

RECORD OF 2023 BUDGET HEARING

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

A budget hearing was held on September 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. for which notice was given in accordance with the law for the purposes of presenting the proposed 2023-2027 School Bus Replacement Plan, the 2023-2025 Capital Projects Plan and the 2023 Budget and receiving public input regarding these items.

The following members of the Board of Education were in attendance:

Dawn A. Downer
Kelly L. Foulk
Doris L. Gowan
Zachary Smith Howard
Larry J. Walker

President Howard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Fred McWhorter II, Chief Operating Officer, stated the per State law we have posted and advertised the proposed 2023 budgets as required. He added that the current tax rate is the 2nd lowest in the past 45 years. Mr. McWhorter conveyed that the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) and the Legislature controls the process and noted that the DLGF must approve each of the budgets. He presented each budget plan beginning with the School Bus Replacement Plan. Mr. McWhorter stated that included in the budget is the purchase of 11 buses, 9 replacements and 2 new due to enrollment growth. He gave an overview of the 2023-2025 Capital Projects Plan and outlined the various projects for 2023 which includes roofing repairs at FCHS and FT Learning Center. Mr. Walker questioned the 2025 Capital Projects expense of \$4.2 million for the FCHS roof project. Mr. McWhorter replied that we continue to patch several of the 79 sections of the high school roof, but within a couple of years the entire roof will need to be replaced. He summarized the different Funds (Education Fund, Debt Service Fund, Operations Fund and Rainy Day Fund) and shared the Assessed Valuation History for the past 15 years. Mr. McWhorter noted that our student enrollment has increased by 68 students over last year, but we believe that it will increase significantly by mid-year due to the completion of several homes that are currently under construction. He welcomed any additional questions by the Board Members. There were none. President Howard thanked Mr. McWhorter for the informative presentation. (Exhibit No. 22-106)

HEARING OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE 2023 BUDGET

President Howard invited comments from the community members pertaining to the budgets. There were no public comments.

Mr. McWhorter noted that the Board Members will be voting on the proposed budgets at the October 24th Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

APPROVED


Zachary Smith Howard, President


Dawn A. Downer, Vice President


Doris L. Gowan, Secretary


Kelly L. Foulk, Member

Larry J. Walker, Member

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

PRESENT IN PERSON: Zachary Smith Howard, Dawn A. Downer, 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 September 26, 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 6:22 P.M. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Howard called for a motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of Action Item A – ‘Approve Excess Levy Appeal’. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve the revised agenda and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

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 Ms. Downer seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting – August 22, 2022
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 22-107)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 22-108)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 22-109)
- E. Donations
- F. Fundraisers (Exhibit No. 22-110)
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer reported that the Central Nine Governing Board met on September 8th and conveyed that it was wonderful to see the welding students showcase their program. She stated that the C-9 Construction Project is having some difficulty acquiring the necessary building permits due to the fact that the City of Greenwood is requiring various changes to the outside of the building. Ms. Downer shared that Clint Smith, one of Central Nine’s former culinary students, will be competing on Season 21 of the reaty show, Hell’s Kitchen. She invited everyone to attend the various events scheduled for Saturday, October 1st kicking off Central Nine’s 50th Anniversary Celebration. Ms. Downer was happy to report that the first nine weeks have gone smoothly and everything is going great. There were no questions or comments from the Board Members.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Howard reported that the 26th Annual Golf Fore Kids event held last Friday, September 23rd was a great success. He thanked everyone for their support and participation and gave a special shout out to Mr. McWhorter, who served on the committee. Mr. McWhorter added that the event netted over \$27,000. President Howard shared that the Education Foundation is excited to offer the Ben Schuman Science Grant this fall with grants of \$500 for classrooms or \$1000 for multiple classrooms and/or schools. He noted that Ben Schuman is a retired FTCS science teacher and is assisting with funding the grant. He encouraged everyone to watch for details regarding the 'Thank a Teacher' campaign as well as the FTEF Major Saver Discount Cards to be available for purchase in November. There were no questions or comments.

POLICY REVISIONS – 1ST READING

Mr. Jeff Murphy referred the Board Members to their copies of the School Board Policy that was included in their packets: Policy D250 – Teacher Appreciation Grant. He explained that we are required to approve this policy annually and there have not been any changes to the policy this year. Mr. Murphy noted that we should receive the grant funds from the State in early December and will distribute them to the teachers by the end of the calendar year. There being no questions or comments, Mr. Murphy stated that he will bring Policy D250 to the Board for approval at the October 24th Board Meeting. (Exhibit No. 22-111)

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE RESOLUTIONS FOR FCHS ADDITION PROJECT

Exhibit A – Resolution Determining Need for Project

Exhibit B – Resolution Approving Form of Lease

Exhibit C – Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the three resolutions regarding the FCHS Addition Project that were included in their packets and recommended approval. He stated that we have completed our hearings, posted our notices and waited through the remonstrance period with no opposition. He explained that it is now time to approve the Project Resolution (Exhibit A), the Resolution Approving Form of Lease (Exhibit B) and the Resolution Reapproving the Building Corporation (Exhibit C). Mr. McWhorter shared that due to the passing of Judy Shore, we have added a new member to the Building Corporation, Mr. Ronald Scott Donovan. There being no questions or comments from the Board Members, President Howard asked for a motion to approve. Ms. Downer motioned to approve all three resolutions as presented. Mrs. Foulk seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-112)

APPROVE RESOLUTIONS FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF 2022

Exhibit A – Preliminary Bond Resolution

Exhibit B – Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the General Obligation Bond Resolutions that were included in the meeting documentation. He stated that for the past several years we have used General Obligation Bonds to make improvements throughout the district and this year is no different. He shared the following list of projects that we intend to use the GO Bonds for this year: 1) replace the HVAC system at the Learning Center, 2) create a road connecting the FCJH campus to Edgewood Avenue adding additional parking and relocating displaced athletic fields, 3) paving repairs throughout the district, and 4) school bus replacements. Mr. McWhorter recommended approval of the Preliminary Bond Resolution (Exhibit A) and the Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures (Exhibit B). He added that we will be conducting a GO Bond Hearing at the October 24th Board Meeting. There being no questions or comments, President Howard asked for a motion to approve. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve both items and Mrs. Foulk seconded. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-113)

APPROVE VPS ARCHITECTURE CONTRACT (FCHS ADDITION PROJECT)

Mr. Fred McWhorter II directed the Board Members to their copies of the VPS Architecture Contract for the FCHS Addition Project which was included in their packets. He recommended

approval of the contract in order to adhere to the construction timeline. Mr. McWhorter added that VPS Architecture has given us a lower rate because of our past experience with them and noted that the contract has been reviewed by our legal counsel. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the contract and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-114)

APPROVE THERAPY TRAVELERS CONTRACT

Dr. Sharon Kight referred the Board Members to their copies of the Therapy Travelers Contract that was included in their packets and recommended approval. She explained that the contract is for a half-time Special Education teacher at Acton Elementary and Principal Wessel-Burke was included in the interview. Dr. Kight added that Church, Church, Hittle and Antrim has reviewed the contract. Mr. Walker motioned to approve and Mrs. Foulk seconded. The motion passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-115)

APPROVE MAXIM HEALTHCARE SERVICES AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Dr. Sharon Kight recommended approval of the Maxim Healthcare Services Agreement Amendment that was in the meeting documentation and stated that this will add another full time Special Education teacher at Kitley Elementary. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve the agreement. Mrs. Foulk seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-116)

APPROVE PROCARE THERAPY CONTRACT ADDENDUM

Dr. Sharon Kight referred the Board Members to their copies of the ProCare Therapy Contract Addendum that was included in their packets and recommended approval. She explained that the contract is for a Special Education teacher at FCJH. Mrs. Foulk made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. Mrs. Foulk asked why we use several different companies to assist in hiring Special Education teachers. Dr. Kight replied that each company has staff that seek to find teachers with specific qualifications for the special needs of our students. She added that she is currently working with 10 different companies and at this time we still have two teacher openings. There being no additional questions or comments, President Howard called for the vote. The motion to approve the ProCare Therapy Contract Addendum passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-117)

APPROVE MOU WITH HAMILTON CENTER, INC. FOR 2022-2023 SY

Dr. Sharon Kight recommended approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Hamilton Center, Inc. for the 2022-2023 School Year as presented. She noted that this is the third year we have contracted with Hamilton Center, Inc. to provide Behavioral Health Services for our students and we are very pleased with our relationship. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve the MOU and Ms. Downer seconded. The motion carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 22-118)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard stated we have had a great start to the school year and it is hard to believe that Fall Break begins in four days. He conveyed that during the Cabinet Meeting this morning Mr. Jody Melady shared a report of all of the items that are going to be addressed during the 2-week break. He asked Mr. Melady to come up and share them with the Board Members. Mr. Melady read the lengthy list which included construction work at the Transportation Center and Kitley Intermediate, items at several of our elementary buildings that are difficult to do while the students are in attendance (Acton, Bunker Hill, Arlington) and setting the construction trailers at Edgewood Intermediate and at the site of our new elementary school on Senour Road. The Board Members thanked him for keeping them informed. Ms. Downer asked if it would be

possible to list the projects and their progress on our website so the community will know what great things the School Corporation is doing. Mr. McWhorter agreed to get the items posted.

BOARD COMMENTS

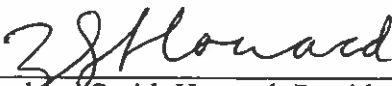
Mr. Walker asked everyone to remember his five classmates that were killed 61 years ago at the railroad crossing on Edgewood Avenue. He conveyed the anniversary of the tragic event is Sunday, October 2nd. President Howard stated that we will be thinking about them.

President Howard commented that we had a great start to our school visits last week at Edgewood Intermediate and Thompson Crossing Elementary and he is looking forward to visiting FCHS and Arlington Elementary tomorrow.


ADJOURNMENT

President Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

APPROVED



Zachary Smith Howard, President



Dawn A. Downer, Vice President



Doris L. Gowan, Secretary



Kelly L. Foulk, Member

Larry J. Walker, Member