

**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 21, 2022**

PRESENT: Zachary Smith Howard, Dawn A. Downer, Doris L. Gowan, 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 November 21, 2022. 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.

1. Kasey Sharp, Bunker Hill Elementary parent, stated that there is a situation at Bunker Hill with her child and asked if there is ever an exception to our transfer policy. She conveyed that she would like to have her child transferred to another school within our district. President Howard replied that Dr. Stevenson and/or Ms. Britt will be happy to speak with her following the meeting.

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 Mr. Walker seconded. Ms. Downer stated that she has concerns with the administrative pay recommendations included in the Personnel Report and conveyed that she feels the public should be able to view the Personnel Report prior to the day of the Board Meeting. She added that it makes her uncomfortable to only be addressing raises for Administrators when there are other employee groups that should be included or at least considered. Ms. Downer added that she has been e-mailing the Administration with various questions and requests today and while they have responded to most of the inquiries, she is still waiting to receive some of the information such as the out-of-pocket health insurance information for Administrators as she has been informed that some employees have seen a significant increase to their monthly insurance fees while Administrators are only paying \$1.00. Mrs. Foulk responded that salary and insurance information has been consistently shared with the Board during several of the past Board Meetings and the administrative employee group is the final group to be addressed. She stated that the teachers have been given raises via their contract negotiations and we have approved salary increases for every employee group except the administrators. Mrs. Foulk shared that Center Grove Schools accelerated their Administrative salaries to \$180,000 and she feels that we need to compensate our Administrators or they will be leaving for other districts. She added that if we want to keep the high quality of staff that we have, they need to be compensated fairly. Ms. Downer stated that she would like to have a meeting to determine which employee positions are being considered for a salary increase and when. Mrs. Gowan thanked the Administration for being readily available and responding to the Board Member's questions even over the weekend. Following the discussion President Howard called for the vote. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items passed 4-1 with President Howard, Mrs. Foulk, Mrs. Gowan and Mr. Walker voting in favor and Ms. Downer voting against.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
  - 1. General Obligation Bond Hearing – October 24, 2022
  - 2. Hearing on Lease Agreement & Additional Appropriation  
(FCHS Addition Project) – October 24, 2022
  - 3. Regular Board Meeting – October 24, 2022
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 22-140)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 22-141)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 22-142)
- E. Donations
- F. Fundraisers (Exhibit No. 22-143)
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer reported that the Central Nine Governing Board met in early November and everything is going smoothly. She noted that representatives from C-9 were present at the FCHS Open House on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and they are encouraging students to participate in various half day events to get hands-on experience in their career interests. Ms. Downer added that Central Nine has also welcomed several guest speakers this year which is a positive experience for the students. She reported that the building project is moving along. President Howard asked when it should be completed. Ms. Downer replied that the City of Greenwood is scheduled to sign off on the variance this week and construction is planned to begin the first of the year, so hopefully, it will be finished by the beginning of the 2023-24 school year.

#### FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Howard stated that thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Golf Fore Kids Event the Education Foundation was able to fund the following items: 1) Thank a Teacher Campaign – 50 randomly selected nominees received \$100 each totaling \$5000; 2) FRAX program supporting Math Literacy in the amount of \$4,004; 3) Reading Literacy support for our elementary students in the amount of \$6,000; and 4) Essential supplies purchased for various schools totaling \$12,000. He noted that they now have four new Board Members: Kelly Alford, Tara Rabiola, Jerome Stanford and Chad Veal and that they elected the following officers for 2023: Ryan Donovan, President; Amanda Smith, Vice President; Kim Lyon, Secretary; Monte Gardner, Treasurer. President Howard shared that they also recognized Mr. Scott Donovan for his 6 years of service to the Board. There were no questions or comments.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### APPROVE RESOLUTIONS REFUNDING OF OUTSTANDING SERIES BONDS:

Exhibit A – Resolution Approving Refunding of Outstanding Series 2012A Bonds & Series 2015A Bonds

Exhibit B – Resolution Approving Refunding of Outstanding Series 2015B Bonds

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the resolutions regarding the refunding of outstanding bonds and recommended approval. He explained that the Series 2012A, Series 2015A and Series 2015B Bonds are eligible to be refinanced provided that the market is beneficial for a savings to the School Corporation. Mr. McWhorter added that the Holding Corporation has already approved these same resolutions at their meeting last month. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve the resolutions and Ms. Downer seconded. President Howard asked how long we can wait to refinance them. Mr. McWhorter replied that it doesn't matter, we will wait to see what the market does. There being no additional questions, President Howard called for the vote. The motion to approve the resolutions carried 5-0.  
(Exhibit No. 22-144)

#### APPROVE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR FCHS PROJECT

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that we have had numerous hearings regarding the FCHS Addition Project and the Board has previously approved the architect for the project. He referred them to

the copy of the Skillman Corp. Construction Manager Contract that was included in the meeting documentation and recommended approval. Mr. McWhorter stated that the Skillman Corporation has extensive experience in construction management and FTCSC has a great relationship with them. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the contract. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-145)

APPROVE ARCHITECT FOR FC JUNIOR HIGH PROJECT

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the Architect Contract for the Franklin Central Junior High Project that was included in the Board Meeting packets. He explained that we have held Public Hearings for the project and the Board has previously approved the sale of General Obligation Bonds and the project which includes adding a drive, and parking spaces along with the relocation of various athletic fields. Mr. McWhorter stated that in order to move forward with the project we need to approve the architect. He recommended approval of the agreement in the amount of \$395,000 with Context Design for that purpose. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. Ms. Downer stated that while she was not physically present at the October Board Meeting, she did submit questions regarding the project and struggles with the athletic field portion. She added that she does not remember having a discussion or asking the community to support having a Sports Campus on the Junior High property. Ms. Downer conveyed that she is concerned that we are not allocating funds where they are most needed. President Howard asked what percentage of the cost of the project is going towards the construction of the drive to connect to Edgewood Avenue. Mr. McWhorter replied that the cost of the drive equates to two-thirds of the project. He noted that the tennis courts will need to be resurfaced this year and the only athletic field being added is a soccer field. He explained that we chose the least expensive alternative and we did not want to construct the drive behind the housing addition property lines. Ms. Downer stated that she still has concerns about the project. Mrs. Foulk remarked that the information pertaining to the project has been on the website and we have been discussing the project for several months. There being no additional questions or comments, President Howard called for the vote. The motion to approve the Architect for the FC Junior High Project carried 4-1 with President Howard, Mrs. Foulk, Mrs. Gowan and Mr. Walker voting in favor and Ms. Downer voting against. (Exhibit No. 22-146)

APPROVE PROCARE THERAPY CONTRACT ADDENDUM

Dr. Sharon Kight apologized to the Board and stated that she received late word that the candidate on the contract has withdrawn their name so no action will need to be taken this evening.

APPROVE FCHS NEW COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2022-2023

Dr. Chase Huotari requested approval of the list of FCHS New Course Recommendations for 2022-2023 that was included in the meeting documentation. He explained that these new courses will fulfill the 40 Pathways that are available to our high school students and they are outlined on the Franklin Central website. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve and Ms. Downer seconded. Mrs. Foulk stated that this is amazing and she congratulated him and the FC staff for offering our students such a wide variety of options. President Howard thanked him and the Administration for creating such a customized plan for students at every level. Mrs. Gowan also thanked him for continually expanding the curriculum choices allowing our students numerous pathway options. Dr. Huotari noted that we are partnering with UIndy to have their students work for us as Instructional Assistants with the hopes that they will stay on as teachers once they graduate. There being no additional comments, President Howard called for the vote. The motion to approve the new course recommendations passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-147)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard stated that he is hoping everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and stated that he is very grateful for the great group of people we have working for us. He recognized Ms. Katie Cadle, FT Education Association President, who was in the audience and thanked her for her efforts in leading our teaching staff. Dr. Hibbard also thanked Dr. Sharon Kight for working tirelessly to fill staffing positions for our children with special needs especially during this time when her husband has been experiencing some health issues. He assured her that we are keeping him in our thoughts.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Gowan shared that on November 10<sup>th</sup> the Dual Language Committee met to begin planning for year two of the program. She thanked the Administration for giving our students this opportunity and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Walker thanked Dr. Hibbard and Mr. McWhorter for their vision and added that he feels we have a wonderful group of staff members.

President Howard wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked the Administration for providing our students with the tools to achieve a wonderful education.

ADJOURNMENT

President Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

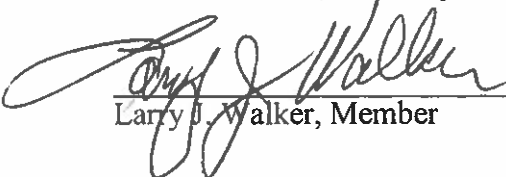
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Dawn A. Downer, Vice President

  
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Doris L. Gowan, Secretary

  
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