

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021**

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

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 26, 2021. 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 6:03 P.M. He 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. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve the items and Ms. Downer seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting – June 21, 2021
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 21-82)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 21-83)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 21-84)
- E. Donations (Exhibit No. 21-85)
- F. Fundraisers (Exhibit No. 21-86)
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal (Exhibit No. 21-87)
- H. 2021 Records for Destruction (Exhibit No. 21-88)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer was happy to report that Central Nine is fully staffed and is gearing up for the start of the school year. She shared that at the last meeting they completed the Director's evaluation and set goals for the coming year. Ms. Downer added that the construction project will be starting soon.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Smith shared that the Fast Flash is this Saturday, July 31st and they already have 400 participants registered. He noted that they have purchased new trophies for the event this year which are in the shape of a neon flash. President Smith also reminded everyone that the Back 2 School Bash will immediately follow the run/walk event and will include several fun events such as: a splash tower, sports zone, swimming, game stop, and live entertainment along with school mascots and Parent Teacher Group information, food and games.

POLICY REVISIONS – 1ST READING

Dr. Kent Pettet referred the Board Members to their copies of the four (4) School Board Policies that were included in their packets: Policy A300 – ‘Responsible Use of Technology and Internet Use Policy’, Policy B225 – ‘Board Meetings’, E100 – ‘Adoption of Curricular Materials’, and Policy E225 – ‘College and University Programs’. He gave an overview of the revisions to the policies and asked if the Board Members had any questions. There were no questions or comments. (Exhibit No. 21-89)

HEARING ON THIRD AMENDMENT TO LEASE

President Smith opened the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THIRD AMENDMENT TO LEASE

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that due to the ever-increasing enrollment, Kitley Intermediate is nearing 98% capacity and this proposed project will address the need for additional classrooms, increase the cafeteria size, add a gymnasium as well as addressing improvements to the existing facility. He introduced Mr. Brock Bowsher with BakerTilly Municipal Advisors and Ms. Jane Herndon with Ice Miller.

Mr. Brock Bowsher shared an explanation of the School Corporation’s existing annual debt service/lease rental payments and increments. He also offered a summary of financing and repayment options for the proposed project and stated that the funding for the project will not increase the residential tax bills.

Ms. Jane Herndon shared that the School Corporation is funding the project through a lease and since the building has an existing lease it will need to be amended to include the cost of the project. She outlined the resolutions that need to be considered this evening to adjust the lease payment and proceed with the project: A) Resolution Authorizing Execution of Third Amendment to Lease Agreement, B) Resolution Determining Need for Project, C) Resolution Assigning Construction Bids and Contracts, Once Received, D) Resolution Approving Third Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Issuing Bonds, and E) Resolution Approving Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes. (Exhibit No. 21-90)

There were no questions or comments from the Board Members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING LEASE

President Smith asked for any public comments regarding the lease. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT OF HEARING

President Smith adjourned the Hearing at 6:26 p.m.

ACTION ITEMSAPPROVE BACK-TO-SCHOOL PLAN

Dr. Bruce Hibbard recommended the Board’s approval of the 2021-2022 FTCSC COVID-19 Plan that Dr. Pettet shared a few days ago. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the plan and Mrs. Foulk seconded. Ms. Downer stated that she has had some questions regarding the plan from parents and asked how the Administration came to the decision regarding facemasks being optional inside our schools. Dr. Hibbard replied that the MC Superintendents have been meeting regularly with Dr. Virginia Caine, Director of the Marion County Health Department, and under her guidance we are leaving the decision to wear face coverings inside our buildings up to the parents. Mrs. Foulk asked if we approved a plan last year and expressed her concerns with having to address the changes to the plan if we receive a mandate from the Health Department. She stated that we would not want to jeopardize the health of our students and staff by having the delay of needing to vote on a revision to the plan. Dr. Hibbard replied that the School Board did not vote on a plan last year because it was ever-changing. Ms. Downer stated that while she appreciates the Legislators leaving it up to the individual School Corporations, she feels that the Board Members were not included in the discussion of the plan and for that reason, she will be

abstaining from the vote. Mrs. Foulk suggested the Board amend the motion to include giving the Administration the authority to make any necessary changes to the Back-To-School Plan in real time if or when mandates are received and then brought to the following Board Meeting for approval. President Smith asked for a vote to amend the current motion. The vote carried 4/0/1, with Mrs. Foulk, Mrs. Gowan, Mr. Smith and Mr. Walker voting in favor and Ms. Downer abstaining. There being no additional comments, President Smith asked for a vote to approve the 2021-2022 FTSCS COVID-19 Plan with the amended motion. The vote passed 4/0/1, with Mrs. Foulk, Mrs. Gowan, Mr. Smith and Mr. Walker voting in favor and Ms. Downer abstaining.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION DETERMINING NEED FOR PROJECT

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the Resolution Determining Need for Project that was included in the Board Meeting documentation and recommended approval. He stated that as previously discussed, the proposed project will consist of the renovation and expansion of Kitley Intermediate School. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve the resolution. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-91)

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THIRD AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT

Mr. Fred McWhorter II recommended approval of the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Third Amendment to Lease Agreement as presented. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve the resolution and Mrs. Foulk seconded. There being no questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote which passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-92)

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ASSIGNING BIDS AND CONTRACTS, (ONCE RECEIVED)

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referenced the Resolution Assigning Bids and Contracts, once received, that was included in the Board Meeting documentation and asked for the Board's approval. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-93)

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO MASTER CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING AND ISSUING BONDS

Mr. Fred McWhorter II recommended approval of the Resolution Approving Third Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Issuing Bonds as presented. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve the resolution and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-94)

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the Resolution Approving Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes that was included in the meeting documentation and recommended approval. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-95)

BOARD POLICIES – 2ND READING & APPROVAL

Dr. Kent Pettet recommended approval of the three (3) School Board Policies that were included in their packets: Policy A275 – 'School Wellness', Policy G375 – 'Community Use of School Facilities', and Policy H175 – 'The Schools and Governmental Agencies'. He stated that Policy A275 has been corrected to include Franklin Township Community School Corporation in the first paragraph. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve the policies and Mrs. Foulk seconded. The motion passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-96)

APPROVE READABLE ENGLISH PILOT FOR DEVELOPMENTAL READING CLASSES AT FCJHS

Dr. Sharon Kight referred the Board Members to their copies of the quote from Readable English that was included in the meeting documentation. She explained that this is an electronic pilot program for Developmental Reading Classes at FCJHS and will target students that are 3-4 grade levels below in their reading skills. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve the quote. Mr. Walker seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-97)

APPROVE MOU FOR EDUCATORAIDE

Dr. Lynlie Schoene recommended approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for EducatorAide that was included in the Board meeting packets. She shared that the MOU is for Cohort #2 of the Inclusive Leadership Team for K-6 principals for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve the MOU and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-98)

APPROVE DUAL LANGUAGE PROPOSAL

Dr. Lynlie Schoene asked for the Board's approval of the Dual Language Proposal for Arlington Elementary Kindergarten classes that was included in the meeting documentation. She explained that the proposal is for SY 2021-2022 to be a pilot planning year with implementation next school year, 2022-2023 and will teach students to become proficient in a second language. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve and Mrs. Foulk seconded the motion. Mrs. Foulk conveyed that she is really excited about this new opportunity for our students. There being no additional questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote which carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 21-99)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESSBOARD MEETINGS' VIDEO & AUDIO RECORDINGS POSTED ON WEBSITE

A discussion resumed as a follow-up to the June 21st Board Meeting at such time the Board Members tabled the motion to record the live streaming of the Board Meetings to be posted on the website in order to allow Mr. Tyler Knight, IT Director, to be present for clarification of various issues regarding the recordings. Mr. Knight stated that at this time, there is no additional cost for the option. Mrs. Foulk asked if it would be time consuming for our employees. Mr. Knight replied that it would be a minimal amount of extra time. Ms. Downer made the motion to have the live streaming of the Board Meetings recorded to be posted on the website for future viewing. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion. There being no additional questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote which passed 5-0.

Ms. Dawn Downer asked for an update on the new student management software, Skyward, that was approved at the April Board meeting. Mr. Knight replied that we began implementing it as soon as possible and our central office and management side has been fully launched. He shared that our parent and student sides will launch on July 28th and conveyed that we have had some issues crosschecking the data as it was downloaded from the current program. Ms. Downer asked how we are communicating to the parents and students. Mr. Knight replied that we are going to send the information to the parents on Wednesday. Dr. Pettet noted that throughout this process we have been communicating via ParentSquare, e-mail and answering questions through Facebook. Mrs. Foulk noted that she has received some of her children's information via ParentSquare.

Ms. Dawn Downer commented that several months ago our School Corporation wrote a letter to the Indianapolis Zoning Board opposing the construction of an apartment complex in our township. She stated that she recently heard that a trucking company is interested in purchasing property in our township and asked if we are supporting this or not. Mr. McWhorter replied that from a tax base standpoint, it would be a great thing, but we have not officially sent a letter in

support of the purchase. Mrs. Foulk shared that she personally has sent letters to the Zoning Board at various times, but as a township resident not as a representative of the School Board. Ms. Downer asked Mr. Walker if he was selling the property mentioned. Mr. Walker replied that he is representing the seller and will abstain from voting on any items that might pertain to the sale of the property.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard thanked Mr. Tyler Knight, Information Technology Director, Ms. Cindy Stafford, Database Application Specialist and their team for the numerous hours they have spent on converting and implementing Skyward, our new student management software.

Dr. Hibbard recognized and thanked Dr. Lynlie Schoene, Dr. Toni Stevenson and Ms. Kelly Anderson for organizing the Conscious Discipline Institute Summer Orlando Conference that was hosted at Edgewood Intermediate this past week. Dr. Schoene stated that it could not have been successful without the help of our Technology Department, Maintenance and Grounds personnel, and the staff at Edgewood. President Smith congratulated them on a successful and seemingly beneficial conference.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Larry Walker congratulated the Franklin Township Little League Team for winning the 2021 Junior League Baseball State Tournament (13 year-old division). He stated that several FTCS students are on the team.

Mrs. Kelly Foulk stated that her husband attended the Back To School night at Franklin Central and was very impressed with how organized the event was. She thanked everyone for their efforts in preparing our schools and staff members for another school year.

President Smith stated that he shares in Mrs. Foulk's gratitude for the work that has been done to prepare our facilities, buses, cafeterias, etc. for the upcoming school year. He conveyed that he is hopeful we have a strong start to the year. Mrs. Doris Gowan echoed their comments.

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVED


Zachary T. Smith, President


Doris L. Gowan, Vice President


Dawn A. Downer, Secretary


Kelly L. Foulk, Member


Larry J. Walker, Member

