

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

PRESENT: Zachary Smith Howard, Doris L. Gowan, Larry J. Walker, Dawn A. Downer, Kelly L. Foulk, Bruce Hibbard, Jill Britt, Sharon Kight, Tyler Knight, Fred McWhorter, Jeff Murphy, 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 November 20, 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 6:01 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. Regular Board Meeting – October 23, 2023
  - 2. Executive Session – October 23, 2023
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 23-115)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 23-116)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 23-117)
- E. Donations (Exhibit No. 23-118)
- F. Fundraisers (Exhibit No. 23-119)
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**CENTRAL NINE REPORT**

Ms. Dawn Downer reported that the Central Nine Governing Board met in November at which time the Biomedical Sciences Program was showcased. She stated that she was quite impressed with the information shared by the very knowledgeable young adults as well as the equipment available for use in the program. Ms. Downer noted that the Collective Bargaining Agreement was ratified and the 2024-2025 School Calendar was approved. She was happy to announce that C-9's Fall and Spring Break schedule will be the same as ours for next year. Ms. Downer reported that the construction project is progressing nicely and they are still looking for a welding instructor for next school year. She stated that the Open House for potential students is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT**

President Howard shared that the Franklin Township Education Foundation is scheduled to meet for their monthly meeting tomorrow morning. He stated that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for the Thank A

Teacher Campaign and it has been highly successful. He directed everyone to visit the FTEF social media page for more information and to view the nominees. There were no questions or comments from the Board Members.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH STEPPING STONES GROUP

Dr. Sharon Kight referred the Board Members to their copies of the Agreement with Stepping Stones Group that was included in the meeting documentation and recommended approval. She noted that the Agreement has been reviewed by CCHA and is for the hiring of a Speech Language Pathologist Assistant. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the Agreement and Mrs. Gowan seconded. Ms. Downer stated that she understands that filling the SLP positions has been difficult and asked if this staff member will allow us to fully implement the IEP's for our students. Dr. Kight replied that she was not aware of any student that has not been receiving their documented services. She asked Ms. Downer to forward any such information to her. There being no additional comments or questions, President Howard asked for the vote to approve the Agreement with Stepping Stones Group. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 23-120)

APPROVE FCHS FIELD TRIP

Due to Dr. Chase Huotari's absence, Dr. Lynlie Schoene recommended approval for the Franklin Central High School Competitive Choir to travel to Nashville, TN, on March 2-4, 2024, to compete in the Heart of America Competition. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve the field trip. Mr. Walker seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 23-121)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard wished all our students and staff a very Happy Thanksgiving and stated that Tyler Knight's birthday is today. He wished him a Happy Birthday.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Foulk echoed Dr. Hibbard in wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She conveyed that she hoped everyone enjoys their time away from work and stated that she appreciates all of the FTCSC staff.

President Howard stated that it was exciting to visit the new additions to Kitley and Edgewood Intermediates as well as New Bethel Elementary. He thanked everyone for their work in organizing the building tours and the shuttle to the new school and stated that he is looking forward to visiting Wanamaker Early Learning Center next week.


Mrs. Gowan and Ms. Downer also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Walker asked everyone to take a moment on November 22<sup>nd</sup> to remember President John F. Kennedy as it will be the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his assassination.

ADJOURNMENT

President Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

APPROVED

  
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Zachary Smith Howard, President

  
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Doris L. Gowan, Vice President

  
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Larry J. Walker, Secretary

  
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Dawn A. Downer, Member

  
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Kelly L. Foulk, Member



RECORD OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

An executive session was held on November 20, 2023 at 6:19 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 7:19 p.m.

APPROVED

  
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