FRANKLIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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September 14, 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
  Debbie Gill called the meeting to order.

3. RECOGNITION
   Dr. Clendening & Dr. Worland
   Individual Student Growth
- Superintendent's All-A Honor Roll

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   Board President

   A. Public Comments on any Consent Agenda Item
      Public comments regarding consent agenda items are limited to 3 minutes. Mr. Boyd presented public comment. Dr. Worland shared that the 2027-2028 calendar was updated to reflect the correct date for President's Day. Dr. Worland shared that we are required to update the State Testing Policies with the updated links. Mr. Ahaus shared that we renewed with First Merchants Bank for one year. Dr. Clendening shared the donations we received over the past month.

   B. Allowance of Claims and Vouchers

   C. Approve Minutes

   D. Commercial Vehicle Lease Agreements

   E. Conflicts of Interest

   F. Design Group Acoustics Proposal - HS Band Practice Field

G. Donations

H. 2027-2028 School Calendar Update

I. FCS Professional Development Travel

J. First Merchants Bank Contract Renewal Agreement

K. Human Services, Inc.-Head Start Agreement

L. Indiana School Safety Specialist

M. Overnight / Out of State Trips

N. Personnel Report

O. Policies-Guidelines-Forms

P. Southside Special Services of Marion County Agreement (RISE Learning Center)

Q. Software Renewals

R. Surplus

S. Consent Agenda Vote
motion to approve. 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 the consent agenda. 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

5. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

A. Committee Updates

- Athletic Council
- Central Nine

Athletic Council
Homecoming is this Friday, September 18th. Girls golf won the conference for the 8th year in a row.

Central Nine
On September 3rd, Senator Jim Banks visited with students and took a tour. Tour day will be November 13th for any interested students. In the middle of salary negotiations. C9 is donating an old fire truck to Paraguay

through an international program. C9 will be receiving a newer fire truck from the Whiteland Fire Department. The diesel program was eliminated this year; however, the plan is to bring it back next year.

B. Update on Franklin Community Virtual School Elementary Program
Dr. Brooke Worland & Shelbie Murphy
Shelbie Murphy and Dr. Worland are recommending an elementary grade restructure for the FCVS K-5 programming. FCVS identified concerns with EdOptions early in the partnership, so the team decided to study and adjust for the 2026-2026 school year. FCVS participated in several conversations through the year and consistently communicated concerns regarding: support, communication, data access, instructional quality and student experience. We are recommending to cancel the EdOptions/Edmentum Partnership. This would eliminate the current K-5 structure and most enrollments, but will continue options at the K-5 level for medically necessitated situations. We currently have 18 students enrolled in the K-5 virtual school. The recommendation is to cease our partnership with EdOptions/Edmentum in May.

C. Endress+Hauser Student Presentation
FCHS students presented their experiences ono their trip to Spain, Germany, and Switzerland. There were 8 students and 2 adult chaperones (Kathy Thomas, FCS employee and Andrew Castner, Endress+Hauser employee). This trip was made possible with support from FCS, Franklin Education Connection and Endress+Hauser.

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. Public Hearing for 2027 Budget
Steve Ahaus
A public hearing was held for the 2027 budget. There were no comments.

C. Notice to Taxpayers of Additional Appropriations
Steve Ahaus
Motion to approve the Notice to Taxpayers of Additional Appropriations. 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:	Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0
Regarding the property acquisition, funds were designated for this purchase; however, they were not appropriated in the previous fiscal year's budget.

D. Approval of Capital Projects and Replacement Plans
Steve Ahaus

Motion to approve the Capital Project and Replacement Plans. 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
The State requires these plans, and they will be submitted with the budget for approval at the October board meeting.

E. SLP Toolkit
Jenn Scott
Motion to approve the SLP Toolkit. This motion, made by Brett Jones and seconded by Becky Nelson, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0
Our speech-language pathologists currently utilize this tool as an all-in-one resource for lesson planning, progress monitoring, data collection, and Medicaid billing.

F. Curriculum Adoption
Dr. Brooke Worland
Motion to approve the curriculum adoption for English 10 (Unbroken-Young Adult Adaptation) and English 11 PLC (Collapse). 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
Both novels in both courses are choice novels (students will choose). These are not required.

G. Certificate of Completion - FCHS
Benji Betts
Motion to approve the certificate of substantial completion for the HS athletics and PAC improvements. This motion, made by Brett Jones 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

7. **DISCUSSION**

A. Construction of FCHS Padded Room Bids
Benji Betts
Motion to amend the agenda to change this item from a discussion item to an action item. This motion, made by Jennifer Mann and seconded by David Yount, Passed. This motion, made by Jennifer Mann 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 the Lee Company construction bid ($10,250) for the construction of a padded room at the HS. This motion, made by Brett Jones 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

Bringing these bids to the board for the construction of padding that will go into a seclusion room at the HS. We have some students in the district who have high-magnitude behavior involving hurting themselves or potentially hurting students or staff. Our staff has been trained in seclusion and restraint. There is an Indiana Code, and we have a board policy (C400) that addresses seclusion and restraint. We make it to a point with a child that the safest thing we can do is to have them in a room where they are not hurting themselves or hurting other people, giving the student time to de-escalate. The minute that staff sees the student has de-escalated, the door is opened, and the student is integrated back into the previous setting.
Benji Betts provided the board with three bids. The lowest bid was Lee Company at $10,250. Money has been set aside to pay for this out of the maintenance bond.
Benji Betts requested that the Board move this item to an action item.
Debbie Gill, Board President, opened the floor for discussion and comments. No comments were made.

B. Franklin Police Department Policies - First Read
Dr. David Clendening

Motion to amend the agenda to change this item from a discussion item to an action item. 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

Motion to approve the police department policies. 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. Clendening requested that we move the police department policies from first reading to second reading so we can get them adopted. Chief Gabel researched standard policies through Lexipol, and then the legislative committee reviewed them and made the necessary changes to suit Franklin Community Schools.

Debbit Gill, Board President, opened the floor for discussion and comments. Dr. Clendening shared that the complaint process for police department issues would be directed to Chief Gabel.

C. Public Comments on Discussion Items

Public comments regarding discussion items are limited to 3 minutes.

There were no public comments on discussion items.

8. **BOARD / ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

A. Board Comments

There were no board comments.

B. Administrative Comments

Mr. Ahaus shared that the negotiations between FCTA and FCS start on September 15th. The goal is to have the negotiations completed before Fall break. Dr. Worland gave an update on the Levenson study. Focus groups start next week. On September 22nd, the Superintendent's Taskforce starts, and the plan is to have a draft ready for the January board meeting. @myFCS Academy starts on September 23rd. CBIS will be having an open house for their 50th birthday celebration on September 18th prior to the HS football game. Franklin Cub Academy will be hosting the quarterly board visit on September 25th.

9. **CALENDAR**

A. Calendar of Events

- CBIS's 50th Birthday Celebration: September 18, 4:00-6:00 pm
- FCHS Varsity Football Game - Homecoming: September 18, 7:00 pm

- Superintendent's Strategic Taskforce: September 22, 6:30-8:00 pm
- @myFCS Academy: September 23, 6:30-8:00 pm
- Quarterly Board Visit: September 25 at Franklin Cub Academy, 7:00 am
- ISBA Fall Conference: October 5 & 6
- Fall Break: October 12-16

10. ADJOURNMENT
    Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. 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
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.
12. FCS reserves the right to move any discussion item to an action item after allowing community comments.

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Jennifer Mann, Secretary

Brett Jones, Member

Becky Nelson, Member