

**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 14, 2022**

PRESENT: Zachary T. Smith, Dawn A. Downer, Doris L. Gowan, Kelly L. Foulk, Larry J. Walker, Bruce Hibbard, Jill Britt, 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 14, 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 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 Ms. Downer 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. Foulk motioned to approve the items and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting – February 28, 2022
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 22-34)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 22-35)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 22-36)
- E. Donations
- F. Fundraisers
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer reported that she was not able to attend the last C-9 Governing Board Meeting due to her job commitments and she regrets that she also missed the Taste of Central Nine event on March 10th. She stated that Mr. Walker and Mr. McWhorter attended the event and from what she has heard, it was a success. Ms. Downer added that the C-9 Construction Project is moving along and added that the project's bid opening is scheduled for tomorrow. Mr. Walker conveyed that he and Mr. McWhorter enjoyed the evening, but instead of a full dinner, they served appetizers and desserts and could tour the facility as well. There were no additional comments.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Smith stated that he does not have a Franklin Township Education Foundation report this evening as they are scheduled to meet this Wednesday, March 16th at 6:00 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

President Smith reported that this year's Legislative Session wrapped up on March 9th. He stated that the ISBA tracked 140 bills related to K-12 Education, school board governance and child-related legislation and concluded with 35 bills passing to go to the Governor for signature. President Smith shared that HEA 1002 which relates to a reduction in the individual income tax to Hoosiers seemed to be the highlight of the session and several bills regarding K-12 schools did not pass. He offered a summary of various bills pertaining to schools that did pass: SEA 83 – Mandatory public comments at school board meeting and HEA 1093 – Limiting the number of virtual student instructional days with a waiver allowance for additional days. Dr. Hibbard stated that our Administrative Team has already begun discussing these changes with our Teacher's Association and feels that the new law is in line with our curriculum schedule. There were no additional comments or questions.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE RESOLUTION ACCEPTING EASEMENT

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the Resolution Accepting Easement that was included in their packets and recommended approval. He explained that at the site of our New Elementary School, (Thompson and Senour Roads), the City of Indianapolis Fire Department adjoins our property in which they built a driveway that dead ends into our property. He stated that this resolution allows us an easement to use the IFD driveway to access our property as originally intended when their drive was constructed. Mr. McWhorter added that Legal Council between the City of Indianapolis and our School Corporation developed the attached resolution and agreement. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the resolution and Mrs. Foulk seconded. President Smith asked if the City Council has signed off on the agreement. Mr. McWhorter replied that they have already approved and signed off on it. Mrs. Foulk inquired as to what would happen if the City sells the Fire Department property. Mr. McWhorter replied that we own the property and they cannot sell it without our consent. There being no further questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote. The motion to approve the Resolution Accepting Easement carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-37)

APPROVE RESOLUTION DETERMINING NEED FOR PROJECT

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that the next three items on the agenda reference the Edgewood Intermediate School Construction Project and the New Elementary School Project. He explained that while the projects have been approved, we are now moving forward with the financing side and added that both projects will be paid for underneath the current 1% property tax cap. He recommended approval of the Resolution Determining the Need for the Projects that was included in the meeting documentation. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the resolution. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-38)

ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING PRELIMINARY PLANS, FORM OF LEASE AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING ON LEASE

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the Resolution Approving Preliminary Plans, Form of Lease and Authorizing Publication of Notice of Hearing on Lease that were included in the Board Meeting packets and asked for approval to adopt. He stated that the School Corporation is funding the project through a lease, as it has done in the past, and will be using Acton Elementary as collateral during construction. Mr. McWhorter added that the Board will be asked to approve the lease at the April Board Meeting. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. There being no questions or comments, the motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-39)

ADOPT RESOLUTION REAPPROVING FORMATION OF BUILDING CORPORATION

Mr. Fred McWhorter II recommended approval of the Resolution Reapproving Formation of the Building Corporation that was included in their packets. He explained that in order for the Building Corporation to issue tax-exempt bonds on behalf of the School Corporation, the IRS requires that the School Board approve the Building Corporation and authorize it to issue the

bonds. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve the resolution. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-40)

APPROVE STUDENT HANDBOOKS FOR 2022-2023 FOR ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE, JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Toni Stevenson and Dr. Chase Huotari referred the Board Members to their copies of the Student Handbooks for 2022-2023 that were included in the packets. Dr. Stevenson explained that there are four separate handbooks one for each level: Elementary, Intermediate, Junior High and High School. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. Mrs. Foulk thanked them for including the summary of revisions for each level as it is very helpful. There being no additional comments, President Smith called for the vote which carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-41)

APPROVE KITLEY INTERMEDIATE FIELD TRIPS

Dr. Toni Stevenson recommended approval of the Kitley Intermediate 4th Grader Field Trips to Corydon, Indiana, on May 4th, 5th and 13th, 2022. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve and Mrs. Foulk seconded. President Smith asked if they are going to use school or chartered busses. Dr. Stevenson replied that it will depend on how much money they raise. Mrs. Foulk commented that the three different dates must be needed to accommodate the large number of 4th grade students. Dr. Stevenson agreed. There being no additional comments, President Smith called for the vote. The motion to approve the Kitley Intermediate Field Trips passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-42)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard wished everyone a restful two weeks of Spring Break and conveyed that he hoped everyone would take some much needed time away from the office.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Doris Gowan shared that the 2nd Parent Night for the new Dual Language Program is scheduled for tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. at Thompson Crossing Elementary. She added that they are hoping for another successful turnout.

President Smith wished everyone a good and safe Spring Break.

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED


Zachary T. Smith, President


Dawn A. Downer, Vice President


Doris L. Gowan, Secretary


Kelly L. Foulk, Member


Larry J. Walker, Member

