

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023**

PRESENT: Zachary Smith Howard, Doris L. Gowan, Dawn A. Downer, Kelly L. Foulk, 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 July 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 6:02 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. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve and Ms. Downer seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

President Howard opened the floor for comments from the community.

1. Larry Hanni, 7903 Farina Way, commended the Board Members and Administration for having the vision to renovate our facilities which he believes will enhance the learning experience and educational possibilities for all of our students. He thanked them and stated that he is proud to be a Flash.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Howard asked for a motion to approve the following list of Consent Agenda Items. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve the items. Mrs. Foulk seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Project Hearing & 2nd Preliminary Determination Hearing – June 26, 2023
 - 2. Regular Board Meeting – June 26, 2023
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 23-72)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 23-73)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 23-74)
- E. Donations (Exhibit No. 23-75)
- F. Fundraisers
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer reported that Central Nine is ready to begin another school year and was happy to announce that they are fully staffed. She informed the Board that the construction project is moving along after having to address a few issues regarding ground work and water. Ms. Downer shared that they are eager to get the new year started. There were no questions or comments.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Howard stated that this Saturday, July 29th is the Fast Flash and Back-to-School Bash. He encouraged everyone to sign-up for the 5K event and then stay for the fun-filled community event afterwards. He also reminded folks to register for the Golf Fore Kids Event which is planned for Friday, September 29th at Back 9 Golf Center. There were no questions or comments.

POLICY REVISIONS – 1ST READING

Mr. Jeff Murphy referred the Board Members to their copies of the nine (9) School Board Policies that were included in their packets: Policy C125 – Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services, Policy C200 – Anti-Bullying, Policy C225 – Parental Access to Instructional Material, Policy C525 – Medical Needs at School, Policy D250 – Teacher Appreciation Grant, Policy D325 – Employee Background Checks and Mandatory Reporting, Policy F100 – Internal Controls and Reporting Losses, Shortages, Variances, or Thefts, Policy F125 – Purchasing Procedures and Capital Assets, and Policy G125 – Criminal Organization Activity. He explained that the updates to these policies are recommendations from CCHA based on recent legislation and have been reviewed by the district departments that they affect. Mr. Murphy asked the Board Member if they had any questions regarding the changes. Mrs. Gowan asked about the elimination of ‘foster care placement’ in Policy C125. Dr. Huotari replied that the item was removed in an effort to not be redundant as it is included in another one of our policies. President Howard thanked Mr. Murphy for sharing the proposed policy revisions in Friday Notes thus giving the Board additional time to review them. There were no additional questions or comments. (Exhibit No. 23-76)

ACTION ITEMSAPPROVE CONTRACT WITH ADULT & CHILD HEALTH

Dr. Sharon Kight referred the Board Members to the Contract with Adult & Child Health that was included in the meeting documentation and recommended approval. She explained that the contract is for the hiring of three additional Mental Health Clinicians for our district and has been reviewed by Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve and Mrs. Foulk seconded. Ms. Downer asked if this contract is different from the previous agreements. Dr. Kight replied that there will be three clinicians working to address the referrals received from our schools for students in need whose families are insured through Medicaid. She noted that students who are covered by private insurance will not qualify for the services. There being no additional questions or comments, President Howard called for the vote. The motion to approve the Contract with Adult & Child Health passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 23-77)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESSUPDATE REGARDING MOU WITH CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS REGARDING ARLINGTON AVE./COUNTY LINE RD. TIF

Mr. Fred McWhorter II reported that a few days after the June Board Meeting we met with the Deputy Mayor, our legal counselors and others to discuss our intent to negotiate with the City of Indianapolis to receive a percentage of the taxes collected from the developing property prior to the end of the TIF, which is proposed for 25 years. He shared that the meeting was productive and we will be sending a Memorandum of Understanding to the City for approval and will also forward a copy to the Board Members as soon as possible. Mrs. Foulk asked what percentage of the tax dollars will the Corporation receive. Mr. McWhorter replied that it will be up to 10% and will fluctuate annually. Mrs. Foulk thanked him for pursuing this option for the benefit of our schools. President Howard thanked our legal partners for coming to the meeting and the Administration for working with the City of Indianapolis to address the issue.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard shared that the Kitley Intermediate construction project is moving along as the new classrooms already have teachers moving into them and the cafeteria will be ready to accommodate the students. He added that the new gym will not be ready for the beginning of school, but we are hopeful that it will be usable around Fall Break. Dr. Hibbard also mentioned that the New Bethel Elementary School construction site continues to make progress and should be completed in December.

Dr. Hibbard extended his appreciation to all of the 260 day employees for working tirelessly during the summer to get our buildings fully staffed, wrapping up the construction/renovation projects, deep cleaning our schools, organizing the textbooks and supplies for our kiddos, etc. He thanked the Child Nutrition, Maintenance, Transportation, Technology, Business Office, Curriculum, Human Resources, and Police Department Teams for their dedication to our children and the community.

Dr. Hibbard was happy to announce that he, Mr. McWhorter and Dr. Huotari recently played in the Mesirow Golf Outing in South Bend, Indiana and came in 3rd place. He stated that their prize of \$100 was donated to the Franklin Township Education Foundation.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Foulk stated that she is looking forward to the building tours this fall to get a glimpse of our renovation and construction projects.

Mrs. Foulk noted that her daughter attended the Flash Focus last week to get her textbooks, etc. for the upcoming school year and thought the entire process was great. She added that everyone assisting the students was pleasant, knowledgeable and eager to help.

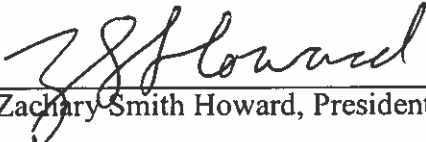
Mrs. Foulk stated that she is looking forward to attending the Fast Flash on Saturday.


President Howard conveyed that he is hoping we have a strong start to the school year and thanked everyone for their hard work this summer is getting the buildings ready for our students.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED


Zachary Smith Howard, President


Doris L. Gowan, Vice President

ABSENT
Larry J. Walker, Secretary

Dawn A. Downer, Member


Kelly L. Foulk, Member

