

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SCHOOL
CORPORATION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

PRESENT: Zachary T. Smith, Doris L. Gowan, Dawn A. Downer, Kelly L. Foulk, Larry J. Walker, Bruce Hibbard, Jill Britt, Chase Huotari, Sharon Kight, Tyler Knight, Fred McWhorter, 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 February 22, 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 Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

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. Gowan motioned to approve the items and Mr. Walker seconded. Ms. Downer referenced the list of Donations and asked for clarification that the first item donated to FC's Athletic Department by the CTEC Corporation in the amount of \$15,000 was not donated by the Administration Building commonly referred to as the CTEC Building. Mr. McWhorter replied that it was not a donation from the Administration. NOTE: Following the meeting, it was determined that the item was incorrectly spelled and the amount was mistyped. A corrected version of the Donations is included in the minutes: CTECH Corporation donated \$1500. There being no additional comments, President Smith called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Executive Session – January 11, 2021
 - 2. Regular Board Meeting – January 11, 2021
 - 3. Board of Finance Meeting – January 11, 2021
 - 4. Public Work Session – February 8, 2021
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 21-19)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 21-20)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 21-21)
- E. Donations (Exhibit No. 21-22)
- F. Fundraisers (Exhibit No. 21-23)
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer stated that the Central Nine Governing Board has met a couple times since our January 11th meeting. She reported that their School Resource Officer shared a presentation

regarding the enhanced procedures for Lobby Guard, which now includes COVID questions for tracing purposes. She noted that the C-9 staff is receiving training for medical emergencies due to the fact that they do not employ a nurse and their EMT students have not been attending in-person. Ms. Downer shared that Central Nine is opening 100% in-person learning on March 1st. She added that they have purchased a lot in Oldefield Commons for their construction project for the coming year and they are continuing expansion of the Dual Credit program which currently offers opportunities with Vincennes University, Ivy Tech, IUPUI and Trine University. Ms. Downer gave a summary of several items they have been addressing for the expansion of the Central Nine Facility: prioritizing the needs, interviewing various architect firms, compiling cost estimates and discussing funding options. She informed the Board that Lancer & Beebe has been hired as the architect and Baker/Tilley will be involved with the funding. Mr. Walker asked if the students are involved in the purchasing of the land for the construction projects. Ms. Downer replied that they were not involved this year due to the pandemic, but they will be involved in acquiring the building permits, etc. There were no additional questions.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Smith conveyed that he attended that last two FT Education Foundation meetings and shared the following informational items: a) Classroom and building grant applications are open through March 14, 2021 at midnight, b) Scholarship applications are open through April 5, 2021 at midnight, c) This year's Fast Flash is scheduled for Saturday, July 31, 2021, and will coincide with the opening of the new school year. They are planning to have kid's games, food trucks and a variety of activities for the families. d) Save the date for the 25th Annual Golf Fore Kids event planned for September 17th. President Smith stated that the Foundation supplied all Kindergarten through 6th grade Math students with dry erase boards and markers and each of our schools received a bag of essential supplies to replenish their supply cabinets. He also noted that the Thankful for You Grant has been a huge morale booster throughout the district. There were no comments or questions.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

President Smith reported that the current Legislative Session is only half complete with the last day being April 29th. He presented copies of the estimated 2021-2023 School Funding Formula and asked Mr. McWhorter to share his thoughts. Mr. McWhorter gave an overview of the formula and stated that as the Board knows, we are the only School Corporation in Marion County that has seen an increase in enrollment this year and while the school funding formula is still early in the process, we are hopeful for a positive outcome. President Smith added there is also a grant for the loss of student learning due to the pandemic that we will continue to watch.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE UNIFORM CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

President Smith asked for a motion to approve the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements submitted by Mrs. Gowan and Mrs. Foulk that were included in the Board Meeting packets. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. There being no questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote which passed 5-0.
(Exhibit No. 21-24)

APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH KITLEY INTERMEDIATE ADDITION

Mr. Fred McWhorter II offered a presentation regarding the need to build an addition onto Kitley Intermediate School. His presentation included the following items: 1) District Enrollment Data continues to increase by over 200 students per year, 2) Kitley Intermediate is showing more growth than Edgewood Intermediate and is an older building, 3) Fiscal limitations allowing us to address one Intermediate School at a time, and 4) Project keeps us on track to build the operational foundation for district growth. He also provided a scope of the project and conveyed that the total cost of the project is approximately \$17.4M. Mr. McWhorter recommended approval to move forward with the Kitley Intermediate addition. He added that we will hold Public Hearings on March 8th and March 15th regarding the proposed project. Mr. Walker made a motion to move forward with the Kitley Intermediate addition and Mrs. Foulk seconded. Ms. Downer inquired as to what exactly the Board is approving this evening. Ms. Jane Herndon

representing Ice Miller LLP, Bond Counsel, responded that the Board is authorizing the Public Hearings at which time additional details of the project including costs and funding will be provided. Mr. Walker asked if or when the project is complete will we consider redistricting. Mr. McWhorter replied that redistricting should not be immediately necessary because we recently reconfigured our schools' grade levels. There being no additional questions, President Smith called for the vote which carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-25)

APPROVAL OF ARCHITECT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AGREEMENTS

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that in order to stay on a design/construction timeline that completes the proposed Kitley Intermediate addition by August 2023, it is necessary to move forward with design components during the approval process. He recommended approval of the Architect and Construction Manager Agreements that were included in the meeting documentation. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the agreements and Mrs. Gowan seconded. Ms. Downer stated that she has no problem with the Kitley Project, but she is curious if we issued an RFI (request for information) to receive options before deciding on an architect and construction manager. Mr. McWhorter replied that we chose Fanning/Howey Associates as the architect because they designed the original structure and we chose Skillman Corporation as the construction manager because they have done a great job for us in the past and we have a wonderful working relationship with them. He added that their fees are in line with other companies. Ms. Downer asked if we have investigated the use of solar and/or geothermal power. Mr. McWhorter replied that we have not investigated it for use at Kitley Intermediate because we do not have the land available and we would have to put the panels on the roof. He shared that we did explore the option for use at FC Junior High, but it is typically more expensive and replacement costs are higher as well. Mr. Walker conveyed that solar panels are more expensive for their initial cost and are not guaranteed to save money. There being no additional questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote to approve the Architect and Construction Manager Agreements. The motion passed 4-1, with Mrs. Foulk, Mrs. Gowan, Mr. Smith and Mr. Walker voting in favor and Ms. Downer voting against. (Exhibit No. 21-26)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard stated that during the Administrator Meeting this morning he shared that there are only 4 days remaining in February and 19 school days before Spring Break. He conveyed that it is quite meaningful this year due to the fact that our folks have been dealing with the ever-changing mandates due to the pandemic. Dr. Hibbard added that he feels everyone has done an outstanding job adjusting their 'normal' routines to accommodate the changes while providing the best education possible for our students.

BOARD COMMENTS

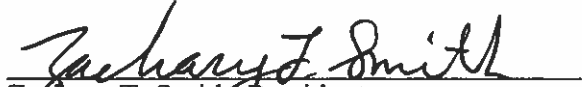
Mr. Walker congratulated Dr. Lynlie Schoene for the recent completion of her doctorate degree.

President Smith shared that he and Dr. Hibbard recently met to outline several agenda options for discussion at the monthly Work Sessions. He stated that at the March 8th meeting we will be holding a Preliminary Determination Hearing for the Kitley Intermediate School Project as well as having a discussion regarding the CARES Act grant money.

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

APPROVED


Zachary T. Smith, President


Doris L. Gowan, Vice President

Dawn A. Downer, Secretary


Kelly L. Foulk, Member


Larry J. Walker, Member