

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SCHOOL
CORPORATION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021**

PRESENT: Zachary T. Smith, Doris L. Gowan, Dawn A. Downer, Kelly L. Foulk, Bruce Hibbard, Jill Britt, Chase Huotari, Sharon Kight, Tyler Knight, Fred McWhorter, Kent Pettet, 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 Monday, January 11, 2021. All Board Members and news media had been duly notified and the agenda properly posted.

REGULAR MEETING

Mrs. Kelly Foulk called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. She led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Amy Matthews issued the Oath of Office to Mrs. Doris L. Gowan, the newly elected Board Member and welcomed her to the Board. Mrs. Gowan thanked her and introduced her family members. (Exhibit No. 21-01)

Ms. Matthews issued the Oath of Office to re-elected Board Member, Mrs. Kelly L. Foulk, and extended her congratulations to her. (Exhibit No. 21-02)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Foulk called for a motion to approve the agenda with the additional Consent Agenda Item 'I', Resolution to Transfer Funds to Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition and Ms. Downer seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD FOR 2021
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Matthews asked for nominations for the office of President. Ms. Downer nominated Mr. Zach Smith. Mrs. Gowan seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Ms. Matthews called for the vote which carried 4-0.

Ms. Matthews asked for nominations for the office of Vice President. President Smith nominated Mrs. Doris Gowan. Ms. Downer seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Ms. Matthews called for the vote which carried 4-0.

Ms. Matthews asked for nominations for the office of Secretary. President Smith nominated Ms. Dawn Downer. Mrs. Gowan seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Ms. Matthews called for the vote which carried 4-0.

Mrs. Foulk thanked everyone for working with her during her time as Board President and congratulated Mr. Smith.

APPOINTMENTS

President Smith read the list of School Board Appointments for 2021. (Exhibit No. 21-03)

Legislative Liaison	Kelly L. Foulk Zachary T. Smith
Central Nine Rep.	Dawn A. Downer
Central Nine Alt.	Larry J. Walker
CIESC Advisory Council	Dr. Chase Huotari
Franklin Township Ed. Foundation Rep.	Zachary T. Smith
Negotiations Team Rep.	Dawn A. Downer
Negotiations Team Alt.	Doris L. Gowan

Policy Review Committee Rep.	Doris L. Gowan
Designee to sign community supported residential/student contracts for IDOE	Dr. Bruce Hibbard
HSBT Administrative Rep.	Mr. Fred McWhorter II
HSBT FTEA President &/or Designee	Cathy Smith/Bryan Sawyers

APPROVE SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

President Smith made a motion to approve Church, Church, Hittle and Antrim as the School Board Attorneys. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-03)

APPROVE TREASURER AND DEPUTY TREASURER

President Smith made a motion to approve Mr. Fred McWhorter II as Treasurer and Mrs. Kaitlin Porter as Deputy Treasurer. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-03)

APPROVE SCHOOL BOARD SALARY FOR 2021

President Smith made a motion to approve the School Board Salary for 2021 as listed below. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-03)

Yearly Stipend	\$1,500
Regular Meetings	\$75
Special Meetings	\$60
Board Activities	\$60

APPROVE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2021

President Smith presented the Board Members and Administrators a list of tentative dates for Public Work Sessions to be added to list of School Board Meeting dates for 2021. He stated that he feels that the Work Sessions can be used for various agenda items throughout the year and recommended approval of both items. Ms. Downer seconded the motion. Mrs. Foulk asked if the dates are optional and questioned how will it be communicated to the public if they are cancelled. President Smith replied that the intent is to have the dates reserved and if there is not a need for a meeting, then the Administration can cancel the reservation. President Smith called for a vote to approve the meeting dates. The motion carried 3/1, with Ms. Downer, Mrs. Gowan and Mr. Smith voting in favor and Mrs. Foulk voting against. (Exhibit No. 21-04)

Dr. Hibbard stated that he and his team were not given any notice regarding appointing a Board Representative to the Teacher Negotiations Team and conveyed that he feels it is in violation of our School Board Policy which states that it is the Superintendent's role to determine the members of negotiation teams for collective bargaining. Mrs. Foulk asked Mrs. Matthews for the legal perspective on the issue. President Smith stated that other School Corporations have Board representation on their Negotiations Team and he feels it is a good idea. Dr. Hibbard replied that since he has been here our team has given the teachers more raises and treated them with more respect. Mrs. Foulk stated that she is not in favor of having a Board representative on the Negotiations Team. Ms. Downer stated that she feels it will be a relationship builder to have a representative from the Board on the team. Mr. McWhorter asked what the expectations of the representative will be, such as sit at the bargaining table, etc.

ACCEPT/APPROVE UNIFORM CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

President Smith made a motion to approve the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements submitted by Mr. Walker and Mr. Smith. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion. Ms. Downer stated that she was not given copies of the statements prior to the meeting. President Smith called for the vote which passed 3/0/1, with Mrs. Foulk, Mrs. Gowan and Mr. Smith voting in favor and Ms. Downer abstaining. (Exhibit No. 21-05)

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. Ms. Downer made a motion to approve the items. Mrs. Gowan seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 1. Regular Board Meeting - December 21, 2020
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 21-06)
- C. Year-End Appropriation Transfers 2020 (Exhibit No. 21-07)
- D. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 21-08)
- E. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 21-09)
- F. Donations (Exhibit No. 21-10)
- G. Fundraisers (Exhibit No. 21-11)
- H. Surplus Equipment for Disposal (Exhibit No. 21-12)
- I. Resolution to Transfer Funds to Rainy Day Fund (Exhibit No. 21-13)

DISCUSSION ITEMSCENTRAL NINE REPORT

Ms. Dawn Downer stated that she does not have an update from Central Nine as they have not had their January meeting, but conveyed that school is back in session and everything seems to be going well. She shared that she is grateful to continue as the liaison again this year.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

Ms. Dianne Miller-Wilson, FTEF Director, thanked Mrs. Foulk for her contributions to the School Board and to the Education Foundation over the past year. She shared the Executive Committee members for 2021: President-Monte Gardner, Vice President-Ryan Donovan, Secretary-Rebecca Cribbs, and Treasurer-Scott Donovan. She also conveyed a special thank-you to Dr. Kent Pettet for his leadership as acting President in 2020 and stated that while it was an unprecedented year, the Foundation was able to meet many of its goals because of the generosity and creativity of many individuals.

President Smith thanked Mrs. Miller-Wilson and Dr. Pettet.

ACTION ITEMSAPPROVE LIFETOUCH CONTRACT RENEWAL

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the Lifetouch Contract that was included in the Board meeting documentation and recommended approval. He stated that we solicited proposals for school pictures from three companies and only received a response from Lifetouch. He was pleased to convey that the renewed contract is better than our current contract. Ms. Downer motioned to approve the contract and Mrs. Gowan seconded. There being no questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote which carried 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-14)

APPROVE EDMENTUM CONTRACT

Dr. Chase Huotari recommended approval of the three-year agreement with Edmentum that was included in the Board packet. He explained that while Edmentum is being used this year for online-only learners, this contract is for online services used for credit recovery and alternative services and will replace GradPoint. Mrs. Gowan made a motion to approve the contract and Ms. Downer seconded. Ms. Downer stated that she has been informed that some of the features of the program are not accessible to everyone. Dr. Huotari replied that everyone should be able to access all of the features and our teachers have been working very hard to ensure our students are receiving all of the instructions needed to succeed. There being no additional questions or comments, President Smith called for the vote which passed 4-0. (Exhibit No. 21-15)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Foulk shared that she was unaware that she was going to be appointed Legislative Liaison for 2021 and conveyed that she is declining her appointment. President Smith stated that he will continue being the liaison for this year.

OLD BUSINESS

President Smith stated that at the October Board Meeting we received a presentation and a proposal regarding the equipment needed to live stream the Board Meetings. He made a motion to resurrect the quote from Blades Audio Visual and begin the process to be able to live streaming the meetings. Ms. Downer seconded the motion. He added that the quote was in the amount of \$9000 and while he realizes that some of the items may have had a price increase, he was approving to spend an additional \$500. Mrs. Foulk stated that she feels that since the item was not on the agenda, the Administration is not prepared to respond to the request. President Smith noted that he feels it will be used as an additional transparency tool. Mrs. Foulk replied that it is her opinion that the community comes to the meetings when there is an item of interest on the agenda and that they will not be viewing them via the internet. She added that she would much rather use the \$9500 for our students. Dr. Hibbard conveyed that he feels live streaming the meeting is a bad marketing tool for the district and not fair to our Administrators as the meetings will now become a reality program. He added that he feels it will be detrimental in acquiring future employment recruits. President Smith called for the vote to approve the quote from Blades Audio Visual. The motion carried 3/1, with Ms. Downer, Mrs. Gowan and Mr. Smith voting in favor and Mrs. Foulk voting against.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Bruce Hibbard stated that we should be proud of the fact that we, along with Perry Township Schools, are the only public School Corporations in Marion County that currently have students in our buildings. He shared that Dr. Virginia Caine, Director of Marion County Health Department, has changed the metric thus allowing students to attend in-person classes earlier than mid-January. Dr. Hibbard commended our students and teachers for their efforts in adjusting to the ever-changing mandates. Dr. Hibbard also recognized Mrs. Betsey Willard, Child Nutrition Director, who was in attendance for leading her team through these difficult months while still managing to feed all of our students.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Kelly Foulk thanked the Leadership Team as well as Chief Short and his team for the Board presentation today regarding the security in our buildings. She also thanked the officers for their service and for creating an environment that is safe for both students and staff.

President Smith commended and thanked Officer Rizzi for his efforts in creating a wonderful tool for students and our new employees regarding the safety and security of our School Corporation.

He welcomed Mrs. Dee Dee Gowan to the Board Member group.

Mrs. Gowan also thanked Officer Short and his team for the presentation today.

Ms. Dawn Downer welcomed everyone back to school and stated that she hoped it was off to a good start. She encouraged positive thoughts for our legislators at the state and national level.

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED



Zachary T. Smith, President



Doris L. Gowan, Vice President



Dawn A. Downer, Secretary



Kelly L. Foulk, Member

ABSENT

Larry J. Walker, Member

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

The Board of Education of the Franklin Township Community School Corporation, Marion County, Indiana, met for purposes of a Board of Finance Meeting at 6:00 P.M. at the Administration Offices, located at 6141 South Franklin Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46259, on Monday, January 11, 2021. All Board Members and news media had been duly notified and the agenda properly posted.

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

School Board President, Zachary Smith, called the Board of Finance Meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Smith motioned to keep the President and Secretary of the Board of Finance the same as are presently serving those positions on the Board of Education: President, Mr. Zachary Smith and Secretary, Ms. Dawn Downer. Ms. Downer seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

REVIEW OF INVESTMENT POLICY

Mr. Fred McWhorter II referred the Board Members to their copies of the Investment Income Policy (#F200) that was included in their packets. He stated that there have not been any changes made to the policy during the past year. There were no questions or comments. (Exhibit No. 21-16)

REVIEW OF INVESTMENT REPORT

Mr. Fred McWhorter II presented the 2020 Annual Investment Summary Report and the Investment Income History. He was thrilled to report that for the first time ever, the Corporation has earned over \$1M in interest this year and received \$37,464 in procurement card rebates. Mrs. Foulk commended both he and Mrs. Porter for their work in finding avenues to support our income. There were no other comments or questions. (Exhibit No. 21-17)

REVIEW OF DUAB FISCAL INDICATORS

Mr. Fred McWhorter II shared various details of the Fiscal Indicators Report that was submitted to the Distressed Unit Appeal Board (DUAB). He directed the Members to the DUAB website, gave an overview of the various information listed and conveyed that it is a tool that is available to anyone wishing to compare our current and past financial information. Ms. Downer asked if our GO Bonds are listed on the chart. Mr. McWhorter replied that they are included in the Debt Service Fund. Dr. Hibbard stated that while we have \$20M in our Rainy Day Fund, we have several Capital Projects that need to be addressed in the near future. He asked Mr. McWhorter if the Board Work Session date of February 8th could be used to share information regarding an upcoming project. Mr. McWhorter replied that we could use it to discuss the project at Kitley Intermediate. President Smith asked if there were any additional questions. There were none. (Exhibit No. 21-18)

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

APPROVED



Zachary T. Smith, President



Doris L. Gowan, Vice President



Dawn A. Downer, Secretary



Kelly L. Foulk, Member

ABSENT

Larry J. Walker, Member