

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008**

PRESENT: Randall Bland, Steve Randall, Christopher Wood, C. Scott Veerkamp, Walter Bourke, Jim Snapp, Jim McWhirt, Barbara Fengya, Jill Britt

The Board of Education of the Franklin Township Community School Corporation, Marion County, Indiana, met in Special Session at 7:00 P.M. at the Administration Offices, located at 6141 South Franklin Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46259, on Monday, July 14, 2008. All Board Members and news media had been duly notified and the agenda properly posted.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Walter Bourke at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Bland offered the prayer and read the FTCSC Mission Statement.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD FOR 2008-2009

Administration of the Oath of Office

Mr. Kitley issued the oath of office to newly elected member, C. Scott Veerkamp. Dr. Bourke explained that newly elected member, Aaron L. Sullivan, was unable to attend the meeting because of health issues related to a traffic accident that he was recently involved in. He stated that Mr. Kitley traveled to Mr. Sullivan's residence this afternoon and issued the oath of office to him. (Exhibit No. 08-85)

Election of Officers

Mr. Kitley asked for nominations for the office of President. Mr. Bland nominated Mr. Steve Randall as President. Mr. Wood seconded the nomination. Mr. Bland moved to close the nominations. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. It carried 4-0.

With President Randall's direction, Mr. Kitley asked for nominations for the office of Vice President. Mr. Randall nominated Mr. Wood as Vice President. Mr. Bland seconded the nomination. Mr. Randall moved to close the nominations. Mr. Bland seconded the motion. It passed 4-0.

Mr. Kitley asked for nominations for the office of Secretary. Mr. Wood nominated Mr. Bland as Secretary of the School Board. Mr. Randall seconded the nomination. Mr. Wood moved to close the nominations. Mr. Randall seconded the motion. It carried 4-0.

Appointments

Dr. Bourke stated that John A. Kitley, Sr. has served as the School Board's Attorney since its inception and, with the Board's approval he would like to continue in this role. Mr. Bland made a motion to approve Mr. Kitley as the School Board Attorney.

Mr. Bland made a motion to approve the following list of appointments. Mr. Wood seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

School Board Attorney	John A. Kitley, Sr.
Treasurer	Jim McWhirt
Deputy Treasurer	Pam Hicks
Legislative Liaison	C. Scott Veerkamp
Central Nine Rep.	Christopher Wood
Central Nine Alt.	Randall Bland
R.I.S.E Rep.	Steve Randall
R.I.S.E. Alt.	None needed
Indiana Urban Schools Assoc. Rep.	Aaron L. Sullivan
Franklin Township Ed. Foundation Rep.	C. Scott Veerkamp
Policy Review Committee	Randall Bland
Negotiations Team Rep.	Randall Bland
Negotiations Team Alt.	Steve Randall
Designee to sign community supported residential/student contracts for IDOE (Exhibit No. 08-86)	Dr. Walter Bourke

President Randall added that the recent story in the newspaper regarding a motorcycle policeman that was struck by a car driven by another policeman was the accident involving our Board member, Aaron Sullivan. He stated the Mr. Sullivan was driving the motorcycle and is, by orders of his doctor, confined to home while he is recuperating from his injuries.

School Board Meeting Dates for 2008-2009

President Randall stated that the original list of proposed School Board Meeting Dates for 2008-2009 included October 27 which he had a conflict with, and therefore he contacted Dr. Bourke. Dr. Bourke referred the Board members to the alternative Board Meeting schedule at their places which includes a replacement date of October 20, 2008 for the October meeting (Exhibit No. 08-87). Mr. Bland asked the reason for the Board Meeting dates that fall on the second Monday of the month instead of the fourth Monday – September 15 and December 15, 2008. Mr. McWhirt responded that the meeting on September 15th is due to the budget needing to be approved. Dr. Bourke confirmed that the December 15th date is due to the holiday. Mr. Bland motioned to approve the alternative list of Board Meeting dates. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. It carried 4-0.

School Board Salary for 2008-2009

Dr. Bourke noted that the allowed per diem for School Board members attendance at meetings cannot exceed that of members on the Marion County City Council which is \$112.00. Following a discussion, Mr. Bland moved to keep the annual stipend and per diem amounts the same as last year. Mr. Veerkamp seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Rates are as noted: Annual stipend for Board members is \$2,000 a year. Additionally, members receive \$75 for each of the 16 Regular Board Meetings and \$60 for additional meetings or functions where members serve as representatives of the Board.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Randall called for a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Bourke asked to add the following item under number VIII, letter D, 'Approve the Walking Track at Edgewood Intermediate School'. Mr. Bland moved to approve the agenda with the additional item and Mr. Veerkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Randall called for a motion to approve the minutes of an Executive Session and a Regular Board Meeting held on June 23, 2008. Mr. Bland made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

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

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Kitley reported that everything is rather quiet and that there are not any major problems at this time.

DR. WALTER BOURKE, SUPERINTENDENT

Approve Changes to Board Policy A1000

Dr. Bourke referred the Board members to their revised copy of Board Policy A1000 (Exhibit No. 08-88) and stated that it indicates the requirements for our Board meetings as well as our other public meetings. He explained that the only change to the policy is the removal of a Board agenda template and recommended approval of the revised policy. Mr. Wood moved to approve Board Policy A1000 as presented. Mr. Bland seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Approve Extension of Administrator Contracts

Dr. Bourke recommended approval of the 2008-2009 extension of the Administrator contracts listed on the handout included in their Board packets (Exhibit No. 08-89). He commented that

the Administrators listed would continue to carry a two-year contract. Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the contract extensions and Mr. Bland seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Approve Continued Health Insurance Benefit for Administrators

Dr. Bourke stated that the Board has traditionally carried 100% of the health insurance benefits for administrators and since they have not received a base pay increase since 2006, he is asking for their approval to continue this benefit at 100%. He commented that the corporation would pay for the increase of the insurance premiums which will maintain their current salaries and not cause a reduction to their net salary incomes. Mr. Bland asked Dr. Bourke if the Board approved some increases to specific administrative salaries in 2007. Dr. Bourke replied that the base salary has remained the same, and because the premiums increased July 1, 2007 some of the administrators saw a reduction in their net salaries. He continued, therefore, we asked the Board to approve the 100% coverage in December 2007 and January 2008. Mr. Bland asked if this request was for one year. Dr. Bourke replied 'yes' and he hopes that this benefit will help retain our administrators that are not compensated like many of their colleagues throughout Marion County. Mr. Bland moved to extend the health insurance benefit for the administrators for one year. Mr. Veerkamp seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Approve Walking Track at Edgewood Intermediate School

Dr. Bourke stated that last month Mr. Blackgrave asked for approval of a change order for a walking track at Edgewood Intermediate School and the motion died for lack of a second. He commented that in Mr. Blackgrave's absence he is again requesting approval of an asphalt walking track that will benefit both the students and the community. Mr. Bland asked if this track would make both Intermediate Schools equal in their facilities and what kind of maintenance would it require. Dr. Bourke responded that Kitley Intermediate has a sizable parking lot, but not enough space to put a walking track. He added that the maintenance would be minimal, but that it would need to be sealed every 5 years or so. He stated that the cost would be \$53,000 and would be covered with monies from the Bond Issue. Mr. Randall commented that he feels that it is something that we want and not something that we need and even though it comes from Bond Issue Funds, his opinion is that if we don't spend the money, we don't have to repay it. Mr. Wood stated that he feels that it would be a nice area for the physical education classes to use, but wants to know the opinions of the other Board members. Mr. Bland stated that if it were an equity issue he would be in favor of it, but since it is not, he feels that we can wait. Dr. Bourke responded that Kitley Intermediate has easy access to the high school facilities, but Edgewood does not. Mr. McWhirt commented that if the Board chooses to wait, he suggests making a decision before the Bond Issue expires because it would be difficult to pay for such a purchase using Capital Projects Funds. He mentioned that the Bond includes the new middle school and the new intermediate school projects. Mr. Bland made a motion that this item be brought to the Board prior to the expiration of the Bond Issue. Mr. Kitley and Mr. McWhirt discussed when that might be and it was determined that it would most likely have to be voted on during the spring of 2009. Mr. Wood asked if it would be feasible to hold off on the project for just a few months. Mr. Veerkamp inquired as to what fund the \$53,000 would go back into if it is not used. Mr. McWhirt replied that the Bond monies that are not used remain in the Bond account and are generally used to make Bond Issue payments. Dr. Bourke added that the walking track is not something that we have to have, but it would provide a wonderful place for students and community to exercise. Dr. Snapp commented that Kitley Intermediate has a sizable playground area, but Edgewood Intermediate does not and he feels that this track would be beneficial to the students. There being no second to Mr. Bland's motion, the motion failed.

Mr. Veerkamp made a motion to approve the installation of the walking track at Edgewood Intermediate at this time. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Mr. Wood commented that the walking track at the New Middle School is not even completed and he sees community members using it all of the time. He added that he feels it is an important piece for community relations and student/community health. The motion failed 2-2, with Mr. Veerkamp and Mr. Wood voting in favor and Mr. Bland and Mr. Randall voting against.

Mr. Bland made a motion that this item be brought to the Board prior to the expiration of the Bond Issue. Dr. Bourke commented, and Mr. McWhirt agreed, that there is a substantial amount

of interest accumulated from the Bond monies and asked the Board members if they would prefer using the interest to pay for the project. Mr. Bland added that he would still like to wait and bring the item back for approval. Mr. Wood seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

DR. JIM SNAPP – ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Approve Field Trip – FCHS Show Choir to Orlando, Fla. March of 2009

Dr. Snapp commented that the new FCHS Band Director, Bradley Gardner, is requesting approval of a field trip for the Show Choir to travel to Orlando, Florida, in March of 2009 to compete in the 2009 FAME Show Choir Competition (Exhibit No. 08-90). Mr. Bland asked if the expenses for the field trip are being raised by the organization. Dr. Snapp replied that it was his understanding that no school funds are being used for the trip. Mr. Bland motioned to approve the field trip to Orlando, Florida. Mr. Wood seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Update on Board Policy Revisions

Dr. Snapp referred the Board members to the School Board Policy Revision/Adoption Schedule that was included in their Board packets (Exhibit No. 08-91). He explained that the Board members expressed an interest in reviewing and updating the manual and that he and Mr. Bland met to discuss and outline the process. He stated that we will be utilizing the services of NEOLA, Inc. for purposes of overseeing the process for legal purposes and to offer a template for various policies. Dr. Snapp summarized the process and shared that it will take approximately eighteen months, but will be most beneficial for the School Corporation. Mr. Randall asked Dr. Snapp if he and Mr. Bland used our existing Board Policy Manual as a guide to determine which categories needed to be changed and asked what the plan is to update policies in a given category before their scheduled month. Dr. Snapp replied that given the fact that our current Policy Manual has three fewer categories than the template, our result will be a more efficient and useful manual and assured the Board members that there will be instances when a particular policy will need to be revised before its scheduled date.

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. 08-92) is for expenditures through June 30, 2008 and asked for questions or comments. There being no questions, President Randall asked for a motion to approve the report. Mr. Bland moved for approval of the report. Mr. Veerkamp seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims

Mr. McWhirt asked for approval of the Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 08-93) and asked for questions or comments. There being no questions or comments, President Randall asked for a motion to approve the items. Mr. Wood motioned to approve the Vouchers and Payroll Claims and Mr. Veerkamp seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Approve Advertisement of 2009 Budget

Mr. McWhirt stated that due to the timing of the August 25, 2008 Board Meeting, he is asking the Board's approval to advertise the 2009 Budget prior to August 25. He explained that there will be a Public Work Session held on August 11, 2008 to discuss the budget and following that meeting, the budget will need to be advertised on August 13 and August 20. President Randall asked for a motion to approve the advertisement of the 2009 Budget. Mr. Bland made a motion to approve and Mr. Wood seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Approve Resolution to Re-Approve 2009 Building Corporation

Mr. McWhirt stated that the next two agenda items are in regards to Central Nine Career Center beginning Phase II of their renovations project. He introduced Steve Hagen, Director of C-9 and Nate Day, Consultant with Educational Services Company, and stated that he will be

asking for approval of two resolutions regarding the project. He noted that we will be advertising a Public Hearing to be held on August 25 in this Wednesday's Indianapolis Star and the Franklin Township Informer regarding the lease.

Mr. Hagen distributed copies of the C-9 Phase II Renovation Plan to the Board Members (Exhibit No. 08-94). He gave an overview of the Plan and explained that Phase II will renovate the second half of the campus while adding a cosmetology lab, additional classroom space, etc.

Mr. Day commented with regards to the financing of the project, we will follow the same process as we did for Phase I. He explained that we will have a joint lease with all of the Central Nine members to share the cost of the \$6 million dollar project. He added that out of the eight school corporations sharing the total cost, two have already paid their portion, leaving six corporations that will be sharing the lease. Mr. Day stated that our portion of the lease is roughly \$1 million. Mr. Wood added that he has been involved in the process from the beginning and he feels that we are gaining a tremendous and greatly needed updated facility for our students for \$1 million.

Mr. McWhirt recommended approval of a Resolution to Re-Approve the 2009 Building Corporation (Exhibit No. 08-95). Mr. Wood moved for approval of the Resolution. Mr. Bland seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Approve Resolution for Form Lease for Central Nine

Mr. McWhirt recommended approval of the Form of Lease for the Central Nine Career Center School Building Corporation (Exhibit No. 08-96). Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the Resolution and Mr. Bland seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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

Construction Update

Dr. Bourke commented that there is no Construction Update this evening because Mr. Blackgrave is on vacation. Mr. Randall asked Dr. Bourke for an update on FTMS-East. Dr. Bourke replied that he visited the site this afternoon and that most of the issues have been taken care of: the kitchen equipment is installed, the kitchen floor is down, the Media Center has books on the shelves, the HVAC system is working, but still needs some adjustments, the gym floors are down, and lockers have been installed in most of the building. He added that the item that seems to be the biggest worry at this point is the installation of VCT on the floors. He commented that he spoke to the Construction Manager and the company has every worker they have available working on the job. Dr. Bourke noted that none of the current issues will prevent school from opening on time.

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

Personnel Report

Mrs. Britt recommended approval of the Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 08-97) which includes 10 new certified staff, 59 classified staff, 1 administrative transfer, 4 certified terminations, and 10 certified transfers. Mr. Bland asked if the only change for the 34 special education aides that were being paid from Perry Township and are now on our payroll is the funding. Mrs. Britt replied that because they have become our employees, they are now on our pay scales and on our benefit plans. Mr. Wood asked how the funding for RISE will change. Mr. McWhirt responded that the RISE budget will be decreased because these folks are now on our payroll and there will be a savings due to the fact that we pay less than Perry. He added that this was a coop decision and all of the school corporations have acquired the employees that once were paid by RISE. There being no further questions, President Randall requested approval of the report. Mr. Wood motioned to approve the Personnel Report. Mr. Bland seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

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

Mrs. Fengya stated that she and Mrs. Puckett-Harpold do not have anything to share at this time.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT – DR. BOURKE

Dr. Bourke volunteered to give a report for the FTEF. He stated that the Education Foundation Golf Outing that was held on July 10th was a great event and thanked Director, Mrs. Judy Duncan and FTEF Board Member, Ms. Jean Kitley, for their efforts in making it a success. Mrs. Duncan commented that the Education Foundation is feeling the pinch of the economy like everyone else with corporation donations on the decline, but that she was extremely excited to have had a successful golf outing. She mentioned that in the next few months the Board members would begin to hear about the Franklin 500 fundraiser and asked them to forward to her any possible contact names.

CENTRAL NINE REPORT – MR. CHRIS WOOD

Mr. Wood stated that there is no report because he was waiting until the re-organization of the Board and that the Central Nine Governing Board does not meet until this Thursday.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bland asked Dr. Bourke to send out an updated list of Board member’s and Administrator’s contact information.

Mr. Bland suggested that we schedule a tour of our facilities within the next few months for special benefit to our new Board members and to give all of the members and up-to-date look at our facilities. Mr. Wood suggested waiting until Mr. Sullivan is recuperated.

Mr. Kitley commented that we saved over \$600,000 on the 2006 Bond Issue which was used to build Edgewood Intermediate and Middle School East. He noted that those funds are reverted back one year after we accept the buildings. Mr. McWhirt noted if we accept the buildings this fall, we will most likely need to spend those funds before late spring of 2009. Dr. Bourke added that those monies can only be spent on those projects at those sites which is unlike previously acquired Bond Issues.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bland moved to adjourn the meeting. President Randall declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

APPROVED

Steve Randall, President

Christopher A. Wood, Vice President

Randall Bland, Secretary

ABSENT
Aaron L. Sullivan, Member

C. Scott Veerkamp, Member