

**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 20, 2021**

PRESENT: Zachary T. Smith, Dawn A. Downer, Kelly L. Foulk, Larry J. Walker, Bruce Hibbard, Jill Britt, Tyler Knight, Fred McWhorter, Kent Pettet, 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 20, 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 6:00 P.M. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Smith called for a motion to approve the agenda as written. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve and Ms. Downer seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

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. Foulk motioned to approve the items and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. FCHS Referendum Project Hearing & Preliminary Determination Hearing – November 22, 2021
 - 2. Regular Board Meeting – November 22, 2021
 - 3. Special Board Meeting & Referendum Project Hearing & 2nd Preliminary Determination Hearing – December 6, 2021
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 21-164)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 21-165)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 21-166)
- E. Donations
- F. Fundraisers (Exhibit No. 21-167)
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal (Exhibit No. 21-168)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer reported that the Central Nine Governing Board met on December 9th and things are going well. She shared that the Open House on December 8th was a success and they are currently preparing for Winter Break. Ms. Downer added that they have a few students out with COVID symptoms, but they have been keeping up with their classes. Mr. McWhorter stated that we have received an invoice in the amount of \$900,000 for our portion of the Central Nine construction project and will be submitting it for payment in January. There were not any additional comments.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Smith stated that he attended the Franklin Township Education Foundation meeting last week and reported that the teacher appreciation campaign, Thankful for You, was an

overwhelming success. President Smith thanked everyone for their participation. He conveyed that the Foundation has received numerous contributions this year and he will have further details to share in January. There were no comments or questions from the Board Members.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE BSN SPORTS CONTRACT

Due to Dr. Chase Huotari's absence, President Smith asked for a motion to approve the BSN Sports Contract that was included in the meeting documentation. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve the contract and Ms. Downer seconded. Ms. Downer stated that she does not see any significant differences from their current contract with Adidas. Dr. Hibbard replied that the two contracts are similar, they are just wanting the Junior High School to have the same sports apparel program as the High School. There being no additional questions, President Smith called for the vote which carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-169)

APPROVE FCHS FIELD TRIP

Due to Dr. Huotari's absence, President Smith asked for a motion to approve the FCHS Field Trip to Marion, Indiana, on January 21-23, 2022, as recommended. Ms. Downer made a motion to approve. Mrs. Foulk seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-170)

APPROVE ADDITIONAL COURSES AT FCHS

Due to Dr. Huotari's absence, President Smith asked for a motion to approve the list of additional courses at Franklin Central High School for the 2022-2023 school year as outlined in the Board Meeting documentation. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve the courses and Ms. Downer seconded. Mrs. Foulk stated that she is amazed at the selection of courses we are able to offer our students and is very pleased with the decisions made by our counselors and administrators. President Smith thanked Dr. Huotari and the FC Staff for continuing to expand the opportunities for our students and families. There being no additional comments, President Smith called for the vote to approve the additional courses. The motion carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-171)

APPROVE WANAMAKER EARLY LEARNING CENTER TUITION RATES FOR 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Mrs. Meli Drier, Special Education Coordinator, referred the Board Members to their copies of the Wanamaker Early Learning Center Tuition Rates for the 2022-2023 school year and recommended approval. She conveyed that the rates have not changed since 2020 and the new rates are well within the reimbursement rates. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve and Ms. Downer seconded. Ms. Downer stated that she appreciates us keeping the rates at an affordable level for our families. There being no additional comments, President Smith called for the vote which passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-172)

APPROVE FRONTLINE 3-YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH & EVALUATION

Mr. Tyler Knight, Director of Information Technology, stated that we currently use Frontline Education Software for recruiting & hiring, absence management, time and attendance and centralized HR management and would like to begin using their Professional Development and Employee Evaluation Modules. He recommended approval of the Frontline 3-year contract that was included in the meeting documentation. Ms. Downer motioned to approve and Mrs. Foulk seconded. Mrs. Foulk asked why there is a 5% increase over the next few years. Mr. Knight replied that it is due to the increase in number of employees and it also locks us in at that rate. There being no additional questions, President Smith called for the vote which carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-173)

APPROVE PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mr. Fred McWhorter II recommended approval of the Property/Liability Insurance Renewal proposal for 2022 that was included in the Board packets. He explained that the total amount is

\$954,749 excluding terrorism coverage of \$24,862 and it is more than last year, but noted that our building square footage has increased over the past year as well as our number of students and staff members. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve and Ms. Downer seconded. Mrs. Foulk asked if our coverage for cyber protection has increased this year. Mr. McWhorter replied that it has and we had to complete a more intense application this year because of the advances in technology, etc. Ms. Downer added that she feels cyber security is definitely a necessity. President Smith called for the vote to approve the property/liability insurance renewal. The motion passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-174)

APPROVE VALIC/AIG FEE SCHEDULE

Mr. Fred McWhorter II recommended approval of the revised VALIC/AIG Fee Schedule that was included in the meeting documentation and explained that we once again have negotiated a reduction in the service fees for participating employee's retirement investment accounts. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve and Ms. Downer seconded. Mrs. Foulk thanked Mr. McWhorter for taking the initiative to negotiate the better rate. There being no additional comments, President Smith called for the vote which carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-175)

APPROVE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AGREEMENT FOR EDGEWOOD INTERMEDIATE PROJECT

Mr. Fred McWhorter II recommended approval of the Agreement with Skillman Corporation to serve as Construction Manager for the Edgewood Intermediate Project. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Foulk seconded. President Smith remarked that Skillman has done great work for us in the past and he is quite confident in their services. There being no further comments, he called for the vote to approve the agreement. The motion passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-176)

APPROVE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AGREEMENT FOR NEW ELEMENTARY PROJECT

Mr. Fred McWhorter II recommended approval of the Agreement with Skillman Corporation to serve as Construction Manager for the new Elementary Project. He added that the agreements for both projects have been reviewed by our legal counsel. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the agreement. Mrs. Foulk seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-177)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard wished the Board Members and all the employees Happy Holidays. He stated that this is the third school year that we have been dealing with COVID issues and everyone is deserving of a much needed break. He was happy to announce that for the first time in several months the Transportation Director and Assistant Director, Todd Livesay and Steve Shaw, did not have to fill in as bus drivers today.

BOARD COMMENTS

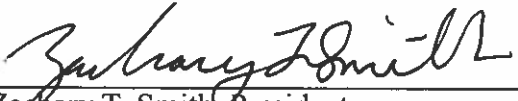
President Smith conveyed that the Performing Arts Department blew it away again this year with an awesome *Sounds of the Season Program*. He stated that it is very exciting to have our Junior High and Elementary school students participate in the production.

President Smith complimented our schools and families for continuing to provide and support in-person learning while some local school districts are struggling with staffing and attendance issues.

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

APPROVED



Zachary T. Smith, President



Dawn A. Downer, Secretary



Larry J. Walker, Member

ABSENT

Doris L. Gowan, Vice President



Kelly L. Foulk, Member