

# November 10, 2025 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

### 3. RECOGNITION

Dr. Clendening & Dr. Worland Individual Student Growth

- FCHS Blue Regiment Marching Band
- FCHS Cross Country
- Central Nine Students of the Month Collaboration
- AMLE

The FCHS Blue Regiment Marching Band finished second at the 2025 ISSMA Scholastic Class A Finals. Liam Fenning was the first FCS boy to win the boys' cross country sectional race and placed 64rd in the Boys Cross Country State Finals. Weslyn Boner (Culinary Arts) and Brytanie Gearhart (Medical Assisting) were the November Central Nine Students of the Month. We also celebrated CBIS and Cheryl Moran (CBIS Principal) for receiving the school of distinction award from the Association for Middle-Level Education. CBIS was the only school in Indiana to be honored.

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

**Board President** 

A. Public Comments on any Consent Agenda Item Public comments regarding consent agenda items are limited to 3 minutes. Motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Debbie Gill 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 made a recommendation to the board to table the Franklin College pool usage agreement so Mr. Young can review more of the language. The pool usage contract will now be a one-year contract. The admin team raises will be at 2.25%. The date on the Baker Tilly agreement is August - this is a sub-agreement under an umbrella agreement with Baker Tilly. They send us an engagement letter every time they do a project for us. The Headstart and GO Solutions agreements are both renewals with no changes.

There were no public comments.

- B. Administrative Salaries
- C. Allowance of Claims and Vouchers
- D. Approve Minutes
- E. Baker Tilly Engagement Agreements
- F. Donations
- G. FCHS Roof Design Contract
- H. FCS Professional Development Travel
- I. Go Solutions
- J. Interagency Agreement with Headstart
- K. MEGA Consortium Natural Gas Supply Agreement
- L. Overnight / Out-of-State Trips
- M. Personnel Report
- N. Policy Analytics Engagement Letter
- O. Software Renewals
- P. Surplus
- Q. Consent Agenda Vote

Motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Debbie Gill 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. AI Pilot Project

Carla Taylor

Carly Taylor and Dr. Brooke Worland shared that this project will provide technical knowledge, durable skills, and future-ready attitudes required to thrive in a world influenced by AI. This project will critically evaluate the benefits, risks, and ethical implications AI and help prepare FCS to submit an IDOE Digital Literacy Grant in 2026. Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, we will develop a leadership team with rep[s in every building and they will refine policies and procedures regarding student data using schoolai. In year two (2026-2027), we will develop a student leadership team and engage parents and caregivers in learning using school ai. In year three (2027-2028), the plan is for districtwide engagement and implementation. This pilot project will allow staff and students to use AI in a safe, controlled, curated environment. The pilot funding will come out of the Employer of Choice (non-taxpayer dollars). It wiil be \$6 per student and there will be a \$450 stipend for faculty (@ 20) who will participate in surveys, professional development workshops, student integration exercises, etc.

## B. IDOE Behavior Grant

Andrea Korreck

Andrea Korreck shared that we were awarded one of the IDOE Behavior Grants last year. We were awarded \$81,619.82 to be used specifically for students with IEPs. The special ed staff completed surveys, and it was determined that the biggest priority would be the impact beyond the grant timeline. This past summer, we had over 60 people attend a Behavior Summit. CPI trainer certification was also included in the grant (the state requires that we have staff trained in this certification). In March, we have 6 people (representing K-12) who will be attending a Behavior Conference. Another need that was identified through the survey was for more social skills resources and other materials (sensory items, seating, task boxes). Melissa Dubie (autism expert) is here monthly, working with our essential skills classrooms. Dr. Scott Carson (works on behavior mapping) has been in our buildings weekly and will continue through the first semester.

# C. Project Updates for 2022 & PreK Bonds Benji Betts

Benji Betts presented project updates on the Pre-K Capital Projects Bond and the Maintenance 2024 Bond. Projects at FCHS: AG, PAC, and athletic areas. The Franklin Cub Academy is almost enclosed, and the work inside will start soon. We upgraded the FCMS boilers. The Creekside playground is complete with access available for those with special needs. With part of the 2022 bond, we will be replacing some desks at the HS. We have about \$300,000 remaining in the 2022 bond and will use this funding to replace the desks at the HS, and the rest of the funding will come out of the 2024 bond (@ \$200,000).

Some additional 2024-2025 bond projects coming up:

- remaining areas of the MS & HS roofs
- boiler replacements at CBIS & HS

- working with the City of Franklin for a pathway to connect the nearby apartment to Needham Elementary
- HS cross country bridge
- Creekside roof
- HS pool liner
- repave the HS walking path
- repave the south lot at the MS
  - D. Committee Updates
    - Music Council
    - Athletic Council
    - AG
    - Communications
    - Collective Bargaining
    - Legislative
    - Central Nine

Music Council: The Mary Poppins musical was this past week, and the students did a great job.

Athletics: Jeff Powers is the mid-state coach of the year. Crystal Morse is the girls' golf coach of the year. Rose XXX received all-state volleyball. For overall fall standings, the boys finished third and the girls in second. At the MS the boys and girls are second. The MS Girls' cross-country and golf are mid-state champs. The MS boys cross-country and tennis teams are mid-state champs. The MS girls golf team were undefeated. Excited to share that the Indiana Dairy Association might be providing milk to our HS student athletes. Bill Doty is in the process of writing a grant to receive a cooler for the milk. Working with FEC to provide the milk for the first year. College signing events are coming up.

AG: The Blue & Gold Harvest dinner will be held at Beeson Hall on November 14th from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Communications: Nothing to report.

Collective Bargaining: Nothing to report.

Legislative: Recently reviewed policies and will bring them to the December board meeting for discussion.

Central Nine: Finishing up Dr. Kovach's evaluation.

# 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. EverDriven Camera Amendment Jenn Scott

Motion to approve the EverDriven Camera Amendment. 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

Jenn Scott asked that the Board approve the EverDriven Camera

Amendment.

# C. Franklin College Pool Usage Agreement

Tina Jobe

This agenda item was tabled by Dr. Clendening. This motion, made by Becky Nelson, Unseconded.

# D. Policy F176 - Unpaid Meals

Dr. David Clendening

Motion to approve Policy F176-Unpaid Meals. 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. Clendnening asked the Board to approve Policy F176-Unpaid Meals.

# E. Null Education Services and Building Thinking Classrooms

Melisa McCain

Motion to approve Null Education Services and Building Thinking Classrooms. 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

Melisa McCain asked the Board to approve the Null Education Services and Building Thinking Classrooms.

#### 7. **DISCUSSION**

#### A. Education Advanced for Pathways

Ryan Wagner & Brian Hansen

Currently, we are hand-tracking all matters involving graduation requirements, diploma types, ICC requirements, etc. Through CounselorTalk, many counselors were finding the Education Advanced Pathways program very useful in helping to track students' graduation progress. Several dozen

schools across the state are now using this application to track graduation requirements. Conversations with many of the schools have given us the impression that it has been extremely beneficial and a worthwhile investment. We are currently tracking two different sets of requirements. Pathways would allow us to track both Core 40 and the new requirements, and the ability to tell us if a Core 40 student is closer to achieving the new requirements. Pathways would be able to quickly identify students who are behind on certain requirements, or close to fulfilling a requirement that may end up helping them. With pathways, we would be more efficient in tracking student progress. Features of Education Advanced Pathways: 1) compatible with PowerSchool, 2) one stop shop tracking, 3) easy reports, 4) NCAA and NAIA checks, 5) 4-year graduation plans, 6) post-secondary planning tools, and 7) parent portal giving parents mobile access.

# B. Rascal's Fun Zone Event Contract

Dr. Brooke Worland

Dr. Worland shared that this contract is a request from Northwood Elementary to partner with Rascals for a student incentive trip in May. They are using student activity money to pay for the students.

C. Public Comments on Discussion Items
Public comments regarding discussion items are limited to 3 minutes.
There were no public comments.

## 8. **BOARD / ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

#### A. Board Comments

### B. Administrative Comments

Dr. Clendening shared that in follow-up to his evaluation, Dr. Angie Balsley will reach out next week to set up a seminar that was discussed with the Board. We have a quarterly board visit scheduled at Northwood Elementary on November 21st starting at 7:00 am.

#### 9. CALENDAR

#### A. Calendar of Events

- Quarterly Board Visit at Northwood: November 21
- Fall Senior Project Day: November 25
- Thanksgiving Break NO School & Central Office Closed: November 26-28

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm. 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

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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