

**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 15, 2021**

PRESENT: Zachary T. Smith, Doris L. Gowan, 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 March 15, 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 6:25 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. Gowan made a motion to approve and Mrs. Foulk 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. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the items and Mrs. Foulk seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Regular Board Meeting – February 22, 2021
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 21-37)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 21-38)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 21-39)
- E. Donations
- F. Fundraisers (Exhibit No. 21-40)
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal (Exhibit No. 21-41)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Due to Ms. Downer's absence, Mr. Fred McWhorter II offered the following report. He stated that Central Nine has contacted the supporting school corporations regarding the proposed construction project at the school and has outlined the cost to be shared by each of the corporations. Mr. McWhorter conveyed that the price of the project will be \$4-\$5 million with our portion being \$1-\$1.3 million because it is based on the percentage of participating students from each district and ours is 20%. He shared that we plan on paying our portion out of our Rainy Day Fund. President Smith asked when our portion will be due. Mr. McWhorter replied that it will not be due until later this year or early in 2022. Dr. Hibbard noted that Dr. Kovach, Central Nine Director, has offered to attend one of our meetings to share details of the project if the Board would like him to do so. President Smith replied that it would be beneficial.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Smith stated that the FT Education Foundation's March meeting is this Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. He shared that the classroom and building grant applications closed yesterday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at midnight, but the scholarship applications are open through April 5<sup>th</sup>. He also noted that the Thankful for You Grant remains open and has been a very positive initiative. President Smith shared that the FTEF Annual Report for 2020 will be available at the end of the month.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

President Smith reported that the second half of the Legislative Session is beginning and that April 13<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the House Committee Report and April 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the Senate Committee Report. He stated that the resolution that was passed at the Special Board Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> regarding HB1005 will most likely not be scheduled until near the end of the session. There were no questions or comments from the Board Members.

ACTION ITEMSAPPROVE UNIFORM CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

President Smith asked for a motion to approve the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement submitted by Ms. Downer that was included in the Board Meeting packets. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve and Mrs. Foulk seconded. There being no questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote which passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-42)

APPROVE MASTERY CONNECT CONTRACT

Dr. Chase Huotari referred the Board Members to their copies of the Mastery Connect Contract that was included in the meeting documentation and recommended approval. He explained that it is a three-year contract and will allow our teachers, students and administrators access to timely and relevant data for student assessments. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the contract and Mrs. Gowan seconded. President Smith asked for confirmation that we will be using stimulus money to pay for the contract. Dr. Huotari replied 'yes', we will be using stimulus money to fund the contract. There being no additional questions, President Smith called for the vote which passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-43)

APPROVE FCHS CHILLER BID

Mr. Fred McWhorter II recommended the Board's approval of the FCHS Chiller Bid to Lehman's Mechanical Contractors in the amount of \$232,900 that was included in the Board Meeting information. He stated that we were very pleased to have received six bids, but the lowest bidder by \$100 did not complete the paperwork properly, so we are choosing to use the second lowest bid. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve the bid and Mr. Walker seconded. Mr. Walker asked if we have used Lehman's Mechanical Contractors in the past. Mr. McWhorter replied that we have used them before and were happy with their work. President Smith asked if this new chiller will fit into the projected high school renovation plans. Mr. McWhorter replied that it will fit into the plans and will not have to be replaced. Mrs. Foulk stated that she appreciates the competitive bids. There being no additional questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote. The motion to approve the FCHS Chiller Bid passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-44)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard congratulated FC's Performing Arts groups for the numerous awards they have received during the winter competitions. He shared that Mr. McWhorter's daughter participates in the FC Singers Group and they along with the High Voltage Group have been named Grand Champion at nearly every competition.

He also congratulated Franklin Central student, Ms. Austyn Dykes, for achieving Gymnastics State Champion this past weekend. President Smith shared that it will be wonderful to see another State Champion Banner added to the collection at FC.


BOARD COMMENTS

President Smith thanked the staff and administrators for getting their COVID-19 vaccinations and shared that everyone is excited about getting all of our students back for in-person learning following Spring Break.

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

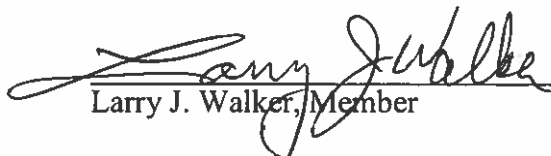
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Dawn A. Downer, Secretary

  
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Kelly L. Foulk, Member

  
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Larry J. Walker, Member



## RECORD OF PROJECT HEARING

### BOARD OF EDUCATION FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

A Project Hearing was held on March 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for which notice was given in accordance with the law for the purposes of discussing and receiving public input on the school corporation's preliminary determination to issue bonds for the construction and/or renovation of a school building. This was the second Preliminary Determination Hearing on the proposed construction project.

The following members of the Board of Education were in attendance:

Zachary T. Smith  
Doris L. Gowan  
Kelly L. Foulk  
Larry J. Walker

President Zachary Smith called the Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. He stated that this is the second Public Hearing regarding the proposed Kitley Intermediate School Project and that the public will be allowed to speak regarding the project following the information shared by Mr. Fred McWhorter II, Chief Operating Officer, Attorney, Mr. Erik Long with Ice Miller and Mr. Brock Bowsher with BakerTilly Municipal Advisors.

Mr. Erik Long stated that under Indiana law whenever a school corporation proposes to construct or renovate a school building at a cost in excess of one million dollars it must first hold a public hearing. He explained that additionally, pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.5 whenever a school corporation proposes to enter into a lease agreement and/or issue bonds for the construction or renovation of a school building resulting in total costs in excess of certain thresholds, the school corporation is required to hold two Public Hearings on its preliminary determination to issue such bonds and enter into such lease agreements. Mr. Long noted that the first Hearing was held on March 8, 2021 and both were advertised in the newspapers and posted on the School Corporation's website as required by law.

Mr. Fred McWhorter II, shared that our enrollment continues to increase every year and this project will address the need for additional classroom, cafeteria and gymnasium space as well as repairs and improvements to the existing facility. He gave an overview of the proposed project and conveyed that with the additional space Kitley Intermediate's building capacity will increase to 1500 students. Mr. McWhorter stated that the cost of the project is estimated at \$17.4M which includes both construction costs as well as other items such as architect and construction manager fees, technology items, furniture, etc.

Mr. Brock Bowsher gave an explanation of the School Corporation's existing annual debt service/lease rental payments and increments. He also offered a summary of financing and repayment options for the proposed project and share that the funding for the project will not increase the residential tax bills. Mrs. Foulk asked if there are penalties for paying it off early. Mr. McWhorter replied that early repayment is not an option.

(Exhibit No. 21-33)

President Smith opened the floor for public comments regarding the proposed Kitley Intermediate School Project. There were no comments.

### BOARD CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT RESOLUTION

Mr. Erik Long recommended the Board's approval of the Project Resolution (Exhibit A) that was included in the meeting documentation. He stated that the estimated cost of the project is \$17.4M. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve the resolution. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-34)

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION RESOLUTION

Mr. Erik Long recommended the Board's approval of the Preliminary Determination Resolution (Exhibit B) that was included in the meeting documentation. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-35)

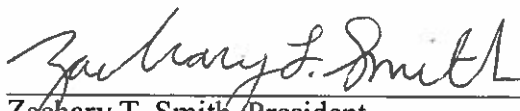
BOARD CONSIDERATION OF REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION

Mr. Erik Long recommended the Board's approval of the Reimbursement Resolution (Exhibit C) that was included in the meeting documentation and explained that this resolution allows the School Corporation to be reimbursed for expenditures which may occur prior to receiving the bond proceeds. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve. Mr. Walker seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-36)

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

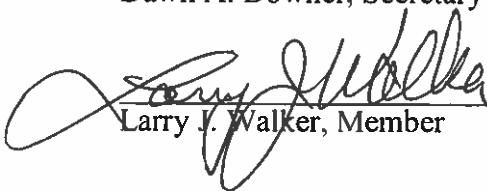
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