

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022**

PRESENT: Zachary T. Smith, Dawn A. Downer, Doris L. Gowan, Larry J. Walker, Bruce Hibbard, Jill Britt, Chase Huotari, Sharon Kight, Tyler Knight, Fred McWhorter, Jeff Murphy, Kaitlin Porter, Lynlie Schoene and Toni Stephenson

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REGULAR MEETING

President Zachary Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:24 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 Mr. Walker 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. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve the items and Ms. Downer seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting – May 23, 2022
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 22-70)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 22-71)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 22-72)
- E. Donations (Exhibit No. 22-73)
- F. Fundraisers (Exhibit No. 22-74)
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer reported that things are pretty quiet at Central Nine right now. She noted that they have been working on the building project and the 50th Anniversary Celebration which they are seeking sponsors for at this time. Ms. Downer added that they have also been working on their teacher evaluation tool and finalizing the contracts for the administrators. There were no questions or comments from the Board Members.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Smith reported that for the past 15 years, the Franklin Township Education Foundation has provided letter tracing and early reader story books for all of our incoming Kindergarten students and they also provided standardized ABC border books for our 2nd grade classrooms this year which was a continuation of the generous gifts provided in 2021 to all of our K-1 classrooms. He reminded everyone to save the date for the 29th Annual Fast Flash and Back-2-School Bash which is scheduled for July 30th. President Smith stated that they are not only in need of race participants and sponsors, but also seeking volunteers to 'assist' in the splash towers. He noted that they are excited about the new venue for the 26th Annual Golf Fore Kids

Event scheduled for September 23rd and are hoping everyone can attend. There were no questions or comments from the Board Members.

POLICY REVISIONS – 1ST READING

Mr. Jeff Murphy referred the Board Members to their copies of the seven (7) School Board Policies that were included in their packets: Policy B225 – Board Meetings, Policy C100 – Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrollment of Students Without Legal Settlement in the Corporation, Policy C175 – Student Attendance and Academic Engagement, Policy C175-R – Continuous Learning Guidelines, Policy D200, School Resource Officer Employment & Training, Policy D325 – Personal Background Checks and Mandatory Reporting, and Policy F125 – Purchasing Procedures and Capital Assets. He offered an overview of the changes to each policy and asked if there were any questions. There being no questions, Mr. Murphy stated that he will bring the policies to the July Board Meeting for 2nd reading and approval. (Exhibit No. 22-75)

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that while we are in the process of adding onto the two Intermediate Schools and building a new elementary school to address the enrollment growth, we need to make some minor changes to our boundaries to address the overcrowding. He referred the Board Members to their copies of the current and revised school boundary maps that were included in the meeting documentation. Mr. McWhorter explained that the adjusted boundaries affecting fewer than 100 students should allow us growing space at South Creek Elementary and Kitley Intermediate Schools and he recommended approval. Ms. Downer inquired as to how the families were notified of the proposed changes and if we took into consideration families with special circumstances. Dr. Toni Stevenson replied that the building principals personally contacted each of the families and added that we did not contact anyone by mail. Mr. Walker asked if the transferred students could schedule a visit during summer break. Mr. McWhorter assured him that the families are welcome to visit once the principals are back in the buildings. There being no additional questions, President Smith called for a motion to approve the boundary adjustments. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-76)

APPROVE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BIDS

Mr. Fred McWhorter II asked Mr. Bart York with The Skillman Corporation, to give an explanation of the bids for the New Elementary School. Mr. York stated that we were very pleased to have had 54 different bidders for the various items for the project. He shared that the total bids were 1½% lower than the estimated cost of the project thus allowing us to purchase some of the alternate items. Mr. York noted that even though the delivery of some building materials continues to be a problem, he feels confident that construction will begin in October. He added that we have already begun applying for the numerous building permits. Mr. McWhorter recommended approval of the New Elementary School Bids totaling \$34,275,423 which were included in the packets. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the bids. Ms. Downer seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Mr. McWhorter added that the bids do not include any loose equipment, technology items, or road improvements. (Exhibit No. 22-77)

APPROVE FCJH DISHMACHINE PROJECT

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that Mrs. Betsey Willard, Child Nutrition Director, is recommending the Board's approval of a new dishmachine for Franklin Central Junior High. He explained that the current machine is 14 years old and has been used to serve nearly 1800 students per day during that time. He added that the project bid in the amount of \$170,508.30 from Lancaster-Schert Equipment, LLC will be paid for out of the Child Nutrition Fund. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the FCJH Dishmachine Project and Mrs. Gowan seconded. There being no questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote which carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-78)

APPROVE AUDIOLOGY SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2022-2023

Dr. Sharon Kight recommended approval of the Audiology Services Agreement for 2022-2023 that was included in the meeting information and conveyed that this is a yearly renewal with Ms. Monica Gallien to provide audiology services to our students in need. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the Audiology Services Agreement for 2022-2023. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-79)

APPROVE MAXIM HEALTHCARE STAFFING SERVICES AGREEMENT

Dr. Sharon Kight stated that we have had two school psychologist positions open for 12 months and cannot find anyone to hire. She recommended approval of the Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services Agreement that was included in the Board Meeting packets. Dr. Kight noted that the contracted school psychologist will be working at Adams Elementary and Acton Elementary Schools. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve the agreement and Ms. Downer seconded. Mr. Walker asked why it is so difficult to hire a school psychologist. Dr. Kight replied that it is a national issue and even though we have adjusted the pay scale for the position, there is just no one to interview. There being no additional questions, President Smith called for the vote. The motion to approve the Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services Agreement carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-80)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard welcomed the new principal for South Creek Elementary, Mr. Patrick Guilfooy, and asked him to introduce his family. Mr. Guilfooy introduced his wife, Bethany, and daughter, Cana and conveyed that his parents are also in attendance this evening. He thanked the Board and Administrators for this exciting opportunity and stated that he is looking forward to beginning this new adventure.

Dr. Toni Stevenson stated that Mrs. Hilary Huff was approved this evening as the new principal for Bunker Hill Elementary, but cannot be here as she is on vacation. Dr. Stevenson shared a note that Mrs. Huff sent to her thanking the Board and Administrators for their support. She conveyed that she is thrilled to be back at Bunker Hill where her educational journey began.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Downer asked when the Board Members should receive the IREAD and ILEARN data from this school year. Dr. Toni Stevenson replied that she should have received it as it was forwarded to the Board Members a few days ago. Ms. Downer stated that she does not remember receiving it, but will search her e-mails.

Ms. Downer expressed her concerns with the way FCHS recognizes the deceased members of the senior class during commencement. She stated that it was brought to her attention that we honored them by placing a flower on an empty chair for each student that had passed away. Ms. Downer mentioned that while the gesture is touching, she suggested that we have a conversation to define the protocols and guidelines to convey to grieving parents/guardians to assist with their inquiries.

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVED

Zachary T. Smith, President

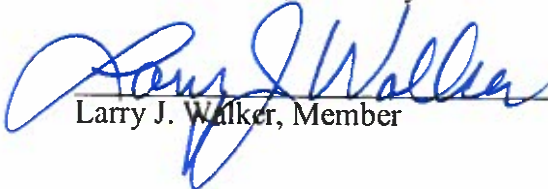


Dawn A. Downer, Vice President



Doris L. Gowan, Secretary

ABSENT
Kelly L. Foulk, Member



Larry J. Walker, Member



**MINUTES OF GRANT OF EASEMENT HEARING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
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President Zachary Smith called the Grant of Easement Hearing to order at 6:18 P.M.

GRANT OF EASEMENT HEARING

President Smith welcomed everyone to the Public Hearing and stated that if anyone is interested in speaking at the Hearing there is a sign-up sheet on the table. Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-11-3 before a school corporation may transfer an interest in land or grant an easement across property owned by the school, it must hold a public hearing. He explained that Citizens Energy Group D/B/A CWA Authority, Inc. is requesting to purchase a portion of the parcel located on our property at 10440 Indian Creek S. Road, Indianapolis, IN, where their current lift station is located. He added that they installed the lift station years ago without purchasing the land it sits on, so now they are requesting to purchase the land from us as they are expanding their services to accommodate the continual land development and growth. Mr. McWhorter added that CWA is prepared to pay us \$8,075 for the land and an additional \$3,250 for reimbursement of our incurred legal fees and other expenses.

President Smith opened the Public Hearing for anyone who wished to speak regarding the proposed Grant of Easement. There were no public comments.

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF GRANT OF EASEMENT RESOLUTION

Mr. McWhorter referred the Board Members to their copies of the Letter of Understanding, Utility Easement Agreement and Grant of Utility Easement Resolution regarding the transfer of land to CWA Authority that was included in the meeting documentation and recommended approval. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the Grant of Utility Easement Resolution and Mrs. Gowan seconded. There being no questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote. The motion to approve the resolution carried 4-0.

(Exhibit No. 22-69)

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

APPROVED

Zachary T. Smith, President



Dawn A. Downer, Vice President



Doris L. Gowan, Secretary

ABSENT
Kelly L. Foulk, Member



Larry J. Walker, Member

**MINUTES OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION HEARING OF THE BOARD OF
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President Zachary Smith called the Preliminary Determination Hearing to order at 6:00 P.M.

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION HEARING (FCHS ADDITION PROJECT)

President Smith welcomed everyone to the Public Hearing and stated that if anyone is interested in speaking at the Hearing there is a sign-up sheet on the table. Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that representatives from Ice Miller (Bond Counsel) and Baker Tilly (Municipal Advisors) are not present this evening, so he will be presenting the information regarding the proposed Franklin Central High School Addition Project. He added that pursuant to Indiana Code 20-26-7-37 and 6-1.1-20-3.5, a school corporation must hold two public hearings to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed construction of a classroom addition to FCHS. Mr. McWhorter noted that the second hearing is scheduled for July 25, 2022 for the purpose of discussing the project and hearing objections and/or support of the proposal as well as consider the adoption of a resolution making a preliminary determination to enter into a lease agreement relating to the project and to issue bonds to finance it. He stated that while we understand that the public is not in favor of a tax increase to support the full renovation of Franklin Central as proven by the recent failed referendum, it does not change the fact that our enrollment continues to increase and the high school will be reaching capacity very soon. Mr. McWhorter stated that the proposed project will fall under the current property tax cap and will not raise taxes. He and Mr. George Link with VPS Architecture gave an overview of the project stating that it will add 28 new academic areas, a new mechanical space, restrooms and will increase the capacity at FCHS by 700 students. Mr. McWhorter presented the School Corporation's existing annual debt service/lease rental payments and increments and conveyed that we will continue to pursue the best possible terms and rates for financing the project. He asked the Board Members if they had any questions or comments. There were none.

President Smith opened the Public Hearing for anyone who wished to speak regarding the proposed Franklin Central High School Addition Project. There were no comments. He thanked Mr. Link and Mr. McWhorter for the information. (Exhibit No 22-68)

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

APPROVED

Zachary T. Smith, President



Doris L. Gowan, Secretary



Larry J. Walker, Member



Dawn A. Downer, Vice President

ABSENT
Kelly L. Foulk, Member