

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

Monday, February 22, 2021 – 6:00 pm

The Board of Education of Frankfort Community Unit School District #168 held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021, 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.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum: President Jon Alexander called the Regular Meeting of the Frankfort Community Unit School District #168 to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following board members physically present: Jon Alexander, John Butler, Larry Burns, Dr. Gayle Crawford, Keith Griffith, and Clint Hawkins. Board member Cam Brown was absent.

Approximately forty administrators, directors, students, and members of the public attended in person with another nine joining on line.

II. Hearing of Delegates or Visitors and Public Comments: Six students and parents spoke during the public comment period.

III. Approval of Minutes – Approve Minutes of the Open and Closed Sessions of the January 25, 2021, Regular Meeting and the February 10, 2021, Special Meeting: Dr. Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes of the open and closed sessions of the January 25, 2021, Regular Meeting and the February 10, 2021, Special Meeting. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

IV. Approval of Bills and Financial Reports: Mr. Griffith made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$796,407.89 and financial reports, including two payrolls in the month of January 2021, in the amount of \$836,863.94. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

V. Reports:

A. Superintendent: Mr. Donkin expressed appreciation to those who helped during the inclement weather the past two weeks, reviewed the Governor's Budget Address which said that EBF funds would remain flat, reported that there were talks with QNS and notice being sent that the District would be looking at options as they re-negotiate the contract, and mentioned receiving recognition from Modern Woodmen for work helping the community during this time, which was attributed to the work of all faculty, staff, and members of the Board during these past 11 months.

B. School Administrators: Reports were submitted in writing and discussed.

C. Special Education: A report was submitted writing and discussed.

D. Curriculum: A report was submitted in writing and discussed.

E. Grant Programs: A report was submitted in writing and discussed.

F. Activities and Athletics: A report was submitted in writing and discussed.

G. Maintenance: A report was submitted in writing and discussed.

H. Food Service: A report was submitted in writing and discussed.

I. Committee Reports: None.

J. FCUSD #168 Foundation, Inc.: None.

VI. Old Business: None.

VII. New Business:

A. Business and Operations Proposals and Agreements:

- 1. Consideration of Student Internship Agreement between Frankfort CUSD #168 and The University of West Florida RE: Student Teachers and Observers** – Mr. Griffith made a motion to ratify the Student Internship Agreement between Frankfort CUSD #168 and The University of West Florida RE: Student Teachers and Observers. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- 2. Consideration of Easement for Natural Gas Pipeline with Ameren Illinois.** Mr. Griffith made a motion to approve the Easement Agreement for a Natural Gas Pipeline from Ameren Illinois located west of Denning Elementary School. Dr. Crawford seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

B. Facilities:

- 1. Consideration of Health and Life Safety Amendment for Boiler Expansion Tank Replacement – FCHS** – Dr. Crawford made a motion to approve the Health and Life Safety Amendment for Boiler Expansion Tank Replacement at FCHS and to authorize the work to proceed. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- 2. Consideration of Health and Life Safety Amendment for Mammoth Unit Motor Replacement – CJHS** - Mr. Hawkins made a motion to approve the Health and Life Safety Amendment for Mammoth Unit Motor Replacement at CJHS and to authorize the work to proceed. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- 3. Update RE: Programming Study for Master Planning of Future Potential Renovation, Addition, and Construction of Frankfort Community High School Facilities** – Mr. Donkin reported that there is research being done regarding potential federal funds to replace and upgrade the HVAC and ventilation system at CJHS, and also reported that we are still monitoring the State for updates on construction funds for the programming study for future potential renovation on the high school facilities.

- C. 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 or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; 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)(5)(8)(10)*. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. The Board was in closed session from 7:04 p.m. to 9:07 p.m.

- D. Return to Open Session:** Mr. Hawkins made a motion to re-convene in Open Session. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

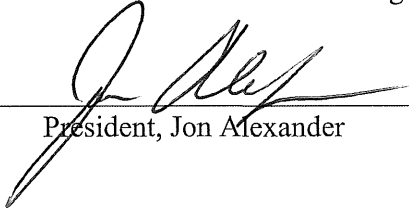
E. Personnel:

- 1. Acceptance of Letter(s) of Resignation / Retirement Motion to Accept** – Dr. Crawford made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Mrs. Deborah Whitt as a Paraprofessional Teachers' Aide at Denning Elementary School, effective on Friday, March 5, 2021. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- 2. Employ Professional Educator Licensed Employee – Behavior Interventionist – FCHS** – This personnel item was originally scheduled as number 6 on the agenda but moved to number 2 after unanimous consent. At that time, Dr. Crawford made a motion to employ Ms. Cassandra Lueking as a Professional Educator Licensed Employee as a Special Education Instructor as a Behavior Interventionist at Frankfort Community High School for the current, 2020-2021 School Year provided that licensure and background checks have been completed. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- 3. Employ Professional Educator Licensed Employee – 6th Grade – FIS** – Mr. Burns made a motion to employ Ms. Morgan Griffith as a Professional Educator Licensed Employee as a 6th Grade Instructor at Frankfort Intermediate School for the 2021-2022 School Year provided that licensure and background checks have been completed. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- 4. Employ Professional Educator Licensed Employee – Mathematics – FCHS/CJHS** – Mr. Hawkins made a motion to employ Ms. Amanda Fry as a Professional Educator Licensed Employee as a Mathematics Instructor to be assigned to Frankfort Community High School and Central Junior High School for the 2021-2022 School Year provided that licensure and background checks have been completed. Dr. Crawford seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- 5. Employ Professional Educator Licensed Employee – Special Education – Structured Cross Categorical – DES** – Dr. Crawford made a motion to employ Mrs. Jessica Miller as a Professional Educator Licensed Employee as a Special Education Instructor in the Structured Cross Categorical Classroom at Denning Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year provided that licensure and background checks have been completed. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- 6. Employ Professional Educator Licensed Employee – Special Education – Early Childhood – DES** – Dr. Crawford made a motion to employ Mrs. Andrea Vinson as a Professional Educator Licensed Employee as a Special Education Instructor in an Early Childhood Classroom at Denning Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year provided that licensure and background checks have been completed. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- 7. Consideration of Administrative Team Member Contracts** –
 - Dr. Crawford made a motion to approve the extension of Administrative Contracts for a period of one year each to Mr. Jory Dial, Mrs. Tara Sullivan, and Mrs. Angela Jilek. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
 - Dr. Crawford made a motion to approve the extension of an Administrative Contract as a School Psychologist for a period of three years to Mrs. Desrie Farley. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

8. Authorization to Post / Advertise Positions – None.

VIII. Board Member Comments – None.

IX. Adjourn – Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.



President, Jon Alexander



Secretary, Clint Hawkins