

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SCHOOL
CORPORATION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**

PRESENT: Steve Randall, Christopher Wood, Randall Bland, 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, September 15, 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 7:01 p.m. Mr. Veerkamp offered the prayer and read the FTCSC Mission Statement.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Randall called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Wood moved to approve the agenda and Mr. Bland seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

President Randall opened the floor for comments from the community.

Kevin Stone, 7626 Woodington Place, Indianapolis, IN, 46259, stated that he has four items that he would like to share with the Board. 1) He commended the school corporation for their willingness to accommodate the family of Melissa Hunter in making her graduation ceremony a very special event. 2) He commented that he has noticed that our patrons spend a large amount of money on beverages that are in plastic containers which would be a great benefit for a recycling project. He added that a recycling project would also be a good lesson for our students. 3) He stated that he likes our new website and frequently visits it, but he asked why the Board Meeting Minutes are delayed in being posted to it. 4) He asked how much money we charged Lawrence Township for the use of our football stadium for one of their football games and where the profits were used.

With President Randall's permission, Dr. Bourke responded to Mr. Stone's comment regarding the Board Meeting Minutes. He noted that the minutes of the meetings must be approved by the Board members at the following month's meeting before they can be posted to the website thus making it a few weeks before they are ready for public display.

Dr. Bourke responded to Mr. Stone's comment regarding the use of our football stadium by Lawrence Township. He stated that they were charged \$2000 and that we also received the profits from the concessions. He added that our High School Athletic Department received the monies collected from the event.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Randall asked the Board members if there were any questions or comments regarding the items listed on the consent agenda. There being none, Mr. Bland 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. 1028 Public Hearing for Central Nine Const. Project – August 25, 2008
 - 2. Public Hearing on Lease for Central Nine Const. Project – August 25, 2008
 - 3. 2009 Budget Hearing – August 25, 2008
 - 4. Regular Board Meeting – August 25, 2008
- B. Fund and Expenditure Summary Reports (Exhibit No. 08-120)

- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers and Payroll Claims (Exhibit No. 08-121)
- D. Personnel Report (Exhibit No. 08-122)

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. John Kitley reported that everything is copasetic. He asked the Board members if they had any questions. There were none.

CURRICULUM REPORT

K-2 WIRELESS GENERATION DEMONSTRATION

Dr. Jim Snapp commented that they are excited to be able to have a demonstration which includes Board participation of the K-2 Wireless Generation. He commented that the teachers have done a wonderful job learning, training and using the new program. He introduced the teacher representatives from Acton, Adams, Arlington, Bunker Hill, South Creek, Thompson Crossing and Wanamaker Elementaries and invited them along with their student representatives to come forward for the demonstration. Dr. Snapp and Mrs. Ann Puckett-Harpold, Director of Elementary Instruction, paired a teacher and a student with a Board member or Administrator for a hands-on demonstration of how the Palm Pilots are being used to assess our K-2 students giving them instant results, reports and research-based interventions. Mrs. Puckett-Harpold stated that every teacher in grades K, 1, and 2 will have their own Palm Pilot. She gave an overview of the Reading and Math testing curricula as well as the testing dates for each grade level (Exhibit No. 08-123). Mrs. Jaci Greig, Special Programs Coordinator, shared examples of the printed reports generated by the assessments (Exhibit No. 08-124). Mrs. Puckett-Harpold thanked the parents and students for their participation in the Board demonstration.

Mr. Bland asked Mrs. Puckett-Harpold to refresh his memory on how often the teachers are required to test the students and how much time each test takes. Mrs. Puckett-Harpold responded that the teachers have a two week window in which to give the tests and they are required to give them during the testing dates provided which are at the beginning, middle and end of the school year.

Mr. Randall asked the Administrators to extend the Board's appreciation to the teachers, parents and students for their efforts in taking the time to change the pattern of learning to accommodate every student that we serve and for giving them the best education we can offer.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Ron Blackgrave stated that he does not have too much to report, but did remind the Board members of the upcoming Building/Facilities Tour date of October 7 and stated that an agenda for that day will be forthcoming. He noted that the Board was previously given a Resolution regarding our Police Force and asked if there were any questions regarding it. Mr. Blackgrave noted that he was premature in bragging about us having a full compliment of bus drivers. He added that Susie Fields, Transportation Supervisor, has been driving everyday because we now have a shortage of drivers and she and Mrs. Britt, Human Resources Supervisor, have been working very hard to try and hire additional personnel.

Mr. Bland stated that it is his understanding that the bus drivers have their own student referral process different from the referrals given at the schools and asked Mr. Blackgrave for clarification of the process. Mr. Blackgrave replied that the bus drivers are trained on the student referral process and it should go through the discipline system the same as a referral written at a school. Mr. Blackgrave stated that he would check on the bus referral process and share the information with the Board.

Mr. Randall asked Mr. Blackgrave where we are in the process of forming our own Police Force. Mr. Blackgrave replied that he has spoken to our officers and they are in agreement that we are in need of it and he has also had conversation with the Department of Public Safety and Scott

Scott Newman's office. Mr. Randall asked for confirmation that we are trying to get our Force under the Indianapolis Police Department and away from the Marion County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Blackgrave confirmed his statement. Mr. Wood inquired as to when he planned on beginning the process. Mr. Blackgrave replied that he will bring the Resolution to the Board for approval at the October meeting.

Mr. Randall asked if we had any damage from the recent storms. Mr. Blackgrave stated that we lost some tiles on the outside of the Performance Arts Center; we lost some tree limbs; we had some roof damage in various locations; and we lost the recording system in this conference room. He added that we will be submitting an insurance claim to cover the damages.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

Mr. C. Scott Veerkamp reported that the Education Foundation is having two fundraisers: the Cow Pie Bingo Event to be held on October 17 and the Franklin 500 Campaign which will run from October through December 31st. Mr. Randall commented that last year the Board members each donated \$100 a piece to the Franklin 500 Campaign. He added that he couldn't speak for the others, but he would be willing to donate \$100 again this year. Mr. Wood and Mr. Bland agreed that they also would be willing to make a pledge of \$100 to the Campaign. Mr. Veerkamp extended his gratitude to the Board members for their generosity.

CENTRAL NINE REPORT

Mr. Christopher Wood stated that the last Central Nine Governing Board meeting was held on September 11. He reported that he had the privilege of presenting awards to some Central Nine students who received national recognition. He added that they received a Building Project update stating that Phase I is almost complete and the process for Phase II is getting ready underway. Mr. Wood added that the Governing Board approved Conflict of Interest Statements for Board members and they also received a report stating that the enrollment numbers for the current school year are higher than they have been in 3 years. He commented that the next meeting is scheduled for October 9.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS

Dr. Snapp referred the Board members to their set of revised School Board Policies Series 5000 which pertain to 'Students' (Exhibit No. 08-125) and stated that he and Mr. Bland have used the NEOLA templates to make changes, deletions and additions to our existing policies pertaining to students. He reminded the members that this is the first step in a 3-month process to approve the changes to this portion and that it will take close to a year to revise the entire Board Policy Manual. He noted that the Series will be discussed at the October Board Meeting prior to being brought for approval at the November meeting. Mr. Bland encouraged the Board members to read through the policies and bring questions or comments to their attention. Mr. Randall asked how they could most easily recognize the changed or altered policies. Dr. Snapp stated that the Table of Contents page indicates which policies are new, replaced, or changed and gives reference to the current policy number. Dr. Bourke commented that the current Board Policy Manual is accessible on-line via our webpage. Mr. Kitley commented that he was not asked to proof the revisions, but since receiving his Board Meeting packet, he has been reviewing some of the policies and feels there are some legality issues/errors. President Randall asked the Board members if they would agree to asking Mr. Kitley to review the policies prior to the October Board Meeting. There being no objections, President Randall asked Mr. Kitley to review the policy revisions. Dr. Snapp asked the Board if they would like for he and Mr. Bland to meet with Mr. Kitley to discuss any issues prior to the October meeting. The Board members agreed that that was a good suggestion.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE FIELD TRIPS

Dr. Jim Snapp recommended the Board's approval of the following field trips: South Creek Elementary 4th Graders to travel to Flat Rock River Camp in Saint Paul, Indiana, on October 28 through October 30, 2008 (Exhibit No. 08-126) and Franklin Township Middle School West and

Franklin Township Middle School East 8th Graders to travel to Washington, D.C., on April 23 through April 25, 2009 (Exhibit No. 08-127). Mr. Bland asked if the students were holding fundraisers to pay for the field trips. Dr. Snapp replied 'yes'. Mr. Wood moved to approve the field trips and Mr. Bland seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

President Randall commented that he hoped that in the future all of our elementaries would offer and participate in field trips giving all of our students a chance for the 'out of classroom' educational experience. He added that he feels we should not penalize any of our students for personnel reasons and/or personal reasons.

2009 BUDGET ADOPTION

Mr. Jim McWhirt commented that we have complied with the law in holding the necessary meetings and in advertising the 2009 Operating Budget, the 2009 Capital Projects Fund Plan and the 2009 through 2020 School Bus Replacement Plan. He recommended the Board's approval to adopt these items. There being no questions or comments, President Randall asked for a motion to adopt the 2009 Budget. Mr. Bland made a motion to approve the Budget and Mr. Veerkamp seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Bourke commented that we are having a Special Board Meeting on October 6 and that it will begin at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. He added that it will be devoted to giving the Board members an update of our current 2008 Budget and financial situation.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no comments from Board Members.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wood moved to adjourn the meeting. President Randall declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED

Steve Randall, President

Christopher A. Wood, Vice President

Randall Bland, Secretary

ABSENT
Aaron L. Sullivan, Member

C. Scott Veerkamp, Member