

**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 25, 2022**

PRESENT IN PERSON: Dawn A. Downer, Kelly L. Foulk, Larry J. Walker, Bruce Hibbard, Jill Britt, Chase Huotari, Sharon Kight, Tyler Knight, Fred McWhorter, Jeff Murphy, Kent Pettet, Lynlie Schoene, and Toni Stevenson

PRESENT REMOTELY: Doris L. Gowan

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 25, 2022. All Board Members and news media had been duly notified and the agenda properly posted.

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Dr. Hibbard asked Police Chief Ken Short to come forward with a special announcement. Chief Short was excited to announce that we have a new K9 Officer. He introduced FTCSC Officer Randy Mullins and our new K9, Ardi. Officer Mullins stated that Ardi has been working hard and will soon be certified in detection of both illegal narcotics and firearms and will begin visiting our schools next week. The FTCSC Police Department thanked the following persons for their generous donations which made it possible for Ardi to not only be transported to Franklin Township from outside the United States, but also paid for his training and needed supplies: Tony Ardizzone, Mason Hadley, and Chris and Tammy Just. The Board Members thanked them for their generous donations and welcomed Officer Ardi. Mrs. Foulk stated that while it is sad that our former K9 Jax had to retire, she appreciates us getting a qualified replacement so quickly.

REGULAR MEETING

Vice President Dawn Downer called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:40 P.M. She also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice President Downer called for a motion to approve the agenda as written. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Vice President Downer opened the floor for comments from the community. There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Vice President Downer asked for a motion to approve the following list of Consent Agenda Items. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the items and Mrs. Foulk seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Preliminary Determination Hearing – June 27, 2022
 - 2. Grant of Easement Hearing – June 27, 2022
 - 3. Regular Board Meeting – June 27, 2022
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 22-85)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 22-86)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 22-87)
- E. Donations (Exhibit No. 22-88)
- F. Fundraisers (Exhibit No. 22-89)
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal (Exhibit No. 22-90)
- H. 2022 Records for Destruction (Exhibit No. 22-91)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Vice President Downer reported that Central Nine has been busy preparing for the new school year. She conveyed that after several delays, they are finally getting ready for the ground breaking ceremony for the new addition and construction should begin very soon. Ms. Downer asked the Board Members and/or Administrators to e-mail her with any input for the C-9 Director's evaluation. She stated that she will share the 2022-2023 enrollment numbers with everyone at the August meeting. There were no questions or comments from the Board Members.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

Dr. Kent Pettet shared information regarding the Franklin Township Education Foundation due to President Smith's absence. He reminded everyone that the Fast Flash is Saturday, July 30th and the weather is predicted to be perfect for the race which has a new course this year. Dr. Pettet encouraged everyone to stay for the Back-To-School Bash that will follow the race as all of our schools and high school sporting teams will be represented. He added that several local businesses will also be sharing information such as the Public Library. Vice President Downer stated that she is quite sure that there are still volunteer opportunities if anyone is interested.

POLICY REVISIONS – 1ST READING

Mr. Jeff Murphy referred the Board Members to their copies of the two (2) School Board Policies that were included in their packets: Policy A285 – No Distracted Driving and Policy C550 – Student Search and Seizure. He offered an overview of the changes to both policies and asked if there were any questions. Mrs. Foulk stated that she has a few suggestions and questions on each policy, but will forward them to Mr. Murphy after the meeting. Mr. Murphy agreed to review the items before finalizing the policies for approval at the August Board Meeting. There were no additional comments. (Exhibit No. 22-92)

ACTION ITEMS

REJECT EDGEWOOD INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY 1 BIDS

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the Edgewood Intermediate Category 1 Bid information that was included in their packets. He explained that we only had two bidders for the item and the lowest bidder had to withdraw because of a mathematical error on their part. He stated that the second bidder was \$2 million more so we have decided to re-bid Category #1 and bring the results back for approval at the August 22nd Board Meeting. Mr. McWhorter recommended the Board's approval to reject the Edgewood Intermediate Category 1 Bids. Mrs. Foulk asked if this will impact the construction timeline. Mr. Bart York with The Skillman Corporation, replied that we bid the projects early to accommodate instances such as this and we should be able to meet our October start date. Mr. Walker asked if we anticipate additional bidders next time. Mr. York replied that we originally had the contractors bid General Trades and Earth Work in Category #1, but we are going to separate the two which should generate additional bidders. Mr. York introduced Mr. Tim Funston with The Skillman Corporation to the Board and shared that Mr. Funston will be overseeing some of the projects in the future. There being no additional questions, Vice President Downer called for a motion to reject the Edgewood Intermediate Category 1 Bids. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-93)

APPROVE PROPERTY LIABILITY, WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE BROKER

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that due to the fact that it has been several years since we have investigated options for an Insurance Broker we chose to receive bids for comparison purposes. He explained that our current broker, Assured Partners, receives a percentage of the premiums and we felt it was better to ask for broker proposals on a fixed fee basis. Mr. McWhorter shared that we received three proposals and believe the best responsive and responsible proposal is from NFP at an annual fixed fee of \$75,000, which should save us roughly \$30,000 a year. Mr. Walker

made a motion to approve NFP as our Property Liability, Workman's Compensation Insurance Broker. Mrs. Foulk seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-94)

BOARD POLICIES – 2ND READING & APPROVAL

Mr. Jeff Murphy recommended approval 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 stated that there were no additions or deletions since the last meeting. There being no questions, Vice President Downer asked for a motion to approve the policies. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-95)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard stated that we are excited to get school started next Monday, August 1st. He recognized Mr. Rick Hunter's Maintenance Department employees for working very hard to get our facilities in great shape for the return of students and staff.

Dr. Hibbard shared that Dr. Schoene has been busy orchestrating the arrival of Mrs. Krista Garcia who arrives in Indianapolis later this evening from Honduras. Dr. Schoene explained that Mrs. Garcia is the new Spanish Teacher for our new Kindergarten Dual Language Program at Thompson Crossing Elementary. She added that Mrs. Garcia and her family will be arriving at midnight tonight and she is extremely excited to begin her career with FTCSC. Dr. Schoene extended her appreciation for several persons and organizations that have donated, supported and assisted with the process over the past 16 months.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Foulk thanked everyone for their work in preparing our facilities for the coming school year and stated that she hoped everyone was able to rejuvenate over the summer break. She added that her children are ready to get the school year started.

Ms. Downer stated that she has been talking to various building employees and students and it seems that everyone is excited to begin the year. She also thanked everyone for their hard work over the summer.

Mr. Walker thanked the Police Department and counselors for their dedication to our students. He stated that he is really concerned about our youth and the effects that the ongoing violence has on them.

Mrs. Gowan wanted to recognize the Indiana Department of Education for granting us funding for our Dual Language Program. She conveyed that she feels it is a wonderful program and is very excited to see it come to fruition after months of planning. She also thanked everyone for their assistance in hiring the teachers and orchestrating the relocation of Mrs. Garcia.

Mr. McWhorter reminded everyone to exercise patience on the first few days of school as the buses will be a few minutes late as they navigate their new routes and there will also be several parents dropping off their students at school.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Downer adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED

ABSENT

Zachary Smith Howard, President

Dawn A. Downer, Vice President

Doris L. Gowan, Secretary

Kelly L. Foulk, Member

Larry J. Walker, Member

**MINUTES OF PROJECT HEARING (FCHS ADDITION PROJECT)
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Vice President Dawn Downer called the Special Meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

FCHS ADDITION PROJECT HEARING & 2ND PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION HEARING

Vice President Downer 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. She also noted that the notice of this 2nd Preliminary Determination Hearing was published as legally required in the Indianapolis Star and Indianapolis Business Journal. Ms. Kristin McClellan with Ice Miller (Bond Counsel) stated that this is the second of two (2) Public Hearings regarding the proposed Franklin Central High School Addition Project. She added that pursuant to Indiana Code 20-26-7-37, before a school corporation may spend more than \$1 million to build, repair or alter a school building that will be financed by a lease or bonds, it must hold a public hearing at which explanations of the potential value of the project to the school corporation and community are given. Ms. McClellan also stated that pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.5, a school corporation must hold two public hearings and adopt a resolution to preliminarily determine to issue bonds or enter a lease for a project which has a total project cost in excess of a non-controlled project. She explained that these public hearings and the adoption of resolutions are the beginning of the legal process and will establish the maximum financial terms for the proposed projects. Mr. Fred McWhorter II, Chief Operating Officer, 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 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. Walker conveyed while he likes the look of the proposed addition he is concerned that the paint on the outside of the building will fade similar to the existing school entrance. Mr. Bark York with Skillman Corporation assured him that they will take the fading into consideration when they choose the material for the outside of the building. Mr. Brock Bowsher with BakerTilly, shared an explanation of the School Corporation's current annual debt service/lease rental payments and increments. He also offered a summary of the financing and repayment options for the proposed project. Mr. Bowsher asked the Board Members if they had any questions or comments. There were none.

Vice President Downer opened the Public Hearing for anyone who wished to comment regarding the proposed Franklin Central High School Addition Project. Mr. Walker asked how we should respond to the community members that question the fact that we must have had the money all along to pay for the project so why were we asking them to pass a referendum. Mr. McWhorter replied that the projects that were going to be addressed using referendum dollars are different and he explained that this project is to address our immediate issue of student growth. Dr. Hibbard added that we will be paying for items gradually as the needs arise instead of renovating the entire school at one time. Mr. York noted that construction costs, materials and labor are forever increasing thus the School Corporation will be paying more for the projects. There were no additional questions or comments.

Ms. Downer thanked Ms. McClellan, Mr. York, Mr. Bowsher and Mr. McWhorter for the information. (Exhibit No. 22-81)

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF FCHS ADDITION PROJECT RESOLUTION

Ms. Kristin McClellan with Ice Miller recommended the Board's consideration of the Project Resolution (Exhibit A) that was included in the meeting documentation. She stated that the estimated cost of the project is \$18 million dollars. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the resolution. Mrs. Foulk seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-82)

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION RESOLUTION

Ms. Kristin McClellan recommended the Board's consideration of the Preliminary Determination Resolution (Exhibit B) that was included in the meeting documentation. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-83)

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION

Ms. Kristin McClellan recommended the Board's consideration of the Reimbursement Resolution (Exhibit C) that was included in the meeting documentation and explained that this resolution allows the School Corporation to be reimbursed for any expenditures which may occur prior to receiving the issuance of the obligations. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve. Mrs. Foulk seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-84)

Dr. Hibbard thanked the representatives from our professional partners for attending the meeting and for sharing their expertise with us. Vice President Downer thanked everyone also.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Downer adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED

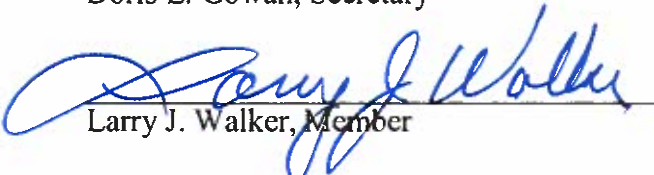
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