

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023**

PRESENT: Zachary Smith Howard, Doris L. Gowan, Larry J. Walker, Dawn A. Downer, Kelly L. Foulk, Bruce Hibbard, Jill Britt, Chase Huotari, Sharon Kight, Tyler Knight, Fred McWhorter, Jeff Murphy, Kaitlin Porter, and Lynlie Schoene

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 December 18, 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 6:00 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. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve and Ms. Downer 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. Ms. Downer motioned to approve the items and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting – November 20, 2023
 - 2. Executive Session – November 20, 2023
 - 3. Executive Session – December 5, 2023
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 23-122)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 23-123)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 23-124)
- E. Donations (Exhibit No. 23-125)
- F. Fundraisers (Exhibit No. 23-126)
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal (Exhibit No. 23-127)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer reported that the Central Nine Governing Board met on December 14th and they are currently fully staffed. She shared that they will begin their formal search for a second welding instructor in January and they made a minor adjustment to the previously approved 2024-2025 School Calendar. Ms. Downer conveyed that everyone is looking forward to Winter Break. She informed the Board that the student built house was recently completed and has already sold for \$400,000 with the profits being used to purchase materials for future projects. She added that they plan to build tiny houses on site until they can purchase land for a larger project. There were no questions or comments from the Board Members.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Howard shared that the Franklin Township Education Foundation is awarding \$21,000 in teacher requests to be used for various special projects which includes a rock wall for PE

classes at Acton Elementary and digital microscopes for FCHS science classes. He announced that the Monte Carlo and FC Wall of Fame celebration is scheduled for February 9th and tickets for the event will go on sale by the of December. President Howard also shared that student scholarship applications will be opening soon and FTEF is pleased to announce that they will offer two additional scholarships this year: the Susan Carlisle Tomlinson Memorial Scholarship and the Reasoner Family Scholarship. There were no comments or questions from the Board Members.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE PROPERTY/LIABILITY/WORK COMP/CYBER INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that our insurance broker, NFP, searched several markets to obtain the best pricing for our 2024 insurance renewal. He referred the Board Members to their copies of the Insurance Summary and proposal for our Property/Liability/Work Comp/Cyber Insurance that was included in the meeting documentation and recommended approval. Mr. McWhorter added that while the price reflects a 16% increase over last year's pricing, we have added substantial square footage, increased the number of vehicles and buses and have increased our payroll. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the 2024 insurance renewal proposal. Mrs. Foulk seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. (Exhibit No.23-128)

APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. Jill Britt stated that in following the guidelines from the new legislation (SB342) we are asking for the Board's approval of the Supplemental Personnel Report that was included in the meeting documentation. She noted that we have also included a copy of Senate Bill 342 for reference. Mrs. Foulk motioned to approve the report and Mrs. Gowan seconded. There being no questions or comments, President Howard called for the vote. The motion to approve the Supplemental Personnel Report passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 23-129)

APPROVE DUAL LANGUAGE CONTRACT WITH IU

Dr. Lynlie Schoene recommended approval of the Dual Language Contract with Indiana University that was included in the Board Meeting packet. She noted that this contract renewal provides professional development for our Dual Language teachers and staff as well as attendance at a conference at IUB and participation in a Summer Institute. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the contract and Mrs. Gowan seconded. There being no questions, President Howard called for the vote. The motion to approve the Dual Language Contract with IU carried 4/0/1, with Ms. Downer, Mrs. Foulk, Mrs. Gowan and Mr. Walker voting in favor and President Howard abstaining due to the fact that he is employed by IU. (Exhibit No. 23-130)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He noted that we only have one school day before Winter Break and only 93 days until the end of the school year.

BOARD COMMENTS


Mrs. Gowan wished everyone Happy Holidays.

President Howard thanked the students, faculty and administrators for their hard work this semester. He wished everyone a Happy New Year!


ADJOURNMENT

President Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

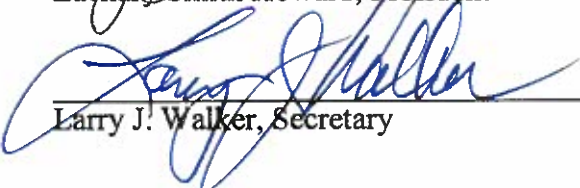
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Zachary Smith Howard, President



Doris L. Gowan, Vice President



Larry J. Walker, Secretary



Dawn A. Downer, Member

Kelly L. Foulk, Member

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

An executive session was held on December 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for which notice was given in accordance with the law to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process. In addition, the School Board Members were trained with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

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

The undersigned Board Members who were present and participating in said executive session hereby certify that they discussed no subject matter in the executive session other than that for which public notice was given.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

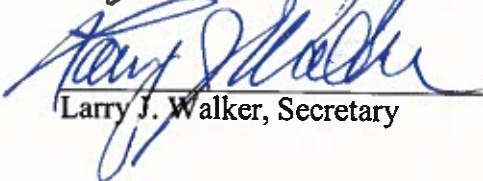
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