

Frankfort Community Unit School District #168
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Education of Frankfort Community Unit School District #168 held a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Junior High School Library, 1500 East Ninth Street, West Frankfort, Illinois, and also via Google Meets due to the COVID-19 mitigations limiting the number of people in the room. The purpose of the meeting was to award bids on student transportation services and to consider personnel issues.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum - President Jon Alexander called the Special Meeting of the Frankfort Community Unit School District #168 to order at 6:06 p.m. with the following members physically present: Cam Brown, Larry Burns, John Butler, Keith Griffith, and Clint Hawkins. Board members Jon Alexander and Dr. Gayle Crawford were present via Google Meets.

There were approximately 12 participants who called in to the meeting and 11 who gathered and were socially distanced in the Library representatives from the transportation companies.

II. Hearing of Delegates or Visitors and Public Comments – There were none.

III. New Business:

A. Business and Operations Proposals and Agreements:

1. Consideration of Awarding Bids for Student Transportation Services – The Board considered proposals from North American (Illinois) Central School Bus (our current provider) and Robinson Transportation (from Harrisburg) for student transportation services. In deliberations and discussions that lasted almost an hour, the superintendent informed the Board that in regards to transportation contracts, state law says that they should begin by, “first considering the bidder or bidders most able to provide safety and comfort for the pupils, stability of service, and any other factors set forth in the request for proposal regarding quality of service, and then price.” Both firms made presentations and answered questions from members of the Board. The Board also asked if there was any comment from currently employed bus drivers who may have worked with one or both of the most recent contractors. Four drivers and monitors spoke. At the conclusion of that discussion and after hearing presentations from representatives from Illinois Central School Bus Company and Robinson Transportation Company, Dr. Crawford made a motion to award the bid for student transportation services, for a three-year contract beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, to Illinois Central School Bus Company. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1 on the following roll call vote: Alexander – yes; Brown – yes; Burns – yes; Butler – yes; Crawford – yes; Griffith – no; Hawkins – yes.

B. Possible Closed Session - Mr. Griffith made a motion to convene in closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees

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or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond . . . to [a] potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property; and . . . other matters relating to individual students as stated in 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)(2)(8)(10). Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. The board was in closed session from 7:07 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

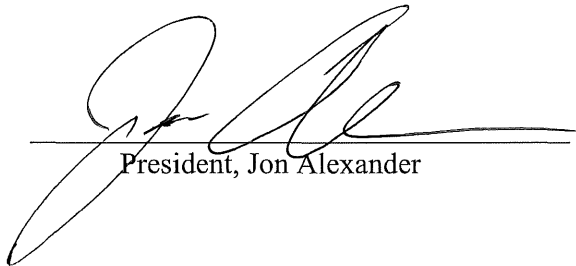
C. Return to Open Session - Mr. Butler made a motion to re-convene in open session. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

D. Personnel

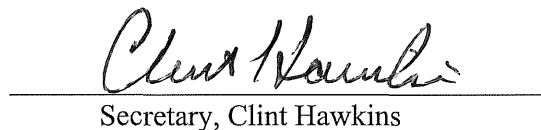
- 1. Employ Bookkeeper / Human Resources – Payroll Clerk at Administrative Service Center** – Mr. Butler made a motion to employ Ms. Karley Hall as a Bookkeeper / Human Resource – Payroll Clerk at the Administrative Service Center provided that background checks and other required materials have been completed. Dr. Crawford seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.
- 2. Consideration of Salary Rate Adjustments for District Administrators and Non-Certified, Support Staff for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year** – Mr. Butler made a motion to table this item. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.
- 3. Authorization to Post / Advertise Positions** - After considering the need caused by the expected number of students who will have to re-take math classes in the 2021-2022 school year and in anticipation of additional funding coming from the federal stimulus package that passed in December to address needs caused by the COVID pandemic including learning loss, Dr. Crawford made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to post a Mathematics position to be split between CJHS/FCHS. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

IV. Board Member Comments – There were none.

V. Adjourn – Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.



President, Jon Alexander



Secretary, Clint Hawkins