

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022**

PRESENT IN PERSON: Zachary Smith Howard, 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 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 August 22, 2022. 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 6:00 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. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

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

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 and Mrs. Foulk seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Project Hearing & 2<sup>nd</sup> Preliminary Determination Hearing – July 25, 2022
  - 2. Regular Board Meeting – July 25, 2022
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 22-96)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 22-97)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 22-98)
- E. Donations (Exhibit No. 22-99)
- F. Fundraisers (Exhibit No. 22-100)
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal (Exhibit No. 22-101)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

No Central Nine Report was provided due to Ms. Downer's absence.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Howard reported that the Fast Flash and Back-To-School Bash were a huge success. He conveyed the Franklin Township Education Foundation's gratitude for the support of the following persons in making it a profitable and fun event for everyone: FTCSC Facilities Dept., FTCSC Police Dept., FCHS Custodians, Athletic Directors, and Sports Teams. He also thanked all of our schools for their participation and the celebrities that were gracious enough to take turns in the splash towers. President Howard gave a special shout out to the Administrators and to Mrs. Foulk for handing out medals for the various events as well as to Dr. Kent Pettet for his hard work in organizing the wonderfully successful event. He reminded everyone that the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Fore Kids event is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> and there is still time to be a

participant and/or a sponsor. On a different note, President Howard asked that everyone check FTEF's social media pages for information regarding the Fall Grants and some new and exciting initiatives. There were no questions or comments from the Board Members.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### AWARD EDGEWOOD INTERMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION BIDS

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated at last month's meeting the Board voted to reject the bids received for Category 1 of the Edgewood Intermediate Construction Project due to a mathematical error from the lowest bidder and an excessive bid from the only other bidder. He explained that following a recommendation from The Skillman Corporation we chose to re-bid Category 1 with various revisions. Mr. McWhorter conveyed that we are very pleased to recommend the Board's approval of the Edgewood Intermediate Construction Bids in the amount of \$19,185,470 which is \$1.2M less than the first bids. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the bids and Mrs. Gowan seconded. Mr. Walker asked why there is such a significant decrease in the cost of the project. Mr. McWhorter replied that our initial estimate for the cost of the project was way too high. There being no additional questions or comments, President Howard called for the vote which carried 4-0. Mr. McWhorter noted that the project is slated to begin in October. (Exhibit No. 22-102)

#### APPROVE PROCARE THERAPY CONTRACT

Dr. Sharon Kight referred the Board Members to their copies of the ProCare Therapy Contract that was included in their packets and recommended approval. She explained that the contract is for an additional Special Education teacher at FCJH and noted that Church, Church, Hittle and Antrim has reviewed it. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-103)

#### APPROVE FCHS THEATER FIELD TRIP

Dr. Chase Huotari recommended approval for the Franklin Central High School Theater students to travel to South Bend, Indiana on January 20-22, 2023 to attend the Indiana Thespians State Conference as outlined in the information provided. He added that they will be staying overnight in South Bend. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve the field trip. Mr. Walker seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-104)

#### BOARD POLICIES – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING & APPROVAL

Mr. Jeff Murphy recommended approval 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 stated that there were no changes to Policy A285 since the last meeting. Mr. Murphy shared that the revisions to Policy C550 were in paragraph 1, the addition of 'and/or district School Safety Officer' and on page 3, item 6 regarding items seized that will be turned over to the 'Franklin Township Community School Corporation Police Department'. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the policies and Mrs. Gowan seconded. Mr. Walker asked Chief Kent Short if he agreed with the changes. Chief Short replied that Mr. Murphy had discussed the items with him prior to bringing them for approval and his department is fine with them. President Howard inquired as to how many items our officers seize over time. Chief Short replied that we accumulate a significant amount throughout the year. There being no additional questions or comments, President Howard called for the vote. The motion to approve the policies carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 22-105)

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard asked Dr. Schoene to introduce Mrs. Garcia. Dr. Schoene was happy to introduce Mrs. Krista Garcia, the Spanish Teacher for the new Kindergarten Dual Language Program at Thompson Crossing Elementary. She explained that immediately following the July Board Meeting she headed to the airport to pick up Mrs. Garcia and her family. Dr. Schoene stated that she is thrilled that Krista chose to become part of our FTCS family. Mrs. Garcia thanked the Board and Administration for their support and stated that she is very excited to begin her career in Franklin Township. The Board Members thanked Mrs. Garcia for coming to the meeting and welcomed her. Mrs. Foulk stated that she is very excited to have her working with our students.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Foulk conveyed that from her personal experience her children have had a great start to the school year. She stated that it is wonderful to have a normal start to the year without the pandemic issues and she feels that everyone from the teachers to the bus drivers and beyond are doing a terrific job. Mrs. Foulk added that communication has been timely and is much appreciated by the parents and students.

Mrs. Foulk thanked Dr. Pettet for his work on the Fast Flash and Back-To-School Bash and noted that we could not have had any better weather.

Mrs. Foulk extended her appreciation for Mr. McWhorter and the Business Office for continually finding ways to save taxpayer dollars.

President Howard thanked the Administration and Building Principals for their work in making a smooth start to the school year. He stated that he is very grateful for our Human Resources Department for working through the difficult challenges of filling our classified and certified vacancies.

President Howard remarked that it is a very exciting time with lots of activities scheduled. He stated that he is looking forward to the school visits and the Homecoming Parade that is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Walker congratulated the Flashes Football team on winning their season opener. He asked Dr. Stevenson how our new principals are adjusting. Dr. Stevenson replied that they are all doing wonderfully.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED

  
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Zachary Smith Howard, President

  
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Doris L. Gowan, Secretary

  
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Larry J. Walker, Member

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Dawn A. Downer, Vice President

  
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Kelly L. Foulk, Member

