

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024**

PRESENT: Zachary Smith Howard, Dawn A. Downer, Doris L. Gowan, Kelly L. Foulk, Larry J. Walker, Bruce Hibbard, Jill Britt, Chase Huotari, Sharon Kight, Tyler Knight, Jeff Murphy, Kent Pettet, Kaitlin Porter, and Lynlie Schoene

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 April 22, 2024. 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. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

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. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve the items and Mrs. Gowan seconded. Ms. Downer inquired about the new employees listed on the Personnel Report as 'New Hire Hold'. Ms. Jill Britt, Human Resources Director, explained that these are teachers that have been hired for the 2024-25 School Year and will be placed at their specific grade and location once the existing teacher moves have been finalized. There being no additional questions or comments, President Howard called for the vote which passed 5-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Regular Board Meeting – March 11, 2024
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 24-44)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 24-45)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 24-46)
- E. Donations
- F. Fundraisers (Exhibit No. 24-47)
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal
- H. Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement (Exhibit No. 24-48)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer reported that the Central Nine Governing Board met in April and conveyed that Central Nine is wrapping up the school year. She added that they recently inducted several students into the National Honor Society. Ms. Downer noted that C-9 has remained fully staffed during the school year and they are looking forward to concluding the 23-24 school year on a positive note. There were no comments or questions from the Board Members.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Howard recognized Mr. Ryan Donovan, President of the Franklin Township Education Foundation who was in the audience. President Howard shared the following exciting opportunities for students, teachers, and the community: 1) Twelve FCHS Seniors were awarded scholarships this year from the 157 scholarship applications received. NOTE: Just 2 years ago FTEF only received 18 applications. 2) Teacher/Administrator applications for the Elisabeth Goode Scholarship to further their education will be accepted until May 1<sup>st</sup>. 3) Registration is now open for the Fast Flash scheduled for July 27, 2024. There were no questions or comments from the School Board.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE FCJH & FCHS FIELD TRIPS

Dr. Chase Huotari recommended approval for the FCJH and FCHS BPA students to attend and compete in the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference on May 10-14, 2024 in Chicago, IL and the FCHS Robotics Team members to travel to Dallas, TX on April 24-28, 2024, to compete in the Robotics World Competition. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the field trips and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 24-49)

APPROVE FCHS, FCJH & 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE REACH NEW NOVEL REQUESTS FOR 2024-2025

Dr. Lynlie Schoene explained that with our switch from Guided Reading to Amplify this next year we are recommending approval of the attached list of new novels for the Second Grade REACH students. Dr. Chase Huotari recommended approval of the FCHS and FCJH new novel requests for 2024-2025 as listed in the Board Meeting materials. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve the requests. Mr. Walker seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 24-50)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard welcomed the Boy Scouts that were in attendance at the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves. Ryland stated that he was from Troop 104 and in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Kitley Intermediate. Jackson noted that he attends Franklin Central Junior High and is in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade. Dr. Hibbard and the Board Members thanked them for coming to the meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

President Howard reminded the Board Members that the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. at the site of New Bethel Elementary School. He added that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and Community Open House following the meeting.

President Howard noted that May is a busy month with the Teacher of the Year and Support Staff of the Year Recognition Program on May 6<sup>th</sup> at FCHS and Commencement scheduled for Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.


Mrs. Foulk thanked both the staff at FCHS and Dr. Kent Pettet for the excellent communications that have been shared throughout the school year. She feels that the weekly updates received from Dr. Pettet keep both parents and staff well informed.


Mr. Walker wished Dr. Kent Pettet a Happy Belated 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

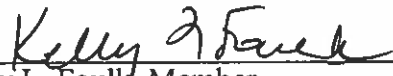
President Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

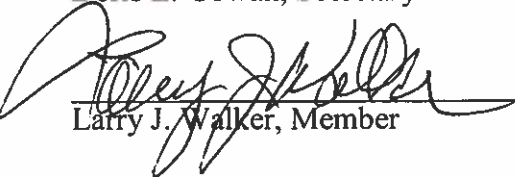
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Zachary Smith Howard, President

  
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Dawn A. Downer, Vice President

  
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Doris L. Gowan, Secretary

  
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Kelly L. Foulk, Member

  
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Larry J. Walker, Member

