

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SCHOOL
CORPORATION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008**

PRESENT: Steve Randall, Christopher Wood, Aaron Sullivan, C. Scott Veerkamp, 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, October 20, 2008. All Board Members and news media had been duly notified and the agenda properly posted.

REGULAR MEETING

President Randall called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He offered the prayer and read the FTCSC Mission Statement.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Randall called for a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Bourke stated that we would like to remove Item III, C1, 'Purchase of Property Adjacent to FCHS', to be discussed at a later date. Mr. Wood moved to approve the agenda as amended and Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

President Randall opened the floor for comments from the community. There were no comments from the community.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Randall asked the Board members if there were any questions or comments regarding the items listed on the consent agenda. He inquired as to whether or not the new position of Custodial Manager at the high school listed on the Personnel Report was posted prior to hiring a candidate and was the candidate a prior employee. Mrs. Britt replied that the position was created following the re-organization of the custodial staffing at the high school and that the candidate was working as a part-time custodial substitute. Mr. Randall stated that he disagrees with the process that was followed because he feels that we need to give our current employees a chance to at least apply for positions that are created and/or become open.

President Randall called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Dr. Bourke introduced Ms. Martha Johnson to the Board members and stated that with the approval of the Personnel Report, she will be joining the FTCSC Administrative Team as Director of Student Services. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the following list of consent agenda items. Mr. Veerkamp seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting – September 15, 2008
 - 2. Special Board Meeting – October 6, 2008
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 08-129)
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 08-130)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 08-131)

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. John Kitley reported that everything is quiet and he has nothing to report. He asked the Board members if they had any questions. There were none.

CURRICULUM REPORT

Dr. Jim Snapp stated that there is no curriculum report this evening and that they will share some information with the Board later in the agenda.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Ron Blackgrave referred the Board members to their copies of the Operations Update that were included in their Board Packets (Exhibit No. 08-132) and asked for questions or comments. He noted that estimates for repairing the parapet walls in the high school gym have increased to roughly \$233,000 and stated that we will be sending the work out for bid in January and hopefully will be able to reduce the price of the current estimate.

Mr. Wood asked what is being done to address the overflowing of the ponds in the FTMS-East area. Mr. Blackgrave replied that the pond is at capacity, yet the city is continually pumping water into it, causing it to overflow. He added that we have been in contact with the City to address the issues. Mr. Wood commented that if they could increase the overflow elevation of the pond it would increase the volume of water that it could hold before it overflows. Mr. Blackgrave stated that they have just been informed that the sidewalks were poured incorrectly causing some of the issues, but the elevations in various areas were also incorrect. He commented that we will be having further conversations to determine what company is responsible for fixing the problems. Mr. Wood commented that it is totally unacceptable to ask the taxpayers to deal with the icy road caused by the overflowing water for a second winter in a row and feels that we deserve a solution as soon as possible. Mr. Blackgrave stated that he is in frequent contact with Verkler Construction and Schmidt and Associates to try to rectify the problems and he will continue to convey the Board's feelings to them.

Mr. Randall asked Mr. Blackgrave if some of the surplus computers that are being offered to FTCSC students and staff members for a small fee via a lottery drawing have been saved for use by our Parent Teacher Organizations. Mr. Blackgrave replied that each building has already been given a computer and a thumb drive for use by their Parent Organization. Mr. Randall thanked Mr. Blackgrave and Dr. Bourke for overseeing that project. Mr. Veerkamp asked if these computers were surplus computers. Dr. Bourke replied that these computers are at least 6 years old and are not of sufficient speed to run on our network, but will be able to be used as a stand alone station.

Mr. Sullivan asked if all of the schools have access to ELMO projectors like the ones that they saw on their building tour at our 2 new schools. Mr. Blackgrave replied that each building principal sends their Capital Projects Fund (CPF) requests to Mr. McWhirt for purchase authorization. He added that the Technology Department also purchases various equipment for schools in an effort to keeping technology up-to-date at all levels.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

Mr. C. Scott Veerkamp reported that the Education Foundation had their Franklin 500 Campaign Kick-Off on October 14th which raised about \$4000 towards their goal of \$250,000. He added that the campaign runs through December 31, 2008. He also reported that the Cow Pie Event was a success and raised \$760. Mr. Veerkamp stated that information regarding a Vehicle Donation Program will be forthcoming.

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Mr. Christopher Wood stated that the last Central Nine Governing Board meeting was held on October 9 and that he was out of town on business and unable to attend. He did remind the Board members and Administrators that they received invitations to attend the C-9 Governing Board Banquet to be held on November 13, at 6:00 p.m. and encouraged their participation at that event.

SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS

Dr. Snapp stated that we are in the second reading of reviewing the revisions to the 5000 Series of the School Board Policies. He noted that we have minor modifications for 3 of the policies. Dr. Bourke stated that at the last meeting it became obvious that Mr. Kitley had not seen the set of policies prior to receiving them in his Board packet, therefore, the Board asked him to review them and to meet with Dr. Snapp and Mr. Bland to discuss his recommendations. Dr. Snapp replied that a meeting did take place, but the focus was not to go over each item in the 5000 Series because he and Mr. Bland had met in September for that purpose. He continued stating that the meeting, in keeping with the Policy Review timeline, was to review the 3000 and 4000 Series of Board Policies. Dr. Bourke asked Dr. Snapp along with all interested parties to meet and review the 5000 Series Policies and any future policies with Mr. Kitley, Board Attorney, prior to their adoption. He asked that the changes or objections from Mr. Kitley be noted so the Board can make the proper determination for each Policy. Mr. Kitley stated that at the last meeting Dr. Snapp agreed to contact him regarding a date to meet to review the 5000 Series and that when they met on October 8 they did not review the 5000 Series Policies they reviewed a different Series. Dr. Bourke commented that the direction for Dr. Snapp was just clarified and that he is to meet with Mr. Kitley prior to the final adoption or approval of each Board Policy Series.

Dr. Snapp reviewed the three changes to the following 5000 Series Policies:

Policy 5330.02 – CARE OF STUDENTS WITH DIABETES

Letter ‘A’ – Reads: the licensed health care practitioner

Change to: the licensed **family** health care practitioner

Policy 5460 – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Replace current policy with revised policy (Exhibit No. 08-133)

Policy 5512 – USE OF TOBACCO

1st Sentence - Reads: In order to protect students who choose to use tobacco

Change to: In order to protect students who choose **not** to use tobacco

Dr. Bourke commented that Mr. Kitley is suggesting that we delete the references to Indiana Code that appear on several of the Policies in the NEOLA template. He asked Dr. Snapp if he and Mr. Bland had discussed this issue. Dr. Snapp replied that Mr. Bland prefers the references be removed and feels that the Administration would like to leave them for ease of reference, but stated that it should be a Board decision. There being no further questions or comments, Dr. Snapp stated that they intend to bring the Board Policy 5000 Series which pertains to Students to the Board for approval at the November 24 meeting.

ADM REPORT

Mr. Jim McWhirt reported that our total ADM for the 2008-09 school year is 8309.62 students. He noted that it reflects a 188.97 student increase from last year. Mr. Wood commented that it is the smallest increase that he has remembered for quite a few years. Mr. McWhirt agreed with Mr. Wood stating that it is almost a 140 student decrease from the 2007-08 school year and nearly a 350 student decrease from the 06-07 year.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR EIS WALKING PATH

Mr. Ron Blackgrave commented that he is bringing back for Board approval the Change Order for the Walking Path at Edgewood Intermediate. He stated that the walking path was a \$51,000 addition to the job which we are paying for from a \$84,000 deduction which still gives us a credit of \$34,356. He noted that the principal asked for the walking path so that the students in physical education classes and students on recess could use it for exercise. He asked for the Boards’ approval of the Change Order. A discussion followed. Mr. Sullivan asked if the Administration has to get Board approval for changes to construction projects. Dr. Bourke replied ‘no’ we don’t have to, but that the Administration prefers the Board members know what

changes are taking place throughout the district. President Randall asked for a motion to approve the Change Order for the Walking Path at Edgewood Intermediate. Mr. Wood made motion to approve the Change Order. Mr. Veerkamp seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

Dr. Jim Snapp asked Mrs. Puckett-Harpold to present the Supplemental Educational Services Contract (Exhibit No. 08-134) to the Board members. Mrs. Puckett-Harpold stated that the contract is for tutoring services for students at Arlington Elementary. She noted that we invited parents to an informational meeting in September and that we already have 40 students signed up and can accommodate 75 students. Mr. Randall asked if our township teachers are going to do the tutoring. Mrs. Puckett-Harpold stated that we have asked all of the providers to hire Franklin Township educators. Dr. Bourke stated that because this is a Title I Program we cannot include the verbiage in the contract to only hire our educators, but that they have been encouraged to do so. President Randall asked for a motion to approve the Supplemental Educational Services Contract. Mr. Sullivan moved to approve the Contract and Mr. Veerkamp seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

APPROVE FIELD TRIPS

Dr. Jim Snapp recommended the Board's approval for the Edgewood Intermediate, Kitley Intermediate, FTMS West and FTMS East band students to travel to Kings Island for the Showcase Music Festival on May 9, 2009 (Exhibit No. 08-135). Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the field trip. Mr. Wood seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

APPROVE ADVERTISEMENT OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR RAINY DAY FUND AND DEBT SERVICE FUND

Mr. Jim McWhirt stated that he is asking the Board to approve advertisement of additional appropriations for the Rainy Day Fund and the Debt Service Fund (Exhibit No. 08-136). He explained that he is requesting that we appropriate \$3,500,000 from the Rainy Day Fund to cover salaries that are normally paid from the General Fund and also appropriate \$320,000 in the Debt Service Fund for interest expenses. He added that with the Board's approval a public hearing will take place prior to the regular Board Meeting on November 24, 2008. There being no questions or comments, President Randall asked for a motion to approve the advertisement. Mr. Veerkamp motioned to approve and Mr. Sullivan seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

APPROVE REVISED PETITION FOR EXCESS LEVY APPEALS

Mr. Jim McWhirt asked the Board members to approve the Revised Petition for Excess Levy Appeals (Exhibit No. 08-137) which consists of New Facility Appeals for Edgewood Intermediate and Middle School East and Shortfall Appeals from budget years 2007 and 2008. He noted that the total amount on the petition is \$1,489,100. There being no questions, President Randall asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the petition. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

ADOPT EXPENDITURE GOALS FOR 08-09

Mr. Jim McWhirt stated that the General Assembly passed Public Law 191-2006 with the purpose of encouraging school corporations to undertake actions to save money in nonacademic areas so that more funds would be available for instruction. He explained that we are asked to submit a goal to reach those expectations. Mr. McWhirt read the following goal and recommended it for approval: (Exhibit No. 08-138)

Financial Goal of the Franklin Township Community School Corporation for 2008-09

While certain circumstances, such as increasing debt service payments for new facilities precipitated by rapidly growing student enrollment, and reconfiguring our student transportation plan to better serve our constituency, will preclude us from increasing the percentage of our total expenditures categorized as student instructional purposes during the 2008-09 fiscal year, the Franklin Township Community School Corporation will strive to expend its resources in an effective and efficient manner, regardless of expenditure category.

Mr. Sullivan moved for adoption of the Expenditures Goals for 08-09 and Mr. Veerkamp seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

APPROVE TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANT RESOLUTION FOR 2008 DEBT SERVICE

Mr. Jim McWhirt asked the Board’s approval of a Tax Anticipation Warrant Resolution for the 2008 Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$8,000,000 (Exhibit No. 08-139). He explained that because of the property tax assessment issues that last 2 years, we will not be receiving our final 2008 property tax payment until sometime in 2009 and we will need to borrow funds to cover our expenditures. Mr. Randall asked how much this borrowing will cost the corporation. Mr. McWhirt stated that he estimates this will cost us \$30,000 and that the total borrowing for the year will cost the corporation roughly \$580,000. Following a discussion, President Randall asked for a motion to approval the Tax Anticipation Warrant Resolution. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Wood seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Mr. McWhirt stated that the documents need to be signed by the President and Secretary of the Board and submitted tomorrow. He asked that the Board appoint a temporary Secretary for purposes of signing the documents due to the fact that Mr. Bland is out of town. President Randall asked for a motion to approve Mr. Christopher Wood as temporary Board Secretary until the completion of the resolution process at which time his Secretary duties shall expire. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to appoint Mr. Wood as Secretary and Mr. Veerkamp seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Bourke reminded the Board members and the community that we are having a Community Alliance For Education (CAFÉ) meeting on November 20 at 6:15 p.m. He added that a large group presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. at which time he will be sharing the FTCSC’s 2008 Financial Update with the community.

BOARD COMMENTS

President Randall welcomed Ms. Martha Johnson to the School Corporation and wished her success in her new position as Director of Student Services.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wood moved to adjourn the meeting. President Randall declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

APPROVED

Steve Randall, President

Christopher A. Wood, Vice President

ABSENT
Randall Bland, Secretary

Aaron L. Sullivan, Member

C. Scott Veerkamp, Member