

**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 28, 2024**

PRESENT: Zachary Smith Howard, Dawn A. Downer, Kelly L. Foulk, Larry J. Walker, Elizabeth Yoder, Dr. Chase Huotari, Jill Britt, 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 September 23, 2024. 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 6:15 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. Kelly Foulk made a motion to approve and Mrs. Elizabeth Yoder 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. Mr. Larry Walker motioned to approve the items and Mrs. Yoder seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Administration of Oath of Office – September 23, 2024
 - 2. Additional Appropriations Hearing 2024 G. O. Bond – September 23, 2024
 - 3. 2024 Budget Hearing – September 23, 2024
 - 4. Regular Board Meeting – September 23, 2024
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims
- D. Personnel Report
- E. Donations
- F. Fundraisers
- G. 2024 Destruction of Records

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer said she attended the C-9 meeting. Ms. Downer reported that a work session was held to review a five-year facilities study, focusing on planned maintenance projects such as painting, general upkeep, and roof repairs. She noted that funding is based on the attendance of students from partner schools, and unlike traditional school districts, they do not receive grants or equivalent funding. Ms. Downer emphasized the need to be strategic in managing expenditures across the nine partner schools. Although the budget is not substantial, she committed to keeping the Board informed.

Ms. Downer also highlighted that the current school year is fully staffed and has experienced a low number of incidents, marking a strong start. In response to a question from President Howard about a Board member event, Ms. Downer expressed her intent to ask Central Nine to revisit the possibility of reinstating the previously hosted dinner event.

Mr. Walker expressed his appreciation for these efforts, acknowledging that college isn't the ideal path for every student. Ms. Downer concurred, underscoring the importance of offering vocational and trade opportunities.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

The Franklin Township Education Foundation (FTEF) successfully hosted its annual Golf Fore Kids event on Friday, September 27, raising over \$30,000. A significant portion of these proceeds will be awarded as grants to our teachers before the end of this semester. Teachers are encouraged to submit their grant applications by the deadline of Sunday, November 3, 2024. The application form can be accessed on the FTEF website at myftf.org.

The Foundation's annual Thank-A-Teacher campaign will officially launch on Friday, November 1. The community is invited to recognize and nominate teachers, staff members, food service workers, or bus drivers who have made a meaningful impact. All nominees will be entered into a drawing for a special prize, which will be delivered during the week of Thanksgiving. Nomination forms are available at myftf.org.

FTEF will host its 9th annual Giving Tuesday event on Tuesday, December 3. This global initiative encourages individuals to support organizations that positively impact our communities. The Foundation invites everyone to visit myftf.org on December 3 to contribute to our mission of supporting FTCS teachers, staff, and students.

Lastly, please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 8, for the 2nd annual FTEF Gala, to be held at the Biltwell Event Center in Indianapolis. The event will feature dinner, a silent auction, and casino-style games. During the evening, FTCS will also honor this year's Wall of Fame award recipient. Nominations for the Wall of Fame are open from November 1 through December 1, with nomination forms accessible at myftf.org.

IST POLICY READING

Mr. Jeff Murphy presented a series of policy updates recommended by CCHA for review and revision. The key updates included:

- **Policy C125:** An annual adoption with no changes required.
- **Policy C275:** Updated to align with the Department of Education's testing manual, incorporating practices already in place into the official policy.
- **Policy C525:** Recommended as a valuable update, supported by Mr. Kight and Mr. Horning.
- **Policy F125:** Clarifications made regarding construction projects and related procedures.
- **Policy G350:** Updated to reflect current practices.

Mrs. Yoder inquired about the need for parental consent for student physical examinations, such as vision and hearing screenings. Mr. Kight clarified that parental consent is not required when testing an entire grade level.

Mr. Murphy indicated that these updates will be finalized and presented for approval at the next meeting.

Mrs. Kelly Foulk expressed her appreciation for Mr. Murphy's management of policy reviews, commending the efficiency of the process and the collaboration with legal counsel and staff.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE 2025 BUDGET AND ASSOCIATED RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Fred McWhorter II noted that a packet was distributed, and a hearing was conducted last month to review all relevant forms and resolutions. He briefly outlined the documents again. President Howard asked for a motion to approve the Budget and Associated Resolutions. Mr. Walker made the motion to approve and Ms. Downer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

APPROVE ADULT & CHILD AGREEMENT

Dr. Sharon Kight wanted to add three 50/50 specialists to the staff. The caseload would consist of 50% Adult & Child referrals and 50% would be from Franklin Township staff referrals. President Howard asked for a motion to approve the agreement. Ms. Downer made the motion to approve and Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

APPROVE IEP THERAPY CONTRACT FOR SLPA

Dr. Kight said the SLPA would support South Creek and Thompson Crossing Elementary Schools. Ms. Downer asked what the SLPA can do. Dr. Kight said the SLP handles the evaluation and treatment plan but the SLPA can follow the treatment plan as long as the SLP meets once a month with each student.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Huotari said the Girls Cross Country team has achieved the title of Regional Champions. He stated he saw the production "Goodnight Max," which, despite not advancing, Dr. Huotari recognized them for its exceptional quality and the talent of its directors. He mentioned the schools are approaching the milestone of 90 days of instruction.

Upcoming events include:

- High School Open House on November 4, showcasing various programs, including C9.
- A Strategic Planning Meeting on November 6, which will not be open to the community.
- A Lilly Grant Focus Group Meeting on November 8, where the school is eligible for \$35 million in funding. This meeting is not open to the community.

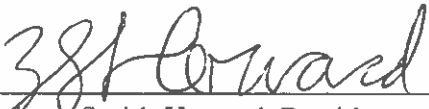
BOARD COMMENTS

President Zachary Howard said he and Mrs. Yoder will be attending a School Board Tour the following day with Dr. Stevenson and Dr. Huotari. He is excited to see the teachers in action and thankful for Central Office staff, building leadership and teachers that are preparing our students to succeed.

ADJOURNMENT

President Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.


APPROVED



Zachary Smith Howard, President



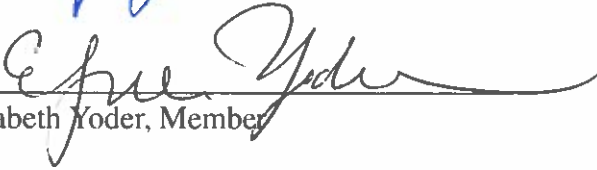
Dawn Downer, Vice President



Larry J. Walker, Secretary



Kelly L. Foulk, Member



Elizabeth Yoder, Member



**MINUTES OF AMENDMENT TO LEASE HEARING
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President Zachary Howard called the Amendment to Lease Hearing to order at 6:00 P.M.

AMENDMENT TO LEASE HEARING

Mr. Fred McWhorter II reported that two prior public hearings had been held on the proposed Amendment to Lease and provided a brief overview of the projects that would be funded by the amendment. He noted that the debt limit would remain under the Board's policy threshold of 80 cents.

Mr. Erik Long, representing Ice Miller, reiterated that two previous hearings had taken place and informed the Board that the Building Corporation had convened earlier in the day to approve the necessary resolutions. He explained that the School Board must now counter-sign the agreement to proceed.

Mr. Brock Bowsher, from Baker Tilly, confirmed that this was the fourth time the Board had been presented with this information. He summarized the financial aspects related to amending the lease.

President Howard then opened the floor for public comment. As there were no public comments, President Howard proceeded with Board actions. He requested a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Amendment to Lease. Mrs. Kelly Foulk moved to approve the resolution, and Mr. Larry Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with a vote of 5-0.

President Howard next requested a motion to approve the Resolution Assigning Construction Bids and Contracts to the Building Corporation. Mrs. Foulk made the motion to approve, and Mrs. Elizabeth Yoder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Finally, President Howard called for a motion to approve the Resolution Approving the Twelfth Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Issuing Bonds. Mr. Erik Long clarified that this resolution authorizes the issuance of bonds and establishes the District's commitment to provide ongoing disclosures to bondholders. Mr. Fred McWhorter II added that he collaborates with Ice Miller to ensure the information is properly disclosed. Mrs. Yoder expressed her appreciation for the clarification. Mr. Walker moved to approve the resolution, and Ms. Dawn Downer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

President Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

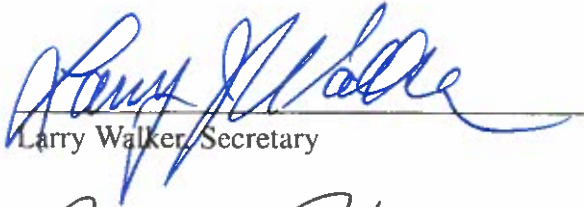
APPROVED



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