

**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 19, 2008**

PRESENT: Matthew Hamner, Geoffrey Horen, Randall Bland, Steve Randall, Christopher Wood, Walter Bourke, Jim Snapp, Ron Blackgrave, Jim McWhirt, Barbara Fengya, Ann Puckett-Harpold, Jill Britt

The Board of Education of the Franklin Township Community School Corporation, Marion County, Indiana, met in Regular Session at 7:00 P.M. at the Administration Offices, located at 6141 South Franklin Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46259, on Monday, May 19, 2008. All Board Members and news media had been duly notified and the agenda properly posted.

REGULAR MEETING

President Hamner called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He offered the prayer and read the FTCSC Mission Statement.

President Hamner recognized and congratulated, Mr. Aaron Sullivan and Mr. C. Scott Veerkamp, Board members elect and stated that they will officially join the Board of Education on July 1, 2008.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Hamner stated that Dr. Bourke has submitted two additions to the agenda which are: Item number X, letter D, 'Accept Bid for Alterations to Diploma Plus High School' and Item number X, letter E, 'Accept Bid for Transportation Parking Lot'. Mr. Randall moved to approve the agenda with the changes and Mr. Horen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Hamner called for a motion to approve the minutes of an Executive Session and a Regular Board Meeting held on April 28, 2008. Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Bland seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0/1, with Mr. Horen abstaining due to his absence at the April meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

President Hamner opened the floor for comments from the community.

Maricha Ellis, 7346 Samuel Drive, Indianapolis, IN, 46259, stated that she has four children in the township schools, one at Franklin Central High School, one at Kitley, and two at Adams Elementary and is here to address a couple of issues. She commented that the first issue is that of communication with her child's third grade teacher. She noted that from November 27, 2007 until January 7, 2008, she was trying to get an update on her child's grades and that they were not being updated. Ms. Ellis stated that she did not find out that her son had failed a PE assignment for not turning it in until three weeks afterwards and that the procedure followed did not agree with what was written in the Adams Elementary Student Handbook. She continued stating that the assignment was sent to school and that she did follow the proper channels in trying to resolve the issue. She indicated that the principal has successfully made improvements for the updating of student grades, but wanted the Board to consider implementing a policy regarding the expectations of the teachers in keeping the Harmony System current and also a policy for teacher/parent communication. She stated that some of the teachers respond quickly while others seem to have difficulty finding the time. She noted that it is difficult to correct a grade problem after several days or weeks have passed.

Mr. Hamner thanked Ms. Ellis for her comments and stated that Dr. Bourke has made note of her issues and will be looking into them.

Mr. Horen asked Dr. Bourke that while he is investigating her issues to insure that the Harmony System is being used in a timely manner by the teachers as it was intended. Dr. Bourke

responded that due to the fact that these items are potential teacher contractual issues, they will be added to the Franklin Township Education Association's meeting agenda for discussion.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Kitley reported that the work on the Envoy Contract is complete and that Dr. Bourke faxed him a copy of the proposed contract with the Convention Center for holding next year's high school graduation ceremony. He stated that there are a few items in the contract that need to be addressed before its approval: who will be responsible for the seating, the sound system, security, damages, etc.

DR. WALTER BOURKE, SUPERINTENDENT

Elisabeth Good Scholarship

Dr. Bourke introduced Ms. Elisabeth Good, a retired Franklin Township Community School Corporation teacher.

Ms. Good stated that this is the 24th time that she has been in attendance to award scholarships and that she is very happy that she made the decision years ago to encourage and motivate teachers to pursue a career in education administration. She noted that she has awarded 34 scholarships in the past 24 years. She introduced this year's recipients – Cindy Andry, 4th grade teacher at Bunker Hill Elementary and Debra French-Allbright, Music Teacher at Kitley Intermediate School.

Dr. Bourke thanked Ms. Good for her continued involvement with our school corporation and for her contribution to the teaching profession. President Hamner offered the Board's gratitude to Ms. Good for recognizing two of the township's great educators. He stated that his children have been students of both Ms. Andry and Ms. French-Allbright and they have had wonderful experiences in both of their classes. He added that he feels that these two teachers truly love their students and their profession.

Update on 2008-2009 Staffing

Dr. Bourke referred the Board members to the 2008-2009 Staffing Summary (Exhibit No. 08-55) that they received in their Board materials and stated that this is a staffing 'plan' because it will certainly be changing once the actual enrollment numbers and requirements are determined. He explained that the Summary, which is primarily due to the opening of our new intermediate and our new middle school, indicates the certified staff cost reductions, additions and growth equaling a cost avoidance of \$400,632.00. He continued noting the cost reductions and additions to the clerical staff, the assistants, the custodians, and the security personnel. Dr. Bourke reported that the overall cost reduction/avoidance in our 2008 staffing currently totals \$1,254,330.20.

Mr. Hamner asked if the salary listed of \$97,190.00 for our Chief of Police was correct. Mr. Blackgrave replied that his base salary was near \$60,000.00 and the rest is overtime for covering events, etc. Dr. Bourke stated that the \$97,190.00 was the actual amount that we paid him in 2007.

Dr. Bourke stated that he is pleased with the savings totals, but conveyed that he is positive that there will be some changes in these figures before the opening of school.

DR. JIM SNAPP – ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Update on 2009 Graduation

Dr. Snapp stated that Mr. Kitley has already commented on the proposed contract for holding Franklin Central High School's 2009 graduation ceremony at the Indy Convention Center. He stated that Mr. Koers has done a nice job working through the details and that the ceremony will be on Friday, May 22nd rather than on the traditional Wednesday. He commented that Mr. Koers has discussed with the Teachers' Association the possibility of the teachers wearing robes and marching in with the students. Dr. Snapp noted that Friday, May 22, 2009 is a scheduled work day for the staff.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT – MR. JIM MCWHIRT, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS
Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports

Mr. McWhirt stated that the Fund and Expenditure Summary Report (Exhibit No. 08-56) is for expenditures through April 30, 2008 and asked for questions or comments. There being no questions, President Hamner asked for a motion to approve the report. Mr. Bland moved for approval of the report. Mr. Wood seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims

Mr. McWhirt asked for approval of the Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 08-57) and asked for questions or comments. Mr. Bland inquired about voucher number 1609, Fund 0100 and 0410, paid to St. Francis Occupational in the amount of \$1,096.00 for Health Services/Physicals. Mr. McWhirt responded that they are for required drug testing fees for bus drivers and other employees. Mr. Randall asked about voucher number 1618, paid to Tillmans Van & Truck in the amount of \$2,437.87 which is being paid with Capital Projects Funds. He inquired as to what was purchased for one of our vehicles at a place of business that sells camper shells, etc. Mr. McWhirt replied that he will research the invoice and respond to the Board members in the morning via e-mail. Mr. Bland motioned to approve the Vouchers and Payroll Claims and Mr. Horen seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Approve Tax Anticipation Warrant Resolution

Mr. McWhirt referred the members to the memo regarding the 2008 Mid-Year Tax Anticipation Warrants that was included in their Board meeting materials (Exhibit No. 08-58) and commented that he has previously spoken to them about having to borrow funds due to the fact that we have not yet received the 2008 tax distribution and do not anticipate receiving those funds before June 30, 2008. He commented that we need to borrow approximately \$21,100,000 for deposit into the General Fund, the Debt Service Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, and the Transportation Fund. He asked the Board members for their approval of the resolution and stated that we will advertise it in the newspaper as required by law. Mr. Randall asked how much money it will cost the corporation to borrow the funds. Mr. McWhirt replied that the cash flow borrowing because of the 2008 tax payment delays will cost the school corporation about \$450,000 this year. Mr. Horen responded that he is glad that his term is coming to an end because items such as these make him angry and leave us with no choice but to borrow money because the monies due us don't arrive in a timely fashion. Mr. Bland commented that we really don't have a choice because if we don't approve the resolution we will not be able to pay our bills. Mr. McWhirt agreed. Mr. Wood stated that it is very frustrating for everyone to work so hard at saving money throughout the district and then year after year we have to borrow funds due to the fact that our tax payments are delayed. Mr. Randall made a motion to approve the Tax Anticipation Warrant Resolution. Mr. Horen seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Approve School Lunch Prices for 2008-2009

Mr. McWhirt recommended approval to increase the price for students' breakfasts by 5 cents and students' lunches by 10 cents for the 2008-09 school year (Exhibit No. 08-59). Mr. Wood asked if we have spent down the surplus funds in this account that was of concern in 2006. Mr. McWhirt noted that while he was not employed here at that time, he understands that the Board wants to keep the account in a certain range and it will be within that range. He stated that he projects that by June 30, 2008 the school lunch fund will break even for this current school year. Mr. McWhirt continued stating that he feels he is being responsible in recommending an increase for the breakfast and lunch prices for this coming school year because of the continual rising cost of food. Mr. Wood asked if these price increases would place our corporation at the top for having the highest lunch prices compared to other school districts in our area. Mr. McWhirt replied that these new prices are being compared with the other districts current prices and we would be at the top, but also reminded Board members that compared to other school corporations, we have one of the fewest amount of students which we receive federal assistance for. Mr. Wood responded that a few years ago the surplus in that account was almost a \$1 million and they said it was being saved to purchase equipment, but the equipment purchased was paid for out of the Capital Project Fund and he feels we shouldn't burden the students and parents

unnecessarily. Mr. McWhirt replied that this increase will not be resulting in unreasonable cash balances and he projects it will be close to \$74,000 while the total expenditures for the program are in excess of \$3 million.

President Hamner asked for clarification of the surplus amount in the Food Service Account. Mr. McWhirt responded that he projects that that we will have an \$800,000 balance at the end of June 2008 and roughly a \$600,000 balance with the recommended increase at the end of June 2009. He commented that it is intended to be a self-sufficient operation and that we need to set aside some monies for unexpected emergencies such as replacement equipment purchases which are costly. Mr. Hamner asked Mr. McWhirt to confirm that without the increase we will still have an estimated \$580,000 balance in the account. Mr. McWhirt agreed.

Mr. Horen asked Mr. McWhirt to explain the cash flow scenario in this account and inquired as to why he feels it necessary to carry such a high cash balance. Mr. McWhirt stated that for nine months we have cash revenue coming into that account yet the expenses continue for twelve months. Dr. Bourke commented that we want to keep enough money in reserve to cover the rise in food costs, the possible expense of replacing a cooler and its product, payroll, etc. and stated that we are trying to slow the rate at which the fund is decreasing instead of not increasing the cost of meals at all and then having an emergency resulting in the necessity for a huge price increase at one time. Following further discussion, Mr. Horen stated that his concern is the balance and while we whittled it down last year by moving \$200,000 to the General Fund and this year by moving \$100,000, why should we add another increase to our students and parents. Mr. McWhirt reminded the Board members that each year the program grows resulting in a growth of expenses and stated that we want the cash balance to reflect that growth. Mr. Wood commented that it seems we are raising the prices to rebuild the balance, when our goal a few years ago was to minimize the balance in that account. Mr. Randall stated that the fund is at the same balance that it was two years ago, but we are no longer providing them money to repair equipment and they have also gained the expenses that the corporation was funding for them previously. Mr. McWhirt noted that a lot of the kitchens are fairly new and the repair costs have been minimal, but that can and will most likely change.

After further discussions, Mr. Bland commented that he feels Mr. McWhirt's figures are very conservative and that we will reduce the balance at a much faster rate than he predicts because of the rising cost of food and other related expenses. Mr. Horen asked that if we choose not to approve the increase thus creating a fund deficit for the year of \$120,000, would the deficit be salary expenses or food price increases. Mr. McWhirt replied that it would be all inclusive, salary, fuel, food, repairs, etc. Mr. Bland stated that he has trusted Mr. McWhirt's decisions and he would rather be cautious now rather than having to increase the cost of our lunches significantly next year. Mr. Randall moved for approval of the school breakfast and lunch price increases for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Bland seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Approve Donation to Bunker Hill Elementary from State Farm Foundation

Mr. McWhirt stated that Bunker Hill Elementary has received a donation from the State Farm Companies Foundation in the amount of \$500.00 (Exhibit No. 08-60) as a match for Laura Bohnert's volunteer service at the school and asked the Board members to accept the donation. He noted that the principal, Mr. Jagers, will use the funds to purchase additional math software for the students. Mr. Randall moved for approval of the donation and Mr. Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

President Hamner asked that we formally thank the State Farm Companies Foundation for their generous donation.

OPERATIONS REPORT – MR. RON BLACKGRAVE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR OPERATIONS Construction Update

Mr. Blackgrave commented that even though we don't have current plans for any projects and will not be needing the services of Envoy, he met with Larry Dawson and explained that we will still be using them as our construction manager, but will not be signing a formal contract.

He noted that we will be working with them on an 'as needed' basis using a letter of agreement. Mr. Randall asked if Envoy was not in agreement with portions of the contract such as being held accountable for some of the items. Mr. Blackgrave replied that he along with Mr. Dawson and Mr. Kitley did come to an agreement on the contract and noted that Mr. Kitley does not like any AIA Contract and works hard to alter them for the benefit of the school corporation.

Mr. Blackgrave directed the Board's attention to the Construction Update (Exhibit No. 08-61). He stated that we are monitoring the construction of FTMS-East and reported that we are making our deadlines, however, we are having issues with the manufacturer of the student lockers and it is quite possible that we won't receive them until July.

Mr. Blackgrave reported that Mrs. Stevenson has moved into her office at the new Edgewood Intermediate School and that she would love to give the Board members a tour of the new facility.

Mr. Blackgrave commented that the maintenance on the football stadium has resumed and is back on track following the receiving of some incorrect materials. Mr. Hamner added that he wants the public to understand that the \$4.3 million structure would crumble if we chose not to spend the money to have it repaired.

Approve Change Order for Drive at Freshman Academy

Mr. Blackgrave reminded Board members of the previous conversation regarding the expansion of the drive at the Freshman Academy. He explained that during this project one of the contractors installed a retaining wall without running the pipe underneath it and this mistake worked to our advantage because while it was going to cost the contractor a large amount of money to take the wall out and reconstruct it correctly, we negotiated with them to incorporate their error into something we wanted. Mr. Blackgrave recommended that the Board members approve a change order in the amount of \$95,000 for the drive at the Freshman Academy that was originally priced at nearly \$200,000. Mr. Horen moved for approval of the change order in the amount of \$95,000. Mr. Randall seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Offsite Sewer Update

Mr. Blackgrave referred the Board members to the documents they received at their places regarding township drainage and soil erosion issues (Exhibit No. 08-62). He reported that we are working on the drainage issue along Edgewood, Indian Creek and the pond that is in that addition. He stated that he recently had a meeting with representatives from the Skillman Corp., Poindexter Excavating, and Schmidt Associates to discuss the issues and to begin to develop a plan and a timeline to resolve them. He asked the Board members to familiarize themselves with the documentation and stated that he will be keeping them informed of the progress of the situation. Mr. Blackgrave commented that the contractors did cause the drainage problems and for the most part they are admitting their mistake and will accept responsibility for correcting it. He also stated that we will be communicating with the property owners and neighbors to share the timelines for correcting the issues. Mr. Hamner remarked that while we have admitted that we have caused Mr. Ingall's property problems on two separate occasions, we need to be sure and resolve it as soon as possible. Mr. Wood commented that the documentation does not support it being the contractors fault. Mr. Blackgrave replied that the most recent report indicates that he disagrees and feels that Poindexter Excavating is responsible. Mr. Wood stated that he feels that it is solely their responsibility to correct the drainage issues. Dr. Bourke noted that we are holding onto their retainage fee until we are satisfied with the outcome of these issues. Mr. Wood commented that instead of fixing the problems correctly, they have been 'band aiding' the problems which have created more issues and caused more headaches for property owners. Mr. Blackgrave added that the engineers have deduced the same from their investigation and site visits. Following further discussion and comments, Mr. Wood noted that he does not plan on signing off on any of the school construction projects until the draining issues are completely resolved. He asked if the items from the Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District which are listed as needing to be corrected prior to May 16, 2008, have been resolved. Mr. Blackgrave replied that he has not yet received the report. Mr. Hamner asked Mr.

Blackgrave to e-mail the Board members as soon as he receives it. Mr. Blackgrave agreed to do so.

Approve Facility Rental Agreement Form and Process

Mr. Blackgrave stated that he previously shared the Facility Usage Guidelines with the Board members at the last meeting and that Dr. Bourke has commented that we are recouping some of our paid overtime hours through this process. He noted that in the proposed Rental Agreement to use one of our buildings for a non-school function there is a nominal usage fee and also a charge for our personnel's overtime hours which we currently have been absorbing. Mr. Blackgrave added that the Agreement is in line with the existing Board Policy, but it outlines specific items such as each organization/group must have liability insurance, etc. Mr. Hamner asked Mr. Bland if he compared the proposed Facility Rental Agreement Form with the current Board Policy. Mr. Bland responded that he did compare them and asked Mr. Blackgrave for some clarification. He asked what the usage fee would be for a non-profit organization. Mr. Blackgrave replied that if it is governmental/civic/school group the fee is zero, but they will pay a fee for security and custodial services. He continued stating that if it is a for profit or a non-school organization they will be charged a fee to cover the meeting space to offset the cost of lights, heat, etc. as well as the fee for security and custodial services. A discussion followed regarding our definition and determination of the 'non-for-profit' status (501C3) of a group with Dr. Bourke stating that sometimes it can be confusing because some of our community members may be connected to the organization. Mr. Bland asked that the guidelines include clarification of status determination and noted that he would like to see them in their final form prior to voting on them. Mr. Blackgrave stated that they are in their final form and he would be glad to add the portion regarding a group's profit or non-profit determination status. Mr. Bland asked if, as previously discussed, the sports organizations were going to supply their own security officers and custodial services which will come out of their participants' fees. Mr. Blackgrave agreed. Dr. Bourke responded that because we already have custodians on duty during the Friday night games, the sports teams would not be liable to pay someone extra. Mr. Bland commented that he is not opposed to voting on it this evening if the non-profit determination status is going to be added. Mr. Randall asked if the AAU Teams that use our facilities pay a fee and noted that it has come to his attention that those teams have taken precedence over our own student's practices which he disagrees with. Mr. Blackgrave replied that while he is not aware if the teams are currently paying a fee or who has taken precedence of the practice facilities he stated that if the Board passes the Agreement, as of July 1st the AAU Teams will be paying a fee to use our facilities. President Hamner asked Mr. Bland if he was comfortable with approving the Rental Agreement this evening. Mr. Bland stated that he was. President Hamner asked for a motion to approve the Facility Rental Agreement Form and Process. Mr. Bland made a motion to approve the Agreement and Mr. Randall seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Accept Bid for Transportation Parking Lot

Mr. Blackgrave referred the Board members to the bid tabulation sheet for the addition to the Transportation Parking Lot (Exhibit No. 08-63). He explained that the low base bid which does not include fencing or an additional row of parking is in the amount of \$137,026 and is from Harco Asphalt Paving, Inc. Mr. Randall asked if this proposed parking lot addition will be large enough to handle the projected enrollment growth. He stated that he does not want to find out two years from now that we need to increase the parking space for buses once again. Dr. Bourke commented that we have had to increase our bus fleet due to our school corporation going from a 3-tier bus route to a 2-tier bus route. Mr. Blackgrave noted that the base bid amount of \$137,026 is for 20 parking spaces which will most likely only accommodate our growth for a couple of years and that is why we asked the bidders to give us alternate prices for fencing and for another row of 20 parking spaces. Mr. Horen asked Mr. McWhirt what his opinion was for paying to add the additional spaces at today's prices versus waiting a couple of years. Mr. McWhirt stated that since funds are scarce he would have to be convinced that we will be in need of the extra spaces. Mr. Blackgrave commented that the base bid price includes the electrical to enable us to plug the buses in during the winter months. Mr. Hamner stated that he would prefer only adding the necessary 20 spaces because the current housing market has slowed our enrollment growth and experts do not predict that it will improve soon. President Hamner asked for a motion to accept the bid to add additional bus parking spaces at Transportation. Mr. Horen motioned to accept

Harco Paving's base bid in the amount of \$137,026 for adding an additional 20 bus parking spaces. Mr. Randall seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Accept Bid for Alterations to Diploma Plus High School

Mr. Blackgrave stated that the existing Alternative School is in need of alteration in order for it to be suitable for the Franklin Township Diploma Plus High School curriculum. He stated that we looked at moving the program to various locations, but determined that keeping it in the same location as the existing Alternative School was the best and most economical option. He referred the Board members to the bid recommendation information (Exhibit No. 08-64) and stated that the low bid was by Hasser Construction in the amount of \$138,500. Mr. Blackgrave explained that this is a short term solution because if and/or when the program increases in enrollment a larger space will have to be provided. He added that the possibility of portable classrooms or building additions has been discussed and is workable on the existing site. President Hamner asked for a motion to approve the alterations to the Alternative School in the amount of \$138,500. Mr. Wood moved to approve the bid amount and Mr. Horen seconded. Mr. Bland commented that he is concerned that we are spending funds to renovate a facility that might not be used in a couple of years. Dr. Bourke responded that we will always have a need to use the facility and it could be easily converted to a different variety of alternative education building, be used by Ivy Tech, or even partnerships with other organizations. There being no further questions or comments, President Hamner called for the vote. The motion passed 5-0.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – MRS. JILL BRITT, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Personnel Report

Mrs. Britt stated that included in the Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 08-65) are 3 middle school math teachers and 1 high school chemistry teacher for next school year. She added that the report also includes 12 certified terminations, 5 certified transfers, and several classified staff changes due to the opening of the two new schools. Mrs. Britt recommended approval of the Personnel Report. There being no questions, Mr. Hamner requested approval of the report. Mr. Bland motioned to approve the Personnel Report. Mr. Horen seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Approve Non-Renewals and Reductions in Force

Mrs. Britt moved that the Board of School Trustees of the Franklin Township Community School Corporation non-renew the teaching contracts, effective at the end of the current school year, of the following nonpermanent teachers: Doug Hadley, Carla Kerulis, and Patrick Rowland. Mrs. Britt also moved that the Board of School Trustees of the Franklin Township Community School Corporation cancel the teaching contract, effective at the end of the current school year, of the following semi-permanent teacher: Jill Gilford. Mr. Randall inquired as to how long the three non-permanent teachers have been teaching in the township. Mrs. Britt replied that they all have been teaching one or two years and Ms. Gilford has been teaching here for three years. There being no further questions, Mr. Randall moved to approve the non-renewals and reductions in force. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Horen asked if our bus drivers receive benefits and stated that he has heard that the Center Grove School Corporation is considering eliminating the benefits for their part time employees which would include their bus drivers. He commented that he is mentioning it because we might be able to acquire some experienced drivers if we have a need for them.

INSTRUCTION REPORT – MRS. BARBARA FENGYA, DIRECTOR OF SECONDARY INSTRUCTION & MRS. ANN PUCKETT-HARPOLD, DIRECTOR OF ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION

Approve Waiver for Non-Standard Course – 2D and 3D Art

Mrs. Barb Fengya stated that she is recommending approval of a Waiver for a Non-Standard Course which is 2D and 3D Art (Exhibit No. 08-66). She explained that at the last meeting the

Board approved the curriculum map for Introduction to 2D and 3D Art and in order for the course to be in good standing with the State, we must submit a waiver to them. Mr. Hamner asked if the approval of this course would require an additional teacher which could reduce the number of teachers in another subject area. Mrs. Fengya replied that it will not require an additional teacher, we are essentially reorganizing our curriculum offerings. Mr. Bland asked what the anticipated enrollment was for the class. Mrs. Fengya responded that because it is an introductory level class all freshmen coming into the Visual Arts Department will be taking it which she speculates to be 100 or more students. She added that upper level classmen will also be required to take this introductory class before branching off into ceramics, painting or any other visual art classes. President Hamner asked for a motion to approve the Waiver. Mr. Bland motioned to approve and Mr. Randall seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Present and Approval of AVID Curriculum Maps

Mrs. Fengya recommended approval of the AVID Curriculum Maps for 8th Grade, 9th Grade and 10th Grade (Exhibit No. 08-67) and stated that one of the items that was addressed by the Curriculum Audit Team was the fact that we did not have Curriculum Maps for the AVID Class. She explained to the Board members that we did not have maps for the class because it was a new class and now that we are offering the class for 8th, 9th and 10th graders we have developed the correlating maps. Mr. Randall moved for approval of the maps. Mr. Wood seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Dr. Bourke commented that he had the privilege of attending the AVID Program Celebration last week which was attended by students and teachers and stated that student after student shared how this program has changed their attitude towards school. He added that they vowed to keep their grades up and instead of looking for ways to stay out of school, they are looking forward to graduating and continuing their education. Dr. Bourke commented that he hopes that the program continues to be a tremendous success. President Hamner thanked Mrs. Fengya and her staff for helping the program and the students succeed.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT – MR. GEOFF HOREN

Mr. Horen reported that the Fast Flash 5K was very successful and he thanked the members of the Foundation Board as well as the community for their hard work in making it a successful event. He stated that their efforts will now be directed to the July 10th Golf Outing and noted that he will be sharing information about it at the next meeting.

CENTRAL NINE REPORT – MR. CHRIS WOOD

Mr. Wood reported that the Central Nine Governing Board met on May 8 at which time they discussed the Facilities Project. He noted that Phase I of the project is coming to a close and that they have recently shared information regarding Phase II with the nine superintendents. He reported that they approved the Technology Equipment Plan for next school year, increased the substitute pay from \$60/day to \$65/day and also received the first draft of the 2008-09 operating budget. Mr. Wood noted that the Central Nine Summer Session will begin on June 9th.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

COMMENTS

Mr. Horen commented that he has been on the Board for the past four years and stated that, irrelevant to the any of the political candidates, he is extremely disappointed in the distortion of

facts that Tom John and the Marion County Republican Central Committee distributed to our community prior to the election. He stated that when someone takes pieces of the truth and distorts them, he feels that it is irresponsible and highly inappropriate. He noted that he was embarrassed and angry because he knows that the Board members have worked hard and have spent hours trying to make responsible and solid decisions for our School Corporation. He added that it angers him almost as much as the Tax Anticipation Warrants.

Mr. Bland stated that he has contacted Mike Murphy as well as the Republican Committee and encouraged the other Board members to do the same. He noted that he does not appreciate being drug through the mud over a political issue when the facts that were distributed were eroded.

Mr. Wood commented that he feels that the Board should send an official response via a signed letter to the Committee and also feels that the community deserves a response from the Board members.

Mr. Randall stated that he is going to wait to respond because he is currently too angry.

Mr. Hamner stated that he would not comment because of the personal nature of the situation, but wanted to thank Mr. Horen for having the courage to voice his opinion in a public and official capacity. He also thanked the other Board members for defending the decisions of the Board during their tenures.

Dr. Bourke commented that as the Board members are aware he has posted a response on behalf of the School Corporation on our website and has also circulated the information to school district employees in an effort to share it with the community. He stated that he has not distributed it to the media and nor to the Republican Committee. He volunteered to draft a letter for the Board members to sign to accompany the response.

Mr. Bland stated that he would be interested in signing such a letter because several of our constituents read the flyers and were genuinely concerned about the reported statements.

Mr. Randall commented that no matter what was reported, he appreciates the job that Dr. Bourke and his staff has done during the past two years. He noted that Dr. Bourke has managed to cut over \$1 million each year and has been instrumental in guiding us through the difficulties associated with balancing an inherited budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Randall moved to adjourn the meeting. President Hamner declared the meeting adjourned 9:20 p.m.

APPROVED

Matthew L. Hamner, President

Christopher Wood, Secretary

Geoffrey W. Horen, Vice President

Steve Randall, Member

Randall Bland, Member