

**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 24, 2023**

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

*\*\* Attended meeting remotely*

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 24, 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. 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.

1. Sarah Vivo, 4750 Sundance Trail, thanked the Board for allowing her to speak and stated that she is a member of the FCHS Orchestra Boosters. She conveyed that she is hopeful that the Board votes in favor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of renovating Franklin Central High School which will include additional space for the Performing Arts students to have classes, practices, performances, etc. Ms. Vivo stated that they currently struggle with scheduling conflicts in order to find space to prepare for performances and practice and this will address those issues. She noted that the athletes and Performing Arts students will benefit greatly from the additional space.

2. Julie May, 11334 S. Bloomfield Drive, stated that she has children in the district and shared that she has seen them grow from participating in the Fine Arts Programs in our schools. She expressed her appreciation to the Board for keeping Fine Arts in our schools which she feels improves the learning environment for all of the students. Ms. May conveyed that as our enrollment has grown so has the need for additional academic space for all students. She thanked the Board for addressing these needs and for voting in favor of the Performing Arts expansion.

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. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Regular Board Meeting – March 13, 2023
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 23-43)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 23-44)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 23-45)
- E. Donations
- F. Fundraisers
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal

Dr. Lynlie Schoene introduced Mr. Joshua Madden as the new Principal for Kitley Intermediate School. She conveyed that we are extremely excited to have him join our Administrative Team and begin his career in Franklin Township Schools.

Dr. Sharon Kight introduced Mrs. Sarah Puckett as the new Early Learning Coordinator at Wanamaker Early Learning Center. She also introduced her family that was in attendance and shared that we are looking forward to having her join the WELC Team.

President Howard congratulated both Mr. Madden and Mrs. Puckett and welcomed them on behalf of the Board Members.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer reported that some of our Central Nine students recently participated in the Skills USA Competition and she congratulated the seven (7) Dental Assistant and Medical Assistant students who placed in the competition. She conveyed that C-9 is finalizing their student scheduling for the 2023-24 school year and asked that if anyone is still interested in attending they should contact their counselor as class openings are frequently available. Ms. Downer also shared that they are looking to hire one or two welding instructors for next school year. She stated that anyone who might be interested should contact Central Nine. There were no questions or comments from the Board Members.

#### FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Howard shared that the Franklin Township Education Foundation suffered a significant loss on April 5<sup>th</sup> with the sudden passing of Mr. Ron Fisher, a former FTEF Board Member and past president. He stated that Mr. Fisher was actively involved with the Foundation for several years and his contributions were immeasurable. President Howard asked that we observe a moment of silence for him and conveyed that the Foundation will be dedicating the district-wide *Inspiring Art* project in his memory.

President Howard also shared that Mrs. Dianna Miller-Wilson has resigned as Executive Director and Ms. Kim Lyon will be serving as Interim Director. There were no questions or comments from the Board Members.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

President Howard reported that this week is the final week of the Legislative Session as the State Budget needs to be finalized by April 29<sup>th</sup>. He shared that some of the bills have already been signed by the Governor, but HB 1001, defining the State Budget, has yet to be finalized. President Howard stated that it seems there is tremendous support of K-12 Education Funds in the proposed budget. He invited Mr. Fred McWhorter II to share his thoughts on the projected increase. Mr. McWhorter offered a summary of the estimated fund increases and conveyed that if the projections remain we will be looking at more dollars per student which will benefit us tremendously. President Howard also shared information regarding HB 1002 Education and Workforce Matters and HB 1005 Housing. He added that he will be bringing the finalized Legislative Session information to the Board in May. There were no additional comments or questions from the Board Members.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### APPROVE ACTON ELEMENTARY PAVING BID

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the Acton Elementary Paving Bid information that was included in their packets and recommended approval. He stated that Midwest Paving was the best responsive and responsible bidder with a bid of \$155,727.14 which is almost \$30,000 less than the estimated cost of the project. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve the bid and Mrs. Foulk seconded. There being no questions or comments, President Howard called for the vote which carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 23-46)

APPROVE DISH MACHINE PROJECTS AT KITLEY & EDGEWOOD INTERMEDIATES

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to the information regarding the Dish Machine Projects for Kitley and Edgewood Intermediates that was in the meeting documentation and recommended approval. He shared that Lancaster-Schert Equipment, LLC, was the best responsive and responsible bidder with the bid of \$210,963.71 for Kitley and \$216,814.71 for Edgewood. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve the bids and Mrs. Gowan seconded. President Howard asked how many bids we received. Mr. McWhorter replied that six vendors requested the specifications for the projects and due to the uniqueness of the projects, we only received one bid. There being no additional questions or comments, President Howard called for the vote. The motion to approve the Dish Machine Projects at Kitley and Edgewood Intermediates passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 23-47)

APPROVE EDMENTUM AGREEMENTS

Dr. Lynlie Schoene recommended approval of the Edmentum Agreements that were included in the Board Meeting packets and explained that these agreements are for the annual renewal of program licenses. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve the agreements. Mrs. Foulk seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 23-48)

APPROVE CAL SOLUTIONS AGREEMENT

Dr. Lynlie Schoene recommended approval of the CAL Solutions Agreement that was included in the meeting documentation. She stated that the agreement is to provide professional development services for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Cohort Group on the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) Model. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve the agreement. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 23-49)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard shared a photo of the site of the New Elementary School which is beginning to take shape as the steel beams are being put in place. He also shared a photo of the construction site at Edgewood Intermediate where the construction of the new academic wing is ahead of schedule. Dr. Hibbard encouraged the Board Members to drive by these locations to view the ever-changing progress of both projects.

Dr. Hibbard stated that the Board Members will be receiving an invitation to a cookout luncheon in May to celebrate the Transportation and Service Department employees as well as to tour the newly renovated Transportation Center.

Dr. Hibbard was happy to announce that there are only 24 days of school remaining for this school year.

BOARD COMMENTS

President Howard stated that May is a busy month for all of us. He invited everyone to attend the following celebrations: May 8 – Teacher of the Year and Support Staff of the Year Reception and Ceremony; May 15 – Senior Awards; May 22 – National Honor Society Induction; and May 30 – Commencement.

President Howard congratulated Mr. Fred McWhorter II, Mrs. Kaitlin Porter and their team for successfully passing the recent state audit with no issues.

ADJOURNMENT

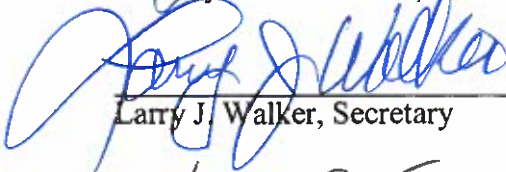
President Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

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Zachary Smith Howard, President

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Doris L. Gowan, Vice President



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Larry J. Walker, Secretary



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Dawn A. Downer, Member



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Kelly L. Foulk, Member