

**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 28, 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, January 28, 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 7:00 p.m. He offered the prayer and read the FTCSC Mission Statement.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Hamner asked Dr. Bourke if there were any changes to the agenda. Dr. Bourke stated that Item X, E, should read 'authorize to advertise bid' instead of 'accept bid' for Stadium Maintenance. Mr. Wood moved to approve the agenda with the change 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 Regular Board Meeting held on December 17, 2007 and an Executive Session held on January 16, 2008. Mr. Bland motioned to approve the minutes and Mr. Randall seconded the motion. It passed 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

President Hamner stated that the Board will entertain comments regarding the Redistricting Plan prior to the voting on that item and added that if anyone has comments regarding any other issue they are welcome to address the Board members at this time. There were no comments from the community.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Kitley reported that the Board members should have received a copy of the IndyParks contract in their packets and that all of the items have been worked out. He continued stating that he does not have any further objections with the contract.

Mr. Horen asked if the Township's Youth Leagues' key personnel have any objections to the contract. Dr. Bourke stated that when we started this investigation process with the Parks Department, Mr. Blackgrave met with representatives from the Soccer, Football and Softball Leagues and noted that the leadership of the organizations will remain intact, but will be organized and managed by IndyParks.

Mr. Blackgrave added that football and softball are already involved with IndyParks and that the Soccer League is coming on board. Mr. Blackgrave asked Mr. Kitley to verify that this contract re-solidifies the contract of 10-years ago. Mr. Kitley agreed that it does with a few alterations.

Dr. Bourke thanked Mr. Kitley for the hours he has spent on negotiating the contract with IndyParks.

DR. WALTER BOURKE, SUPERINTENDENT

Accept Energy Lighthouse Award from Energy Education

Dr. Bourke stated that as the Board members are aware we have taken part in an energy conservation program during the past several years that has resulted in significant savings to the

school corporation. (Exhibit #08-01) He introduced Mr. Glenn Gaines from Energy Education, Inc. Mr. Gaines explained that in eight (8) years our corporation has far exceeded the savings expectations of the program and stated that we have earned the Energy Lighthouse Award which very few companies receive. He recognized Mr. Jody Melady, Energy Educator/Manager, for his hard work and dedication to making the program a huge energy-saving and money-saving endeavor. Mr. Gaines presented the award/plaque from Energy Education to President Hamner and congratulated our school corporation on this achievement.

Dr. Bourke commended Jody and his predecessor for their diligence in making the program very successful. President Hamner thanked Mr. Gaines for the award and for assisting us in saving funds that can ultimately be used to educate our children.

#### Present Contract with IndyParks

Dr. Bourke referred the Board members to a copy of the contract with IndyParks for the management of our youth sports programs in football, softball and soccer (Exhibit #08-02) and asked the members if they had any questions or comments on the agreement. He added that since this is the first time that the item will be discussed in an open meeting, if the Board wishes for him to bring the contract back for approval at the February meeting he is willing to do so.

Mr. Horen asked for clarification that the leagues would be able to use the funds that they generate through concession sales, etc. Dr. Bourke stated that if we find that our kids are being hurt by any of these terms we will terminate the contract.

Mr. Randall stated that his concern is the expense of the maintenance costs of the facilities. He asked if we are going to be responsible for cutting the grass at all of the facilities. Dr. Bourke responded that our varsity soccer fields and practice fields are part of this complex and we use them regularly and cut those fields. He added that there are two (2) softball diamonds that we have agreed to cut in exchange for the continual use of that property and its facilities. Mr. Randall confirmed that the ball fields at Wanamaker and Thompson Crossing are not part of the contract. Dr. Bourke agreed.

President Hamner stated that voting on the contract at the February meeting would be a good idea thus allowing the different league representatives a chance to address the Board with their comments or concerns.

#### Update on American Cancer Society – Relay For Life

Dr. Bourke introduced Mr. Ben Reisinger and stated that he is the new representative for the American Cancer Society for Franklin Township. Mr. Reisinger commented that they are very happy to be in Franklin Township and to announce that the Relay For Life will be back at Franklin Central High School this year. He noted that, although they are currently in the planning stages, the possible dates for the relay are May 30 and 31 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. He commented that they are trying to gather volunteers from the community to assist with the event and that an informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. at FCHS in Room 444.

Mr. Reisinger noted that the organization is here to offer support for the community. He stated that he placed information cards on the table at the door which list the 800 phone number. He encouraged anyone who is a cancer patient, survivor, caregiver, etc. to call the 24-hour phone line with questions or for help.

President Hamner thanked Mr. Reisinger for his time and for bringing the support to our community.

#### DR. JIM SNAPP – ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

##### Update on Graduation Ceremony

Dr. Snapp commented that at the December Board Meeting there was a discussion regarding possibly moving the 2008 and 2009 graduation ceremonies off-site due to overcrowding of the

high school gymnasium and also possible alternative sites that were to be investigated.

Mr. Kevin Koers, Franklin Central High School Principal, gave Board members an overview of the options they have pursued. (Exhibit #08-03) He stated that even though we added a video broadcast of the ceremony in the auditorium to last year's ceremony, it is not fair to everyone and given the size of the current graduation class we would be at capacity for both venues if each graduate uses their 10 given tickets. He reported that use of the Indianapolis Convention Center is a possibility and is the most reasonably priced venue, but we will still incur an unbudgeted expense for this year. Mr. Koers recommended keeping the 2008 graduation ceremony at the school and pursuing the Convention Center for the 2009 ceremony.

President Hamner thanked Mr. Koers for the report.

#### Update on Special Programs

Dr. Snapp explained that the original plan was to bring a proposal to the Board members in January regarding the High Ability (G/T) Program, the English as a New Language Program and the Special Education Programs as resulting from the redistricting of our schools, but due to the fact that we are continuing to gather feedback from parents and educators, the final recommendation will be presented at for approval at the February 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting (Exhibit #08-04).

He shared with Board members some of the issues and parental concerns surrounding the High Ability (G/T) Program proposal and stated that these concerns resulted in dramatic changes to the original proposal. He also noted that two additional parent meetings are planned to receive feedback on the revised proposal before bringing the final recommendation to the Board at the February meeting.

Mr. Bland asked when and where the additional meetings were going to be held. Dr. Snapp replied that the first meeting will be February 7 at C-Tech and the second meeting will be February 13 at Kitley with both meetings beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Horen inquired as to what the parents think of the proposals. Dr. Snapp responded that the process has been good because he has received a lot of constructive and beneficial feedback that has assisted in altering the proposals. He continued stating that, for instance, he thought the parents would embrace the summer program idea and they did not thus requiring us to rethink the student preparation period during the remainder of this school year.

Dr. Snapp explained that they are going to meet with the parents of our Comprehensive Intervention (CIP) students and because those students have highly specialized needs and the facilities at Edgewood Intermediate and Franklin Township Middle School East have specific areas designed to accommodate those students, they would fall out of the normal school feeder pattern. He stated that we are currently reviewing other special education programs (Emotional Disabilities, MIMH, etc.) and following further discussions, we will also bring a recommendation in this area to the Board members at the February meeting.

Dr. Snapp stated that we currently have 465 students representing thirty-eight (38) languages in our English as a New Language Program and we need to increase our services for those students. He commented that we have had two (2) ENL parent meetings and the general consensus is that we need to provide a higher level of service to those students even if it means moving them from their home school.

#### Young Adolescent Task Force Recommendations

Dr. Snapp reported that the Young Adolescent Task Force met from September through December and referred Board members to the summary of the meetings that was included in their packets (Exhibit #08-05). He mentioned a few of the items that include increase in classroom time in math and language arts and keeping the programs, extra-curricular activities and clubs identical at each school resulting in a smooth transition to the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Freshman

Academy. He added that the recommended structure was very well received by parents who attended the informational meetings.

Approve Calendar for 2008-2009

Dr. Snapp referred Board members to their copies of the 2008-2009 School Calendars – Draft 4 and Draft 5 (Exhibit #08-06) and stated that the administration is recommending Draft 5 be adopted for the coming school year. He stated that this calendar aligns closely with the calendars of Central Nine, Perry Township and RISE, it has an early start date of August 11, 2008 which corresponds to an early dismissal date of May 21, 2009 and it also includes days for K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences.

Mr. Bland asked about the February 16 President's Day – Snow Make-Up Day. Dr. Snapp replied that if we needed to make-up a snow day, we would use the President's Day Holiday for that purpose because we are trying to end the school year prior to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Mr. Wood inquired if this calendar's Spring Break dates align with Central Nine's. Dr. Snapp responded that it does. Mr. Hamner commented that on Draft 4 there is an extra day for Spring Break. Dr. Snapp replied that it is because we were adding days off to keep from having the last day of school the Tuesday following Memorial Day. Dr. Bourke added that when you have one day or a portion of one day following Memorial Day your attendance is going to be horrible.

Mr. Horen moved for approval of the 2008-2009 School Calendar – Draft 5 and Mr. Wood seconded the motion. It passed 3-2 with Mr. Bland, Mr. Horen, and Mr. Wood voting in favor and Mr. Hamner and Mr. Randall voting against.

President Hamner commented that he did not vote in favor of Calendar – Draft 5 due to the fact that it does not include Veteran's Day as a holiday and Draft 4 did. He commented that he feels very strongly about not having school in session on Veteran's Day in order to honor our past military personnel who sacrificed for our freedom.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT – MR. JIM MCWHIRT, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS

Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports  
Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims

Mr. McWhirt stated that the Fund and Expenditure Summary Report (Exhibit No. 08-07) is for expenditures through December 31, 2007 and asked for questions or comments. There being no questions, he recommended approval of the Report, as well as the Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 08-08). Mr. Bland moved for approval of the reports, vouchers and claims. Mr. Horen seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Adopt Resolution to Transfer 2007 Appropriations

Mr. McWhirt recommended approval of a Resolution to complete the Transfer of the 2007 Appropriations (Exhibit No. 08-09). He explained that this resolution is a matter of bookkeeping to balance our appropriations accounts for the year 2007. Mr. Horen motioned to approve the Resolution to Transfer the 2007 Appropriations and Mr. Bland seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Adopt Resolution to Carry Forward CPF Appropriations

Mr. McWhirt recommended approval of a Resolution to carry forward the 2007 Capital Projects Fund Appropriations into the 2008 Capital Projects Fund (Exhibit No. 08-10). He noted that these are technology accounts which total \$1,250,000. Mr. Wood moved for approval of the Resolution to Carry Forward the CPF Appropriations. Mr. Horen seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Adopt Resolution to Transfer Cash to the Rainy Day Fund

Mr. McWhirt recommended approval of a Resolution to transfer cash to the Rainy Day Fund (Exhibit No. 08-11). He stated that the transfer will be from the Capital Projects Fund in the

amount of \$2,600,000 and from the Bus Replacement Fund in the amount of \$750,000. Mr. Randall made a motion to approve the Resolution to transfer cash to the Rainy Day Fund and Mr. Horen seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

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

Construction Update

Mr. Blackgrave directed the Board's attention to the Construction Update (Exhibit No. 08-12) and stated that the projects at Adams and Bunker Hill are coming to a close, FTMS-East has been having some communication problems, but we are working hard to resolve those issues and we are close to being able to advertise for technology bids for Edgewood Intermediate.

Mr. Blackgrave mentioned that the Board members were sent some new information regarding the correcting of the softball fields and stated that, due to the price differences, he and Dr. Bourke are wanting some input from the Board. Dr. Bourke added that the elevation drop from home plate to the left field fence is 1.7 and down the right field fence it measures 2.2. Mr. Randall commented that this is the third set of elevation numbers that the Board has been given and asked if we paid to have it done. Mr. Blackgrave stated that this is the second set of numbers and we had our own maintenance people do it along with a subcontractor. Mr. Horen commented that it looks like the deviation is from the middle of left field to the left field foul pole. Mr. Blackgrave stated that the original numbers are what Gibraltar proposed to repair, but if we do that then the right field slope is going to be more pronounced. Mr. Horen asked what changes does Coach Stricker want to have done to the field. Mr. Blackgrave stated that she wants us to make the field right. President Hamner suggested Mr. Blackgrave meet with Coach Stricker to determine what changes she would like to have done to the field and bring it back to the Board. Dr. Bourke stated that we need to start now if we want the field playable for the upcoming season. Mr. Blackgrave stated that we cannot make the field correct with the quotes that the Board approved at the last meeting because when we looked at the whole field we feel that it will be noticeable now that the right field's slope is off also. Mr. Randall commented that we started this discussion eight (8) months ago and after walking the field, we determined that it needed to be corrected and now the work is still not started because we are continually getting different figures. President Hamner suggested we move forward on the agenda due to the fact that there are several parents in the audience waiting for the Redistricting Plan agenda item.

Mr. Blackgrave added that we have had two (2) meetings with the new construction partners – Envoy and Gibraltar, and that we will be scheduling additional meetings with the Board members, parents and community members for gathering input on the current construction projects and structural maintenance/improvement of existing buildings.

Approve Redistricting Plan

Mr. Blackgrave stated that we have had several community meetings outlining six (6) redistricting scenarios (Exhibit No. 08-13 & Exhibit No. 08-14) which were derived by studying our township map and searching efficient ways of dividing the district. He shared an overview of Scenario #1 and #3. He noted that following these meetings and subsequent discussions the Administration with agreement of our Transportation Department is recommending the Board approve Redistricting Scenario #3 which is as follows: Students from South Creek, Acton, Wanamaker and Thompson Crossing Elementaries will feed into Kitley Intermediate and then Franklin Township Middle School East and students from Arlington, Bunker Hill, and Adams Elementaries along with our Northern Community students will feed into Edgewood Intermediate and then Franklin Township Middle School West.

Mr. Bland asked if there was one particular scenario that would reunite the previously redistricted children. Mr. Blackgrave responded that that was discussed at one of the community meetings and Scenario #1 seemed to address that issue until further input proved that it was somewhat evenly divided.

Mr. Bland inquired as to how much money we would be saving using Scenario #3 versus Scenario #1. Mr. Blackgrave replied that we would be using two (2) fewer buses which involves the cost of the driver, the bus itself and the fuel to run the vehicle. Mr. Wood commented that by using Scenario #3 we are looking to save approximately \$250,000 due to the fact that the cost of two drivers is \$80,000 added to the cost of two buses plus fuel and maintenance which is close to \$160,000.

Mr. Horen mentioned that during the last township redistricting process one of the frustrations was the splitting of Wildcat Run neighborhood and asked if Scenario #3 would take care of that. Mr. Blackgrave responded that the children in Wildcat Run would still be split during elementary school, but would reunite in intermediate and middle school.

Mr. Randall asked how many 5<sup>th</sup> graders that we moved a few years ago will be moving from Kitley to Edgewood Intermediate for their 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Blackgrave replied that he does not have an answer for his question.

Mr. Bland asked what the consensus was among the community regarding the favorability of Scenario #1 and Scenario #3. Mr. Blackgrave responded that at one of the community meetings it was evenly split and at the next meeting they felt they didn't have enough information to make a wise decision/vote. Mr. Bland asked President Hamner to get a show of hands from the parents in the audience as to which scenario they favor. The result indicated a split verdict.

President Hamner invited community comments regarding the redistricting scenarios.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Julie Zoeller, 5932 Bonneville Way, Indianapolis, IN, commented that she has five (5) children and is in favor of Scenario #3. She stated that her issue with Scenario #1 is that we are putting two (2) Title I schools together as well as all of the ENL students and Northern Community students. She feels that we are setting ourselves up for failure and that we need to keep the student bodies balanced.

Joyce Reynolds, 5219 Limestone Court, Indianapolis, IN, asked for clarification of the numbers of ENL students feeding into each school.

Mr. Blackgrave and Dr. Snapp replied that 37 additional ENL students would be attending Edgewood Intermediate and 28 additional ENL students would be attending into FTMS West. Dr. Bourke added that the placement of our Northern Community students is a redistricting issue, but the placement of the ENL students is a programmatic administrative placement issue and has nothing to do with redistricting.

Ms. Reynolds commented that it was her understanding from Mr. Blackgrave's earlier comments that all of the ENL students would be in one intermediate school and asked for confirmation. Dr. Snapp replied that she is correct, but because it is a programmatic issue, it will be voted on at a future meeting.

Mr. Randall stated that because much of the conversation has been regarding ISTEP testing results and having two low testing schools feeding into one intermediate school, he has spoken with Dr. Bourke and has retrieved our testing data from the IDOE website. He commented that the results show that while some of our schools' scores are increasing and some are decreasing, Wanamaker's have increased which is a testimony to where we as a school corporation are headed. He added that he feels that Dr. Bourke and his leadership team are turning this big ship around and focusing on improving the education of our children. Mr. Randall commented that while he is not disappointed with the ISTEP scores, he is not satisfied with them either. He feels that the Board's focus should be to continually find ways for student improvement.

Laura Alger, 5313 Waterton Lakes Dr., Indianapolis, IN, stated that she supports Scenario #3 because if you mix Thompson Crossing with Arlington and Bunker Hill you are combining two

Title I schools and per an e-mail message from the principal at Thompson Crossing, they did not do very well on ISTEP without the Gifted and Talented students' scores. She added that she speculates that without the Gifted and Talented students at TC their scores would be terrible.

Theresa Ralston, 8145 Fendler Drive, Indianapolis, IN, commented that her concern is that we are sending all of our Northern Community students to one set of schools possibly separating these students from their friends. She mentioned that she has spoken to Mr. Blackgrave about contacting their parents for input and stated that while we are treating these children differently, she feels that we may not be treating them fairly. She added that she also understands that the students and families from the Northern Community move in and out of neighborhoods just like families that live in Franklin Township.

Mr. Blackgrave noted that the current group of 4<sup>th</sup> graders that will be moving into 5<sup>th</sup> grade are the final group of Northern Community children progressing through our schools due to the end of the Desegregation Order. He thanked Ms. Ralston for her comments.

Mr. Horen asked how many Northern Community students would be affected if we were to let them follow the path of their current elementary schools. Mr. Blackgrave responded that there are currently 29 students affected.

President Hamner commented that all of the Board members very much despise redistricting and would prefer not ever having to make these decisions. He stated that after the decision is made this evening half of the community will be happy and the other half will not and if we had unlimited funds and could satisfy every single parent in our township, we would do just that. He noted that he has seven (7) children, five (5) who currently attend our schools and they have gone to Adams, Bunker Hill, Arlington, Kitley, the current Middle School and will now attend Edgewood Intermediate. Mr. Hamner added that the comforting thought for him is that with the opening of the two new schools, the population at Kitley and the current Middle School will now be cut in half which will provide a safer and better learning environment for all of our children.

President Hamner asked for a motion to approve Redistricting Scenario #3 as per the Superintendent's recommendation. Mr. Horen moved to approve Scenario #3 and Mr. Randall seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Blackgrave thanked Ms. Susie Fields and her staff for all of their hard work pulling the student numbers/information together and also the community members for attending the meetings and for offering valuable suggestions to assist in this process.

President Hamner thanked the parents and community members for coming to the meeting this evening and showing their support for their children's education.

#### Accept Bid for Instructional Video at FTMSE

Mr. Blackgrave commented that as part of the construction project he is recommending approval of the bid for Instructional Video for FTMSE to CIM Audio Visual, Inc. in the amount of \$528,927.00 (Exhibit No. 08-15). Mr. Bland moved to approve the bid and Mr. Wood seconded the motion. It passed 5-0.

#### Approve Additional Services with TAC – Energy Savings Contract

Mr. Blackgrave noted that at the last meeting the Board requested he provide additional information regarding proposed expenditures from the contingency fund of the energy savings project that we have commissioned through TAC and referred them to the memo in their packets (Exhibit No. 08-16). He informed the Board that today at Adams Elementary there was a heating coil that broke and flooded one of the rooms causing quite a bit of damage and noted that TAC has come to us admitting that this was most likely due to improper installation and that they are going to absorb the cost of the accident. He recommended approval of the additional services

with TAC. Mr. Wood thanked Mr. Blackgrave for providing the details of the additional expenditures and moved for approval. Mr. Bland seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Authorize to Advertise Bid for Stadium Maintenance

Mr. Blackgrave asked for authorization from the Board to advertise for bids for the stadium maintenance. He commented that it has been several months since the Board members toured the stadium and saw numerous areas that need attention. Mr. Randall made a motion to authorize us to advertise for bids for the stadium maintenance. Mr. Horen seconded the motion. Mr. Randall commented that because we live in Franklin Township and are responsible for maintaining a facility that was constructed improperly and put together with caulk it is now our job to find the funds to repair the structure before it deteriorates. Mr. Hamner stated that the liability contracts have expired for this project and we have no alternative but to pay for the repairs. President Hamner called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.

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

Personnel Report

Mrs. Britt stated that in the Personnel Report (Exhibit 08-17) there are no newly created certified positions or classified positions and it includes one administrative retirement, two certified terminations, and 12 classified positions hired as replacements. Mr. Hamner asked if we have been receiving exit interviews from the employees that resign. Mrs. Britt responded that we give them to each individual, but we don't receive responses from everyone. She added that the responses are filed in their personnel file. There being no further questions, Mrs. Britt requested approval of the report. Mr. Horen motioned to approve the report and Mr. Wood seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

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

ISTEP Planning

Mrs. Puckett-Harpold stated that on the January 11 Early Release Day we focused on the ISTEP data at each of our schools. She reported that the feedback from the teachers has been very positive and commented she and Mrs. Fengya provided school specific data and data analysis forms to each school allowing teacher teams to work collaboratively to look at retrospective data. She added that this is an important step because it helps align what they are doing with and for their students in conjunction with the Strategic Plan. Mrs. Puckett-Harpold stated that this information will be presented by each school to the Board members at a Work Session scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Drug Free Schools Report

Mrs. Fengya shared the results of a survey conducted in March 2007 by the Indiana Prevention Resource Center (Exhibit No. 08-18). She noted that the survey was regarding the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and was administered to our students in grades 6-12. She highlighted some of the data which supports the following: tobacco product use has decreased, alcohol and marijuana use have increased slightly, but lifetime use for both is down. She added that comparatively our students have a lower use of tobacco products than others statewide, but our students have a significantly higher usage of alcohol, marijuana, tranquilizers, inhalants, narcotics and over the counter drugs which is a real concern for us.

Mrs. Fengya reported to Board members that we have plans in place to address these concerns which include a K-12 counseling program, Health curriculum in grades K-10, continual work with Family Counseling Associates, SADD Club at FCHS, and our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders participate in the Just Say No to Drugs Contest annually. She noted that she along with our counselors have ideas that they plan on sharing with the Safe and Drug Free Schools Committee at their February

12<sup>th</sup> meeting. She added that they also have suggestions about educating the parents and community on recognizing the signs of student users as well as various avenues to reach our younger students during their vulnerable years.

Mrs. Fengya commented that Ms. Kristi Clerkin, Dean of Students at FCHS, was recently recognized for her Lifetime Achievement in working with students in this area. President Hamner thanked Mrs. Fengya for her work and asked her to extend the Board's congratulations to Ms. Clerkin for her Achievement Award.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT – MR. GEOFF HOREN

Mr. Horen stated that their last meeting was on January 10 and he reported that we will be hosting the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce. He noted that they had discussions with regards to fundraising which included the review of the Franklin 500 Program and 2008 sponsorship strategies. He introduced Judy Duncan, FTEF Executive Director and Ron Fisher, FTEF Board member to the persons in attendance at the Board meeting and stated that the results of the Township Survey indicated that a vast majority of community members were unaware of the Education Foundation's existence and function.

CENTRAL NINE REPORT – MR. CHRIS WOOD

Mr. Wood reported that the Central Nine Board met in Executive Session on January 10 to discuss personnel and litigation issues and a regular session followed. He stated that they discussed the facilities renovation project, which is progressing nicely and received a summary report of the surveys that the previous years' C-9 graduates submitted informing the school which profession or advanced schooling direction they have chosen. Mr. Wood stated that there will be 1287 student slots for the 2008-09 school year with possibly a few more spaces available if necessary. He reported that the adult and continuing education classes continue to grow in numbers with Ivy Tech offering 18 classes, making Central Nine its southern hub. He noted that they are still looking into placing a GED Satellite Program in Franklin, Indiana. He informed the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for February 14.

NEW BUSINESS

President Hamner stated that he has spoken to Dr. Bourke regarding parental concerns related to safety/security at the Middle School. He commented that Dr. Bourke will be presenting a plan to the Board members to address these issues at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Horen confirmed that on February 11<sup>th</sup> the administration will be bringing the final plan for correction of the softball field to the Board members.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Randall moved to adjourn the meeting. President Hamner declared the meeting adjourned 9:06 p.m.

APPROVED

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Matthew L. Hamner, President

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Christopher Wood, Secretary

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Geoffrey W. Horen, Vice President

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Steve Randall, Member

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Randall Bland, Member