

**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 28, 2022**

PRESENT: Zachary T. Smith, Dawn A. Downer, Doris L. Gowan, Larry J. Walker, Bruce Hibbard, Jill Britt, Chase Huotari, Sharon Kight, Tyler Knight, Fred McWhorter, Jeff Murphy, Lynlie Schoene and Toni Stephenson

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 28, 2022. 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 asked that we observe a moment of silence for the recent current events involving Russia and Ukraine. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Smith called for a motion to approve the agenda as written. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve and Mr. Walker 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. Gowan motioned to approve the items and Ms. Downer seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting – January 10, 2022
 - 2. Board of Finance Meeting – January 10, 2022
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 22-20)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 22-21)
- D. Cancellation of Outstanding Checks (Exhibit No. 22-22)
- E. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 22-23)
- F. Donations (Exhibit No. 22-24)
- G. Fundraisers
- H. Surplus Equipment for Disposal (Exhibit No. 22-25)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer reported that things are going well at Central Nine. She shared that they have made a few revisions to the Director's contract, recognized the students who achieved National Technical Honors and had a successful Career Day on February 24th. Ms. Downer also shared that the Taste of Central Nine is scheduled for March 10th and the invitations have been sent via e-mail. Mr. Walker stated that he has received several e-mails regarding the dinner and is looking forward to the wonderful event. Ms. Downer reminded everyone that the campus restaurant, To The Nines, is open to the public for lunch on select Fridays and for special occasions. She added that the chef is a Franklin Central graduate. Ms. Downer reported that the C-9 Building Project is moving slower than anticipated due to the delays in building materials. There were not any additional comments.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Smith stated that the Franklin Township Education Foundation is only meeting every other month and they are not due to meet until March. He shared the following update regarding the FTEF Art Project: 1) Each of the twelve Buildings are creating three garden posts, 2) Sample posts will be available for preview at the Edgewood Spring Art Show in April, 3) The posts will be "planted" this summer and will create a trail outlining each building, and 4) FCHS will plant their posts in the Garden Club Area in memory of Drew Sawyers. President Smith conveyed that the Education Foundation is accepting Classroom Grant requests through March 14th. There were no questions or comments.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

President Smith reported that this is week 8 of the 10-week Legislative Session and things have been very busy. He stated that he recently attended the ISBA State House Day. President Smith shared that HB1130 and SB83 regarding Mandatory Public Comments at school board meetings are moving forward, but will not change our procedures as we already offer comments at every meeting. He added that HB1072 regarding Charter Schools receiving funds for students enrolled in districts receiving revenue from a school operating referendum has died, however, the bill's contents will be eligible for amendment into another bill in conference committee since the bill passed in one chamber. President Smith stated that HB1134 regarding curriculum has received a lot a publicity and has been altered several times. He asked Mr. McWhorter if SB2 regarding virtual instruction and tuition support count dates will benefit our district. Mr. McWhorter replied that it will as we will be able to increase our student count by 8 students. There were no additional comments or questions.

ACTION ITEMS

COVID-19

President Smith stated that the Marion County and State Health Departments have recently adjusted the COVID-19 mask mandates due to the decrease in virus cases and therefore, we have made changes to our policy as well. He stated that on February 16th our parents were notified that wearing masks in our schools (PreK-12) would be up to their discretion and on Monday, February 28th we notified them that masks were no longer required on our school buses. President Smith asked for a motion to formally approve the adjustments to our policy. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

APPROVE ENERGY SERVICES CONTRACT

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the Energy Services Contract for the Acton Elementary HVAC project that was included in the meeting documentation. He explained that the Board previously approved Schneider Electric as the Guaranteed Energy Saving Provider and recommended approval of the contract in the amount of \$2,394,605 and he noted that it has been reviewed by our legal counsel. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve the contract. Ms. Downer seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-26)

APPROVE TRANSPORTATION CENTER PROJECT BID

Mr. Fred McWhorter II recommended approval of the Transportation Center Project Bid from Ferguson Construction Company in the amount of \$2,243,600 as outlined in the information provided. He stated that we were pleased to have received several strong bids all of which were very competitive. Mr. Walker motioned to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. Mr. Walker asked for confirmation that Ferguson was the same vendor that built the first addition to FC Junior High. Dr. Chase Huotari replied that they were and stated that as principal of the building at the time, they were great to work with. President Smith inquired about construction delays due to material availability. Mr. George Link with VPS Architecture, shared that we are estimating it should be 10 months out for the steel delivery. Mr. Walker asked how construction will impact the operation of the Transportation Center. Mr. McWhorter replied that it should not be an issue. There being no additional questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote. The motion to approve the Transportation Center Project Bid carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-27)

APPROVE BUNKER HILL ELEMENTARY HVAC BIDS

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the Bunker Hill Elementary HVAC Bids that were included in the meeting documentation and recommended approval. He explained that we feel the best responsive and responsible bidders are Jungclaus-Campbell Co., Inc. in the amount of \$669,440 for Category #1 (General Trades) and Lehman's Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$1,018,000 for Category #2 (Mechanical & Electrical). Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve and Mr. Walker seconded. Mr. Walker asked why the HVAC equipment wasn't included in the remodel work a few years ago. Mr. Rick Hunter replied that the Bunker Hill Elementary remodel was to redesign a portion of the building and the HVAC equipment did not need to be replaced. Mr. McWhorter added that we also got six (6) additional years out of the equipment. There being no additional questions, President Smith called for the vote which passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-28)

APPROVE SOUTH CREEK ELEMENTARY ROOF BIDS

Mr. Fred McWhorter II recommended approval of the South Creek Elementary Roof Bids as presented. He stated that Nu-Tec Roofing was the best responsive and responsible bidder with the bid totaling \$375,000. Mr. Walker motioned to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. President Smith inquired as to what the interpretation is of the different roof sections designated by letters and numbers. Mr. McWhorter replied that they represent different sections, flat and/or sloped, which use different materials. There being no further questions, President Smith called for the vote. The motion to approve the South Creek Elementary Roof Bids carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-29)

APPROVE THOMPSON CROSSING ELEMENTARY ROOF BIDS

Mr. Fred McWhorter II recommended approval of the Thompson Crossing Elementary Roof Bids that were included in the meeting documentation. He shared that this project as well as the others came in under budget. He explained that Nu-Tec Roofing was the best responsive and responsible bidder at a cost of \$208,000 which includes \$41,700 for masonry repair awarded to Kemna Restoration & Construction. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. President Smith asked if this will be the first time we have replaced the roof at Thompson Crossing. Mr. Rick Hunter replied that it was replaced about 10 years ago as a warranty replacement. There being no additional questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote which passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-30)

APPROVE FCHS FIELD TRIPS

Dr. Chase Huotari stated that we are blessed to have such wonderful Directors and Sponsors at the high school as they understand the student benefits of attending and competing in various conferences and competitions. He recommended approval of the following four (4) overnight field trips: 1) FCHS Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference on March 13-15, 2022, in Downtown Indianapolis; 2) FCHS Competitive Choirs: The Heart of America Competition on March 4-6, 2022, in Nashville, Tennessee; 3) FCHS Varsity Winter Guard: WGI World Championship Competition on April 6-9, 2022, in Dayton, Ohio; 4) FCHS Percussion Symphony: WGI World Championship Competition on April 21-24, 2022, in Dayton, Ohio. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve the field trips. Mr. Walker seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-31)

BOARD POLICIES – 2ND READING & APPROVAL

Mr. Jeff Murphy recommended approval of the seven (7) School Board Policies that were included in the packets: Policy A300 – 'Responsible Use of Technology and Internet Use Policy', Policy B225 – 'Board Meetings', Policy C275 – 'Test Security Provisions for Statewide Assessments', Policy D300 – 'Alcohol and Controlled Substance Policy for Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and Safety Sensitive Positions', Policy F125 – 'Purchasing Procedures and Capital Assets', Policy G150 – 'Registered Sex or Violent Offenders', and Policy H200 – 'Relations with Special Interest Groups'. He referenced Policy D300 and stated that at our last meeting there was a question regarding replacing Mr. Todd Livesay's name with just his title of 'Transportation Director' for ease of future changes. Mr. Murphy explained that the policy will remain as submitted because we were cited by the State Police during our inspection for not

including the Director's name. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve the policies and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-32)

APPROVE CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE INSTITUTE SATELLITE AGREEMENT

Dr. Lynlie Schoene shared that we were so honored to be invited to host the Conscious Discipline Institute's Workshop last year at Edgewood Intermediate School and they must have been impressed with our facility because they have asked us to host it again this year. She referred the Board Members to their copies of the Conscious Discipline Institute Satellite Agreement that was included in their packets and recommended approval. Dr. Schoene added that this year's event is scheduled for June 18-25, 2022. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve and Ms. Downer seconded. The motion carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-33)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard was excited to announce that Dr. Kent Pettet has been cleared by his doctor to return to work tomorrow.

Dr. Hibbard asked Chief Ken Short to share some information regarding our recently created vaping diversion program. Chief Short explained that prior to this program, high school students that were caught vaping were issued a ticket to appear in court at a cost of \$170.50 and now they have the choice of enrolling in a 1-hour workshop at a cost of \$25 with the stipulation that a parent accompany them. Mr. Walker asked what the penalty is if the parent does not come. Chief Short replied that the fee is elevated to \$75. Chief Short was proud to convey that he has been contacted by several school districts as well as the Beech Grove City courts to provide information regarding our highly successful program. He added that we have also received a \$10,000 grant to expand the program and will be offering it to our Junior High and Alternative Education students. The Board Members thanked him for the information and congratulated he and his officers for their efforts in guiding our students to make healthier choices.

BOARD COMMENTS


President Smith congratulated our FC Flashes for their recent accomplishments in wrestling, gymnastics, and Show Choir. He stated that he attended the Show Choir competition this past weekend and conveyed that it was wonderful to see the auditorium filled to capacity once again.

Mr. Larry Walker shared that he received an e-mail asking for donations to support the Franklin Central Bowling Team and asked if it was a legitimate request. Dr. Chase Huotari replied that the Bowling Team is a student sponsored club and they are reaching out to the community to find a sponsor and/or receive donations to offset some of their fees.

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

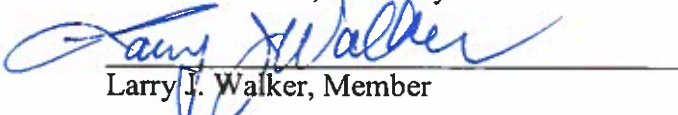
APPROVED


Zachary T. Smith, President


Dawn A. Downer, Vice President


Doris L. Gowan, Secretary

ABSENT
Kelly L. Foulk, Member


Larry J. Walker, Member