



February 9, 2026
Board of School Trustees

FCMS - Auditorium
625 Grizzly Cub Drive
Franklin, IN 46131
6:00 PM

Debbie Gill: Present
Brett Jones: Present
Jennifer Mann: Present
Becky Nelson: Present
David Yount: Present

1. WATCH MEETING LIVE
You Tube Live Stream

2. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER
• Pledge of Allegiance

3. RECOGNITION
Dr. Clendening & Dr. Worland
Individual Student Growth
• Central Nine Students of the Month
• FFA State Contests
 o Ag Video
• Girls Wrestling State Tournament
• Purdue University-Fort Wayne School of Music Brass Day

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
Debbie Gill

A. Public Comments on any Consent Agenda Item
Public comments regarding consent agenda items are limited to 3 minutes.
Motion was made to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by
Becky Nelson and seconded by Brett Jones, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea
Brett Jones: Yea
Jennifer Mann: Yea
Becky Nelson: Yea
David Yount: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

There were no public comments.

Dr. Clendening lighted the Harvard Model Congress and two choir overnight trips coming up. Kim Kriech is retiring at the end of this school year from Northwood with 36 years of service. Dan Richards is also retiring from Operations with 13 years of service.

- B. Allowance of Claims and Vouchers
- C. Approve Minutes
- D. Donations
- E. FCS Professional Development Travel Request
- F. Franklin Applied Behavior Services, LLC
- G. Grant Summary Sheet
- H. Overnight / Out of State Trips
- I. Personnel Report
- J. Property Usage Contract
- K. Roof-Wall Design Services - Creekside Elementary
- L. Software Renewals
- M. Summer School Courses 2026
- N. Surplus
- O. Verizon Renewal Contract

P. Consent Agenda Vote

Motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Becky Nelson and seconded by Brett Jones, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea

Brett Jones: Yea

Jennifer Mann: Yea

Becky Nelson: Yea

David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

A. Committee Updates

- Communications Committee - Jennifer Mann

Jennifer Mann reported on the Communications Committee. Discussed looking for student interns for next year to help with content creation. Luke Foraker created his first (Agriculture Dept.) of 4 videos. Coffee with the Superintendent has resumed.

B. Legislative Update

Dr. Clendening

Dr. Clendening reported on legislative updates from the state house. We are interested in pursuing indemnification under third-party agreements (Bill 200). Some third-party agreements require us to indemnify them for any claims that may arise while we are on a trip/experience, and sometimes, if the trip is out of state, they want the lawsuit filed in their home territory. We

are seeking the state law addition to not have this go into effect. We would indemnify ourselves, and any lawsuit would take place in our jurisdiction. This bill has gone through a couple of committees on the Senate side. This bill would make vendor contracts that have these indemnity provisions (essentially the schools insuring the vendor), and we are not in the business of insuring the vendors.

The cell phone is another bill we are watching. Last year a law was created that students could only use cell phones for educational matters and non-instructional times. They are looking to eliminate that. If the bill goes through, we have two options 1) not allow cell phones into the school 2) secure cell phone storage. This bill is now in the Senate. There will be some type of bill in effect for cell phones. The concern we have is if the bill goes into effect is the cost if we are required to purchase some type of secure storage.

The bill that allows a school board member to choose parties or non-affiliation. They made a change to whichever party is in charge at the state house would be first on the ballot, and everyone would declare that and would no longer be in alphabetical order.

Tina Jobe shared that there is discussion about delaying the elimination of local income taxes until 2028 (originally it was 2027). There are discussions about possibly having to do an RFP for financial advising services (this would be required every three years).

C. Virtual Day

Dr. Worland

Dr. Worland gave an update on how we choose what days we use for inclement weather. Per Indiana Code 20-20-2-2.7 (added in 2022), a school may conduct no more than three (3) eLearning (asynchronous) instructional days each school year. Before COVID, we had unlimited eLearning days. With an eLearning Day, assignments are posted and students complete them on their own time and have three (3) school days to submit them. With Virtual Days, students participate in classes with their teachers for at least 50% of the traditional school day; attendance is taken in real time; and assignments are due the next day. With a Snow Day, there is no school and student make up this day at the end of the school year or on a scheduled snow make-up day.

We have a survey for the 2027-2028 school calendar, and it will stay open until February 20th.

The state has offered a chance to get a waiver for the snow day that we used. We are submitting the waiver, and if the state accepts, the student last day will go back to May 21st.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Public Comments on any Action Item

Public comments regarding action items are limited to 3 minutes.

There were no public comments.

B. FCHS Principal

Dr. Clendening

Motion to approve Ryan Wagner as the FCHS Principal. This motion, made by David Yount and seconded by Jennifer Mann, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea

Brett Jones: Yea

Jennifer Mann: Yea

Becky Nelson: Yea

David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Dr. Clendening made a recommendation that the Board accept Ryan Wagner as the FCHS Principal. Ryan's salary will be \$142,000. He will move to a 260 contract from a 220 day contract. If approved, interim will be removed from his title effective February 10, 2026.

C. Resolution FCS Chief of Police

Dr. David Clendening

Motion to approve the resolution to create an FCS police department. This motion, made by Brett Jones and seconded by David Yount, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea

Brett Jones: Yea

Jennifer Mann: Yea

Becky Nelson: Yea

David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to approve to post the job for FCS Chief of Police. This motion, made by Brett Jones and seconded by David Yount, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea

Brett Jones: Yea

Jennifer Mann: Yea

Becky Nelson: Yea

David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Dr. Clendening recommended that the board accept to proceed with the resolution to create a school corporation police department. We will not be reducing the number of officers in our buildings, and we have the budget to continue. The partnership with the City of Franklin will continue to exist as we move forward into our new formation. Our next step would be to post the job for a Chief of Police. We will be setting up a Superintendent Safety Committee with board members, David Yount and Brett Jones, serving on that committee.

D. 2025-2026 Calendar Update

Dr. Worland

Motion to approve the updates to the 2025-2026 school calendar. This motion, made by Jennifer Mann and seconded by Brett Jones, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea
Brett Jones: Yea
Jennifer Mann: Yea
Becky Nelson: Yea
David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Dr. Worland shared the updates to the 2025-2026 school calendar. Due to inclement weather on December 2nd and on January 26th, we had eLearning Days. With that, April 24th is now a regular student day and is a Spring Sr. Project Day. With the snow day on January 27th, we changed May 22nd to a regular student day. We added language that the superintendent may convert a snow make-up day to a school day, provided two weeks' notice is given.

E. JCPL Memorandum of Agreement

Dr. Worland

Motion to approve the JCPL Memorandum of Agreement. This motion, made by Jennifer Mann and seconded by Becky Nelson, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea
Brett Jones: Yea
Jennifer Mann: Yea
Becky Nelson: Yea
David Yount: Abstain (With Conflict)

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Dr. Worland recommended that the Board approve the JCPL Memorandum of Agreement. There is no cost for families or the district for these resources. Parents have the opportunity to opt out.

F. Expenditure for Unpaid Meals

Tina Jobe

Brett Jones made a recommendation to table this item. This motion, made by Brett Jones and seconded by Jennifer Mann, Tabled.

Debbie Gill: Yea
Brett Jones: Yea
Jennifer Mann: Yea
Becky Nelson: Yea
David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Tina Jobe shared that the cafeteria services are federally funded and because of that the unpaid meals that students received are the responsibility of the school district. Up to this point, we have been able to cover those unpaid meals with donations, but for the first time this semester, we ended the semester about \$4,000 short. So policy dictates that at the end of each semester, we cut a check from the Education Fund to Food Services for those unpaid meals and then send those accounts to collections. This resolution will

also authorize the treasurer to authorize future payments at the end of each semester per school policy. The parents of these past due accounts have been sent numerous letters and phone calls, and have not responded. Brett Jones recommended that we table this item to see if we can get the past due accounts paid.

G. Resolution for coverage under Indiana's Excess Liability Trust Fund

Tina Jobe

Transfer Appropriation within the Operating Fund

Motion to approve the resolution to transfer appropriation to different accounts within the operations fund. This motion, made by Becky Nelson and seconded by Brett Jones, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea

Brett Jones: Yea

Jennifer Mann: Yea

Becky Nelson: Yea

David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Ms. Jobe shared that there are underground fuel tanks in the MS parking lot. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management is asking that the Board approve a certification of financial responsibility for the tanks. And they are requesting a line item in our budget for the \$15,000 deductible required by the Indiana Excess Liability Trust Fund, which is a \$2 million policy per occurrence for any malfunctions or incidents.

H. Security 101 Proposal

Doug Kirby

Motion to approve Security 101. This motion, made by Brett Jones and seconded by David Yount, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea

Brett Jones: Yea

Jennifer Mann: Yea

Becky Nelson: Yea

David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Doug Kirby shared that this is for a software that allows us through the cloud to control each of the alarm systems in all buildings.

I. Policies - Guidelines - Forms Updates

Motion to approve the policy updates. This motion, made by David Yount and seconded by Brett Jones, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea

Brett Jones: Yea

Jennifer Mann: Yea

Becky Nelson: Yea

David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Dr. Worland shared that these have been updated with the new state testing manual links.

7. DISCUSSION

A. Public Comments on Discussion Items

Public comments regarding discussion items are limited to 3 minutes. There were no public comments.

B. ECA Travel Guidelines

Steve Ahaus

Steve Ahaus shared that this ECA travel guideline policy is for all extracurricular activities that will be outside of a 50 mile radius one way to the school or competition. If a coach/sponsor opts to continue a regular season event outside this range, the sport will reimburse the school corporation for the cost associated with travel in excess of the 100-mile round-trip limit. The amount will be \$2.29 per mile for all forms of bus transportation, and these funds will be assigned to the individual sport, in coordination with the Athletic Department.

C. Collections from the State TRECS System.

Tina Jobe

Tina Jobe shared that this is related to the unpaid meals. The TRECS program, through the state, allows local government units to collect on unpaid accounts by taking those funds from an individual's income tax return.

8. BOARD / ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. Board Comments

Brett Jones congratulated Ryan Wagner on being named FCHS Principal and gave an update on athletics. Girls swimming are sectional runner-ups and sending all three relays and two individuals to state this weekend and we have a diver competing in regionals. Boys wrestlers are regional champs and moving on as a team to semi-state. The 7th grade basketball team is county champs.

B. Administrative Comments

Our Board retreat will be held on February 27th at Franklin City Hall from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. On Monday, March 2nd, we will have our first meeting for the Strategic Plan.

9. CALENDAR

A. Calendar of Events

Dr. Clendening

- President's Day: February 16 - eLearning Day & Central Office closed
- Board of School Trustees Retreat: February 27, 8:30 am-3:00 pm
- IREAD: March 3-13
- SAT Day: March 3
- Coffee with the Superintendent: March 10, 9:00 am
- March 20: Quarterly Board Visit at Webb Elementary, 7:00am
- Spring Break: Starts at dismissal on March 26 and school resumes on April 6

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm. This motion, made by David Yount and seconded by Jennifer Mann, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea

Brett Jones: Yea

Jennifer Mann: Yea

Becky Nelson: Yea

David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

11. 11. I.C. 5-14-9-1

David Yount is an appointed member of the Franklin Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees representing Needham Township appointed by Franklin Community School Board. The date of appointment was January 30, 2025, and the term expires December 31, 2026.

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