

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022**

PRESENT: Zachary Smith Howard, Dawn A. Downer, Doris L. Gowan, Kelly L. Foulk, Larry J. Walker, Bruce Hibbard, Chase Huotari, 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 December 19, 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. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan 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. Gowan motioned to approve the items and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting – November 21, 2022
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 22-148)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 22-149)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 22-150)
- E. Donations (Exhibit No. 22-151)
- F. Fundraisers (Exhibit No. 22-152)
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer reported that the Central Nine Governing Board met in early December, but the group was smaller because several members were out with the COVID virus. She conveyed that the Board had a lively discussion regarding the building project as the City of Greenwood has rescinded their approval of the proposed use of half brick for the exterior of the project. She explained that the City is being very particular about new structures being built and Central Nine is doing their best to accommodate them while keeping the project within budget. Mr. Walker asked what the issue is with bricking the entire structure. Ms. Downer replied that it is the cost of full brick and the Governing Board does not want to burden the partnering school districts with an additional bill. President Howard asked how much it would cost for the additional brick. Ms. Downer replied that it would be an additional \$300,000. She stated that everything else is going well and they are wrapping up the first semester. There were no additional questions or comments from the Board Members.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Howard stated that the Franklin Township Education Foundation Board did not meet in December, but raised \$1433 at a fun community event held at Flashbacks on December 14th. He shared that their first meeting of 2023 will be at 7:30 a.m. on January 17th. There were no questions from the Board Members.

POLICY REVISIONS – 1ST READING

Mr. Jeff Murphy referred the Board Members to their copies of the five (5) School Board Policies that were included in their packets: Policy C425 – Student Suicide Prevention and Awareness, Policy F176 – Unpaid Meals, Policy H125 – Corporation-Support Organizations, Policy 321 – Reserve Officers (FTCSC Police Dept. Manual), and Policy C525 – Medical Needs at School. He stated that he has also provided a summary page outlining the proposed updates and/or additions to each policy and asked if there were any questions. Mrs. Foulk thanked him for preparing the summary. Ms. Downer questioned Policy C425, Student Suicide Prevention and Awareness, and stated that it references the Adult and Child Organization Website of which we have no control and asked what happens if they change their website and we are not aware of the changes. President Howard suggested that we could just mention the organization and not the website address. Mr. Murphy replied that he will pose the question to Church, Church, Hittle and Antrim before bringing it back for approval at the January Board Meeting. There were no additional questions or comments. (Exhibit No. 22-153)

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mr. Fred McWhorter II shared that the bad news is that our property/liability insurance fee has increased by 19% for 2023 and stated that the good news is we avoided an increase of \$100,000 by changing to a fixed brokerage fee earlier this year. He referenced the insurance renewal information that was included in the meeting documentation and recommended approval of the Property/Liability Insurance Renewal Proposal in the amount of \$1,071,369 to NFP. Mr. McWhorter noted that a couple of reasons for the increase in cost are due to the additional number of employees we now have and the additional square footage we have added to some of our facilities. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve and Ms. Downer seconded. There being no questions or comments, President Howard called for the vote to approve the proposal. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-154)

APPROVE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE HEALTH PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Mr. Fred McWhorter II, in place of Dr. Sharon Kight, recommended approval of the First Amendment to the Health Partnership Agreement that was included in the meeting documentation. He explained that the Agreement is for Community Health Network to provide a LPN for one of our students on an hourly basis. Mr. Walker motioned to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-155)

APPROVE WANAMAKER EARLY LEARNING CENTER TUITION RATES FOR 2023/2024 & 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEARS

Mrs. Meli Drier presented the tuition rates for the Wanamaker Early Learning Center for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 and recommend approval. She shared that there is a gradual increase in the tuition due to salary increases and additional staff positions. Mrs. Drier stated that open enrollment for FTCSC staff will be in late February and will open for the community in March. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve the tuition rates and Mrs. Foulk seconded. Mrs. Foulk thanked her for keeping the rates competitive with other preschools and daycares in the area. There being no additional comments, President Howard called for the vote which carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-156)

APPROVE FCHS FIELD TRIPS

Dr. Chase Huotari recommended approval for the FCHS Business Professionals of America (BPA) to travel and stay in Downtown Indianapolis on March 12-14, 2023 for the State

Leadership Conference and the FCHS Thespians to travel to South Bend, Indiana on January 20-22, 2023 for the Thespians State Conference. Mr. Walker motioned to approve both field trips. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-157)

APPROVE E-RATE FY2023 CAT 1 INTERNET BID

Mr. Tyler Knight referred the Board Members to their copies of the E-Rate Cat 1 Internet Bid for 2023 that was included in the meeting documentation and recommended approval. He stated that we received three valid bids for our Internet access and have chosen Zayo Group as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. Mr. Knight was happy to convey that we will be receiving two 10GBs Internet service circuits for a monthly cost of \$1,220 each, which is a lower monthly fee for higher bandwidth than we have currently. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. Mrs. Foulk shared that she is really excited about the increase in internet speed and the students will be also. There being no additional comments, President Howard called for the vote which carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-158)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard wished everyone Happy Holidays. He thanked the Board for their support of Dr. Sharon Kight due to the passing of her husband.

Dr. Hibbard recognized the Scouts that were in attendance this evening and asked them to introduce themselves and to share what school they attended. The Troop Leaders thanked the Board and the Administration for their time and commitment to our youngest leaders.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Walker conveyed that the Franklin Township Community lost a great person this week with the passing of Cookie Kight and shared that he will be remembered as a good, honest man and will be missed.

President Howard stated that we have had a great first semester of school and he wished everyone a wonderful Holiday Season.

ADJOURNMENT

President Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

APPROVED


Zachary Smith Howard, President


Dawn A. Downer, Vice President


Doris L. Gowan, Secretary


Kelly L. Foulk, Member


Larry J. Walker, Member

