

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

Monday, August 9, 2021

The Board of Education of Frankfort Community Unit School District #168 held a Special Board Meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021, in the Frankfort Intermediate School Library, 800 North Cherry Street, West Frankfort, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the waiver application, personnel, construction change orders, student handbook approval, and the back to school plan.

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum:** President Keith Griffith called the Special Meeting of the Frankfort Community Unit School District #168 to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: with the following members present: Dawn Browning, Larry Burns, John Butler, Rick Conner, Keith Griffith, Clint Hawkins, and Kevin Toney. The purpose of the Special Meeting was to consider a waiver application, personnel, construction change orders, student handbook approval, and a back to school plan.

Approximately fourteen people were present including the Superintendent, the Recording Secretary, ten administrators and directors, a member of the public, and a representative from Baysinger Architects present.

- 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 Proposed Back to School Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year** – Mrs. Browning made a motion to approve the proposed back to school plan for the 2021-2022 school year that calls for full, in-person learning for all student attendance days for the 2021-2022 school year. Remote or distance instruction will only be made available for students with a medical reason from a licensed physician and by completing the District’s regular approval process for Homebound instruction. The plan recognized Executive Order 2021-18 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 85), “requiring the indoor use of face coverings by students, staff, and visitors who are over age two and able to medically tolerate a face covering, regardless of vaccination status” that additionally requires the continued implementation of “other layers of prevention strategies. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1 on the following roll call vote: Browning – yes, Burns – yes, Butler – no, Conner – yes, Griffith – yes, Hawkins – yes, Toney - yes.
2. **Consideration of Application for a General Assembly / ISBE Waiver for General Assembly Waiver of 105 ILCS 5/10-20.12a RE: Limitation of Administrative Costs** – Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the proposed Application for a General Assembly / ISBE Waiver of 105 ILCS 5/10-20.12a RE: Limitation of Administrative Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Mr. Toney seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

B. **Curriculum and Instruction:**

1. **Consideration of Proposed 2021-2022 Student Handbook for Approval** – Mr. Griffith made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Frankfort CUSD #168 Student Handbook. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1 on the following roll call vote: Browning – yes, Burns – yes, Butler – no, Conner – yes, Griffith – yes, Hawkins – yes, Toney – yes.

C. Facilities:

- 1. Consideration of HVAC and Roofing Change Order for Central Junior High School –**
After an extended discussion with Mr. Ralph Eide, a representative from Baysinger Architects, Mrs. Browning made a motion to approve a change order with Kehrer Brothers regarding roof deck replacement work as part of the renovation work at Central Junior High School. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

- D. Possible Closed Session:** Mr. Butler 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; 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 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 as stated in *5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)(2)(5)(8)*. Mr. Toney seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. The Board was in closed session from 6:29 p.m. to 7:02 p.m.

- Mr. Butler made a motion to re-convene in open session. Mr. Toney seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

E. Personnel:

- 1. Employ Professional Educator Licensed Employee – Special Education – Functional at FCHS –** Mr. Butler made a motion to **employ Mr. Cole Wright** as a Professional Educator Licensed Employee as a Special Education Instructor in the Functional Class at FCHS for the 2021-2022 School Year provided that licensure and background checks have been completed. Mr. Toney seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.
- 2. Acceptance of Letter(s) of Resignation / Retirement –** Mr. Hawkins made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Mrs. Tracey Hill as a Physical Education Instructor at FCHS, Mrs. Felicia Houser and Mr. Cole Wright] as Para-Professional Teacher’s Aides at Denning Elementary School and FIS respectively, and Mrs. Sara Jacobs as a Chaperone at FIS. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.
- 3. Employ Para-Professional Educator Licensed Employee – Title Aide – 6.5 Hours at DES –** Mr. Butler made a motion to employ Ms. Taylor Hood as a Para-Professional Educator Licensed Employee – Title Aide – 6.5 Hours at DES provided that licensure and background checks have been completed. Mrs. Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.
- 4. Recall of Para-Professional Educator Licensed Employee – Placement to Be Determined –** Mr. Griffith made a motion to employ Ms. Lauren Doty as a Para-Professional Educator Licensed Employee with placement to be determined provided that licensure and background checks have been completed. Mrs. Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.
- 5. Employ Custodial Personnel Position at FIS / FCHS Gymnasium –** Mrs. Browning made a motion to employ Mr. Chad Blades as a Custodian assigned to the split position at FIS and the FCHS Gymnasium. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.
- 6. Employ Part-Time, 3-Hour Cook at FCHS –** Mr. Butler made a motion to employ Ms. Kara Hale as a Part-Time, 3-Hour Cook at FCHS provided that licensure and background checks have been completed. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.
- 7. Employ Support Staff Members – Chaperones at District Schools –** Mr. Butler made a motion to employ the following as Support Staff Members Chaperones provided that background checks have been completed: at Denning Elementary School: Mrs. Alicia Coffey,

Ms. Nicole Fry, and Mrs. Courtney Wininger; and at Frankfort Intermediate School: Mrs. Debbie Nanni and Mr. Terry Williams. Mr. Toney seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

8. Approval of 2021-2022 Fall, Winter, and Spring Sports Coaches – FCHS / CJHS:

a. Employ and Approve a Support Staff Member for a Position as Assistant Football Coach at FCHS – Mr. Griffith made a motion to employ and approve Mr. Logan Tomanovich as a Support Staff Member serving as Assistant Football Coach at Frankfort Community High School. Mrs. Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

b. Approve Assistant Softball Coach at CJHS – Mr. Butler made a motion to approve Ms. Cassandra Lueking as Assistant Softball Coach at CJHS for the 2021-2022 School Year. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

9. Authorization to Post / Advertise Positions – Mr. Toney made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to post a position of Chaperone at Denning Elementary School. Mrs. Browning 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 7:11 p.m.

President, Keith Griffith

Secretary, Dawn Browning