

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023**

PRESENT: Zachary Smith Howard, Larry J. Walker, Dawn A. Downer, Kelly L. Foulk, Bruce Hibbard, Chase Huotari, Sharon Kight, Tyler Knight, Fred McWhorter, Jeff Murphy, Kent Pettet, Kaitlin Porter, 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 March 13, 2023. 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. Foulk made a motion to approve and Ms. Downer seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

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. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the items and Ms. Downer seconded. President Howard stated that the Personnel Report reflects the hiring of an additional Assistant Principal at FCHS due to the expansion of several programs and asked if there was a vacancy for the position in the future would we fill it or dissolve the position. Dr. Huotari replied that we would re-evaluate the need at that time. President Howard conveyed that he is very excited about FC's new Assistant Principal for College and Career Readiness position. Ms. Downer asked if we intend to advertise the principal opening at Kitley Intermediate. Dr. Hibbard and Mr. Murphy assured her that we plan on advertising the position both internally and externally. There being no further questions or comments, President Howard called for the vote. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items passed 4-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting – February 27, 2023
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 23-32)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 23-33)
- D. Cancellation of Outstanding Checks (Exhibit No. 23-34)
- E. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 23-35)
- F. Donations (Exhibit No. 23-36)
- G. Fundraisers
- H. Surplus Equipment for Disposal

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer reported that everything is moving along at Central Nine as they ended the 3rd Quarter on March 10th and are looking forward to their Spring Break which begins Monday, March 27th - Friday, April 7th. She shared that the Technical Honors Program is scheduled for March 16th. Ms. Downer was proud to announce that the students in the Culinary Arts Program

earned several awards at a recent competition. She stated that C-9 is beginning their marketing tours at the participating schools. There were no questions or comments from the Board Members.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Howard shared that the Franklin Township Education Foundation Board will be meeting tomorrow, March 14th. He encouraged the seniors to apply for the scholarships that are available through the Education Foundation.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

President Howard reported that the Legislative Report will be short this evening because it's only been two weeks since our last Board Meeting. He shared that the Indiana General Assembly has passed its halfway point and the ISBA has been tracking 223 bills with approximately 20% of those making it through. President Howard added that 70% of the bills pertaining to schools are now dead. There were no questions or comments from the Board Members.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE THOMPSON CROSSING CHILLER BID

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the Thompson Crossing Chiller bid information that was included in their packets and recommended approval of the bid from Leach & Russell in the amount of \$382,390. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Foulk seconded. Mr. Walker asked if we have used Leach & Russell for any other projects. Mr. McWhorter replied that we have and were pleased with their work. There being no additional questions, President Howard called for the vote which passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 23-37)

APPROVE FCHS FIELD TRIPS

Dr. Chase Huotari recommended approval for the FCHS/FCJH Business Professionals of America to travel to Anaheim, California on April 26-30, 2023 for the National Leadership Conference, the FCHS Orchestra to travel to Nashville, Tennessee on March 21-24, 2024 to perform in a clinic and the FCHS Autoflashes to travel to Dallas, Texas on April 24-28, 2023 to attend the World Championships. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve the field trips. Mr. Walker seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 23-38)

APPROVE STUDENT HANDBOOKS FOR 2023-2024 FOR ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE, JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Toni Stevenson, Dr. Lynlie Schoene and Dr. Chase Huotari referred the Board Members to their copies of the Student Handbooks for 2023-2024 that were included in the packets and recommended approval. Dr. Huotari explained that the big change this year is that we have aligned the information for all levels: Elementary, Intermediate, Junior High and High School. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve the handbooks and Ms. Downer seconded. President Howard thanked them for aligning the various items as it will be very beneficial for our families that have children in multiple grade levels. There being no further questions, President Howard called for the vote. The motion to approve the Student Handbooks for 2023-2024 passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 23-39)

APPROVE SOLIANT AGREEMENT

Dr. Sharon Kight recommended approval of the Soliant Agreement that was included in the meeting documentation and explained that this agreement is for a Resource Teacher to be placed at Adams Elementary until the end of the school year. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Foulk seconded. President Howard asked what happened to the current teacher. Dr. Kight replied that she gave her notice during Christmas break and we held her until her employment days expired. There being no additional questions or comments, President Howard called for the vote. The motion to approve the Soliant Agreement carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 23-40)

APPROVE CORRECTION TO E-RATE FY2023 CAT 2 INTERNAL CONNECTIONS BID

Mr. Tyler Knight referred the Board Members to their copies of the Correction to E-Rate FY2023 Cat 2 Internal Connections Bid information that was in the meeting packet and recommended approval. He explained that the bid was approved at the February 27, 2023 Board Meeting, but following the meeting we noticed that the bid tabulation was incorrect. Mr. Knight stated that after a recalculation, which saves the Corporation \$40,000, he is recommending approval of the bid for the Cabling portion of the contract be awarded to SiteWise, Inc. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve and Ms. Downer seconded. Mrs. Foulk commented that the Board does not mind re-approving any item that will save us several thousand dollars. President Howard thanked Mr. Knight for catching the error. There being no additional comments, President Howard called for the vote which passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 23-41)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard jokingly thanked everyone for the birthday gifts and cards that were sent for his 58th birthday, which is tomorrow. He conveyed that all the students, staff and parents are excited to begin Spring Break next week and plan to enjoy the two weeks off.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Walker suggested that we investigate moving the Public Comments item on the agenda to the end so the attendees have a chance to comment on items discussed at the meeting. President Howard replied that it is something that we can look into. Mrs. Foulk shared that in the past, we have had comments under an item of special interest prior to the Board vote.

President Howard thanked the Administration and the teachers for a good school year so far and stated that we are hoping for a strong finish.

ADJOURNMENT

President Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

APPROVED



Zaohary Smith Howard, President



Larry J. Walker, Secretary



Kelly L. Foulk, Member

ABSENT

Doris L. Gowan, Vice President



Dawn A. Downer, Member

