

**MINUTES OF AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION HEARING
(FRANKLIN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION – PROJECT II)
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024**

PRESENT: 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, Lynlie Schoene, and Toni Stevenson

The Board of Education of the Franklin Township Community School Corporation, Marion County, Indiana, met in Special Session at 6:00 P.M. at the Administration Offices, located at 6141 South Franklin Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46259, on May 20, 2024. All Board Members and news media had been duly notified and the agenda properly posted.

President Zachary Howard called the Hearing to order at 6:00 P.M.

HEARING ON ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (FCHS RENOVATION – PROJECT II)

Mr. Fred McWhorter II, Chief Operating Officer, explained that since the money for the FCHS Renovation Project II was not initially listed in the School Corporation's annual budget, we are required to hold a hearing for the additional appropriation of those funds. Mr. McWhorter noted that we are using Wanamaker Learning Center as collateral for the \$12 million dollar project. He introduced Mr. Erik Long, Attorney with Ice Miller, to address any questions. The Board Members did not have any questions or comments. (Exhibit No. 24-51)

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

President Howard opened the Hearing for public comments regarding the proposed Additional Appropriation Resolution. There were no public comments.


BOARD CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

Mr. Erik Long recommended approval of the Additional Appropriation Resolution (Exhibit A) that was included in the meeting packets. He stated that the resolution authorizes the appropriation of \$12,140,000 from the appraisal of the Wanamaker Property to pay for the FCHS Renovation Project II. Mr. Walker asked if the appraisal included the athletic fields that we own near the school. Mr. Long replied that the outlying athletic fields were not included in the appraisal. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the resolution. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 24-52)

ADJOURNMENT

President Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

APPROVED



Zachary Smith Howard, President



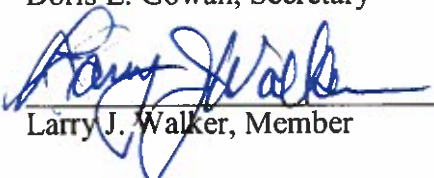
Dawn A. Downer, Vice President



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, MAY 20, 2024**

PRESENT: 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, 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 May 20, 2024. 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 6:06 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. Foulk made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

President Howard opened the floor for comments from the community.

1. Ryan Donovan, 5735 Peaking Fox Drive, stated that he has been a resident in Franklin Township for over 30 years and has been active in the Franklin Township Education Foundation. He shared that he currently has a 3rd grader and another child that will enter Kindergarten next year. Mr. Donovan thanked Dr. Hibbard for his leadership these past seven years and stated that he is looking forward to the future of FTCSC led by Dr. Huotari. Mr. Donovan wanted to publicly announce his intention to run for School Board in the next election which will be held in November, 2024.

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. Foulk seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting – April 22, 2024
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 24-53)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 24-54)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 24-55)
- E. Donations
- F. Fundraisers
- G. Surplus Equipment for Disposal

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer stated that she did not attend the last Central Nine Governing Board meeting, but it was reported that they presented the budget for the partnering school districts. She noted that the construction project is moving along nicely and they have recently added handicap accessible sidewalks to the project. Ms. Downer was pleased to report that C-9 is fully staffed for the upcoming school year and they have hired a second welding instructor. Mr. Walker asked how many of our students attend Central Nine. Ms. Downer replied that we have the second highest enrollment amount with Indian Creek High School having the most. She added that she

will share the 2024-25 enrollment numbers with the Board Members at the June meeting. There were no additional questions or comments.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

President Howard shared that the following 12 FCHS seniors were awarded their perspective scholarships which totaled \$23,090 at the Senior Awards Night on May 13th and will be honored at the May 21st FTEF Meeting: Mae Dilliner Lowes Memorial Scholarship: Shaniyah Manning, Alexandria Wells, Rebecca Mawi, Aerial Edwards, Reagan Conwell; Abby Sherwood Memorial Scholarship: Kade McDermott, Jillian Summitt; Dr. Elmo and Mrs. Becky Carver Memorial Scholarship: Chase Rigler; Richard H. Crosser Memorial Scholarship: Olivia Hagan, Aaron Mahoney; Susan Wingfield Carlisle Tomlinson Memorial Scholarship: Ava Ollanketo; Reasoner Family Scholarship: Cameron Evans.

President Howard added that Ms. Amanda Stevenson from Acton Elementary was awarded the Elisabeth Goode Scholarship for pursuing her graduate study in school administration. He also thanked the Education Foundation for sponsoring the Teacher of the Year and Support Staff of the Year Awards. There were no comments from the Board Members.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE WALK ZONES

Mr. Fred McWhorter II stated that for several years we have been discussing the idea of establishing walk zones for some of our schools in an effort to save from adding bus routes and altering our existing routes. He explained that due to the completion of New Bethel Elementary and other property improvements, he and Mr. Todd Livesay, Transportation Director, felt that the timing was perfect to recommend the changes. Mr. McWhorter referred the Board Members to their copies of the walk zone information that was provided and recommended approval. He added that all of the zones are directly connected by sidewalks to the School Corporation property and no busy roads will need to be crossed. Mr. McWhorter shared that, if approved, the following schools will have walk zones beginning this August: New Bethel Elementary, Acton Elementary, Edgewood Intermediate and Franklin Central Junior High. He also added that Mr. Livesay visited each location, met with the Principals and walked them through the zones and Dr. Pettet is going to release the information to the families following this evening's meeting. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the walk zones and Mrs. Gowan seconded. Ms. Downer asked if we had spoken to any parents regarding the zones. Mr. McWhorter replied that he has not, but they have involved the Principals in the process and it will not pertain to our students with special needs. Mr. Walker stated that the City of Indianapolis needs to address the issue of adding sidewalks to several of our main thoroughfares because our students are walking without them. Mr. McWhorter conveyed that due to zoning changes, we have been required to add sidewalks to several of our properties, but most do not connect to existing walks. Following a discussion, Mr. McWhorter noted that we have also added bike racks to some of our schools. There being no additional comments or questions, President Howard called for the vote. The motion to approve the walk zones as presented passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 24-56)

APPROVE EDMENTUM CONTRACT

Dr. Chase Huotari referred the Board Members to their copies of the Edmentum Contract that was included in the meeting documentation and recommended approval. He stated that the contract is a 3-year contract for credit recovery licenses. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the contract. Ms. Downer seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 24-57)

APPROVE FCHS FIELD TRIP

Dr. Chase Huotari recommended approval for the FCHS Dance Team to attend the National Dance Alliance Overnight Camp at Ball State University on July 9-12, 2024. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve and Mrs. Foulk seconded. The motion passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 24-58)

APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. Jill Britt stated that in following the guidelines from the legislation (SB342) passed in July 2023, 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. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve and Mrs. Gowan seconded. There being no questions or comments, President Howard called for the vote which carried 5-0. (Exhibit No. 24-59)

APPROVE SCHOOL BOARD COMPENSATION RESOLUTION

President Howard shared that in December of 2023 the Indiana School Board's Association (ISBA) Legal Services sent a memo to its members outlining the statutory requirements for the 2024 reorganization meeting which included Board compensation and the anticipated increase in per diem rates for 2024. He stated that the Board of School Commissioners for the Indianapolis Public Schools approved the following increase in the per diem rates at their meeting on January 25, 2024: \$150 for regular board meetings and \$75 for other meetings, etc. President Howard recommended approval of the School Board Compensation Resolution, which was included in the packets, to increase the Board Member compensation for attending regular meetings from \$75 to \$150 and for attending special board meetings from \$60 to \$75. He added that the new rates are effective January 1, 2024. Mrs. Gowan motioned to approve the resolution. Ms. Downer seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. (Exhibit No. 24-60)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hibbard commented that this is the last full week of school and with only two days next week, he is hoping for a smooth finish to the school year.

Dr. Hibbard invited the Boy Scouts that were in attendance to introduce themselves. Noah and William Webster stated that they are from Troop 104 and are currently in 6th and 8th Grades. Noah added that he is looking forward going to Franklin Central High School next year. Dr. Hibbard and the Board Members thanked them for coming to the meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS


Mr. Walker commented that he has attended over twenty FCHS baseball games this year and feels that there is a problem with the coaching staff. He conveyed that the coaches do not teach the players to become better athletes and, therefore, some of the players are transferring to other schools next year. Mr. Walker added that while our basketball and footballs programs have improved, he would like to see the same for our baseball program. He noted that no complaints have been filed with the Athletic Department because those involved are afraid to speak out. Ms. Downer thanked Mr. Walker for bringing these items to the Board Members so they will not be blindsided if they receive any parent concerns.

Ms. Downer thanked everyone for a great school year and stated that she was looking forward to Commencement next week.


ADJOURNMENT

President Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

APPROVED



Zachary Smith Howard, President




Dawn A. Downer, Vice President



Doris L. Gowan, Secretary



Kelly L. Foulk, Member



Larry J. Walker, Member