued enrollment growth, we intend to use these funds for the expansion of our Transportation Facility which includes the purchase of additional buses. He shared that in order to spend the proceeds from the General Obligation Bond, we must have a Hearing. Mr. McWhorter added that the Hearing was properly posted and advertised and he explained that the proceeds from the Bond must be appropriated prior to being spent on the project. (Exhibit No. 21-134)

President Smith opened the floor for public comments regarding the proposed project. There were no comments.

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ADDITIONAL
APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

President Smith asked for a motion to approve the General Obligation Bond Additional Appropriation Resolution (Exhibit A). Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-135)

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF FINAL BOND RESOLUTION

President Smith asked for a motion to approve the Final Bond Resolution (Exhibit B). Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve the resolution. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-136)

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVED


Zachary T. Smith, President


Doris L. Gowan, Vice President


Dawn A. Downer, Secretary


Kelly L. Foulk, Member


Larry J. Walker, Member