

**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 25, 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 April 25, 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 6:17 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. Foulk made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan 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. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the items and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Regular Board Meeting – March 14, 2022
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 22-51)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 22-52)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 22-53)
- E. Donations (Exhibit No. 22-54)
- F. Fundraisers (Exhibit No. 22-55)
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal (Exhibit No. 22-56)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**CENTRAL NINE REPORT**

Ms. Dawn Downer reported that she was not able to attend the last C-9 Governing Board Meeting, but has contacted them to receive the information. She offered a report of the number of class offerings and dual credits that the Central Nine students are on track to earn this year from Ivy Tech, Ball State, Vincennes and Trine Universities. Ms. Downer also shared a summary of the student discipline percentages stating that there has been a slight increase this year over last. She added that student discipline at Central Nine not only includes bullying, attendance, etc., but students are also responsible for wearing proper uniforms, having class specific supplies, etc. for the various subject areas. Ms. Downer commented that C-9 is working on their budget for next school year and will be contacting the participating School Corporations. She added that they plan on having a Car Show and Flower Sale in May.

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT**

President Smith stated that the Franklin Township Education Foundation recently awarded 14 grants totaling \$9680.94 to fund various projects and two teachers will receive \$1050 each through the Elisabeth Good Fellowship Program. He shared that FTEF has also identified 12

FCHS Seniors that will receive scholarships totaling \$23,716 to further their education. He asked that everyone save the date for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fast Flash and Back-2-School Bash which is scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup> as well as the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Fore Kids Event scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> at TopGolf in Fishers, Indiana. President Smith stated that the Golf Fore Kids Event will be at TopGolf this year and they are excited to be able to accommodate not only the seasoned golfer, but also anyone that is ready to try the sport. Ms. Downer asked if the event will still be a team event or will single individuals be able to participate and noted that she will miss not being able to drive a beverage cart this year. President Smith replied that it will still be a team event with each team consisting of six members instead of four. There were no additional comments.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### ADOPT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE REFUNDING OF 2012A & 2012B BONDS, AND HIRE MUNICIPAL ADVISOR, UNDERWRITER, SCHOOL COUNSEL & BOND COUNSEL, REAPPROVING BUILDING CORPORATION & APPROVING SUPPLEMENT TO MASTER CDU

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that while the bond market is increasing we have the opportunity to refund our Series 2012A & 2012B Bonds to lower the interest rate and the annual payment amount without extending the term. He noted that the Holding Corporation approved these documents at their meeting earlier today. Mr. Brock Bowsher, Director at Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, shared a presentation regarding the municipal bond market conditions and the potential of refunding the outstanding Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2012A and 2012B. He offered a summary of the refunding scenarios. Mr. Bowsher recommended approval of the resolutions approving refunding the outstanding Series 2012A Bonds (Exhibit A) and Series 2012B Bonds (Exhibit B) if and/or when the interest rates are most profitable for the transaction. President Smith asked for clarification that depending on the market, we could choose to refund only one of them. Mr. McWhorter replied that he is correct and the transaction will not offer any cash back to the School Corporation. He noted that we will let the Board Members know if or when the refunding of the bonds occurs. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the resolutions. Mrs. Foulk seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-57)

#### APPROVE FRESHMAN ACADEMY BOILER REPLACEMENT BID

Mr. Fred McWhorter II recommended approval of the Freshman Academy Boiler Replacement Bid that was included in the meeting documentation. He explained that Lehman's Inc. of Anderson was the Best Responsive and Responsible bidder in the amount of \$298,700 and this project was included in our Capital Projects Plan. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve and Mrs. Foulk seconded. Ms. Downer asked if we have used Lehman's in the past. Mr. McWhorter replied that we have used them and were very happy with their work. There being no additional questions, President Smith called for the vote to approve the bid. The motion passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-58)

#### APPROVE ARLINGTON ELEMENTARY HVAC BID

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the Arlington Elementary HVAC Bid that was included in their packets and recommended approval. He stated that there were six (6) bidders and Lehman's Mechanical was the Best Responsive and Responsible bidder with a total bid amount of \$1,553,200. He noted that \$900,000 of the cost will be paid from ESSER Grant Funds and the remainder will be paid for using Rainy Day Funds. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. Mr. Walker asked if they give us a discount because they are also doing work for us at Bunker Hill Elementary. Mrs. Foulk inquired as to whether or not the bidders see the other competitor's bids. Mr. McWhorter replied that it is an open bid process, meaning that the bids are opened in front of the vendors and then VPS Architecture Firm is responsible for compiling and validating the bids. There being no additional questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote. The motion to approve the Arlington Elementary HVAC Bid carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-59)

#### APPROVE FIELD TRIPS (4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE REACH, FCCHS & FCJH)

Dr. Lynlie Schoene recommended approval of the field trip for the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade REACH students from Edgewood and Kitley Intermediates to travel to Evansville, IN, on May 17, 2022

Dr. Chase Huotari recommended approval of the following list of field trips for our secondary students: a) FC Robotics Club to Dallas, Texas, on May 5-8, 2022 for the Vex Worlds Championships, b) FCJH Robotics Team to Dallas, Texas, on May 7-11, 2022 for the Vex IQ Robotics Worlds Championships, c) FCJH Business Professional of America students to Dallas, Texas, on May 4-8, 2022 for the BPA National Leadership Conference, and d) FCJH 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Students to Kings Island in Mason, Ohio, on May 21, 2022. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve the field trips and Mrs. Foulk seconded. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-60)

### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

### SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard shared that the most recent edition of 'Sports In A Flash' showcases two of our Administrator's daughters. He noted that Riley Huotari was highlighted for her basketball skills and Kaitlyn Pettet for her writing skills in the FCJH Sports Media Class. Dr. Hibbard added that through the Sports Media Class, Kaitlyn applied for and was selected to be a Big Ten Women's Basketball Junior Journalist for the Big Ten Tournament. He stated that she was assigned to the Iowa Women's Team and it was a wonderful learning experience for multiple reasons, but especially since they won the Tournament and she was allowed to interview Coach Lisa Bluder and some of the players.

Dr. Chase Huotari stated that he is happy to report that FCHS is resurrecting the coverage of live sports by WRFT. He also added that Ms. Sandra Walter, our newly approved Girls' Athletic Director, comes to us from ISHAA and we are very excited as she is very talented and will be a wonderful asset to our Athletic Program.

### BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Larry Walker asked Mr. Tyler Knight if he had any statistics on how many people watch the live-streaming of the Board Meetings or view the video afterwards. Mr. Knight replied that there are usually nearly five persons watching it live and about 30 that view it later.

President Smith stated that our students and staff are very busy these last few weeks of school and it was great to see some of our students in their prom attire this last weekend. He extended his congratulations to everyone who will be honored at the Support Staff of the Year and Teacher of the Year Ceremony on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Larry Walker stated that he is praying for a rain free day for May 3<sup>rd</sup>'s Election Day.

Ms. Dawn Downer stated that she believes that WRFT is already the best radio station on the southside and she is looking forward to hearing the addition of live sports commentating.

### ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

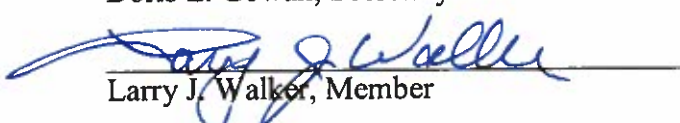
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Zachary T. Smith, President

  
Dawn A. Downer, Vice President

  
Doris L. Gowan, Secretary

  
Kelly L. Foulk, Member

  
Larry J. Walker, Member



**MINUTES OF A HEARING ON LEASE AGREEMENT  
AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION  
(Edgewood Intermediate & New Elementary School Projects)  
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President Zachary Smith called the Hearing to order at 6:00 P.M.

HEARING ON LEASE AGREEMENT AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that we met with the Holding Corporation this afternoon and they unanimously approved the Lease Agreement for the Edgewood Intermediate School and New Elementary School Projects. He shared that these projects will address the continual growth that our township is currently experiencing and will be paid for under the current property tax cap. He stated that Mr. Erik Long with Ice Miller and Mr. Brock Bowsher with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors are in the audience this evening if anyone has any questions. Mr. Bowsher stated that this is the final legal step to begin these projects and shared that our School Corporation's financial rating is in the top 11% of the State which is excellent. He presented the Corporation's existing annual debt service/lease rental payments and increments and gave a summary of the proposed financing options for the projects. Mr. McWhorter noted that the total cost of both projects will not exceed \$59.5 million. The Board Members did not have any questions or comments. (Exhibit No. 22-46)

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE LEASE AGREEMENT

President Smith opened the Hearing for public comments regarding the proposed Lease Agreement. There were no public comments.

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE LEASE

President Smith asked for a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Lease (Exhibit A) that was included in the meeting documentation. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-47)

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

President Smith asked for a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation Resolution (Exhibit B) that was in the meeting documentation. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve the Resolution. Mrs. Foulk seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-48)

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ASSIGNING A PORTION OF CONSTRUCTION BIDS & CONTRACTS TO THE BUILDING CORPORATION, ONCE RECEIVED

President Smith asked for a motion to approve the Resolution Assigning a Portion of the Construction Bids & Contracts to the Building Corporation, Once Received (Exhibit C) which was included in the meeting documentation. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-49)



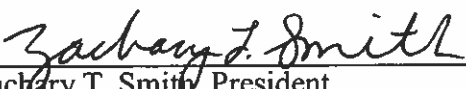
BOARD CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING FORM OF THE SIXTH SUPPLEMENT TO MASTER CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR BANs

President Smith asked for a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Form of the Sixth Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Issuance of Bonds and/or BANs (Exhibit D) that was in the meeting documentation. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve the Resolution. Mr. Walker seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-50)

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

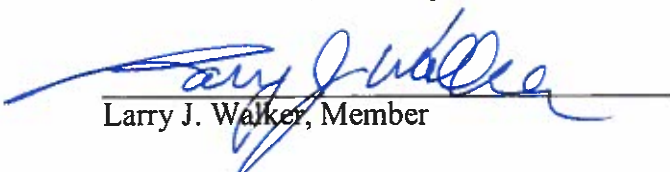
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