

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

Monday, October 17, 2022 – 6:00 pm

The Board of Education of Frankfort Community Unit School District #168 held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Junior High School Library, 1600 East Ninth Street, West Frankfort, Illinois.

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum:** President Keith Griffith called the Regular Meeting of the Frankfort Community Unit School District #168 to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following board members present: Jon Alexander, Dawn Browning, Larry Burns, Keith Griffith, Clint Hawkins, and Kevin Toney. Board member Rick Conner was absent.

Fourteen other people were present, including the Superintendent, six administrators and directors, and seven members of the public.
- II. **Hearing of Delegates or Visitors and Public Comments:** Mrs. Schannone Steinberger asked for assistance for building Candy Cane Lane; Mrs. Crystal Mann, joined by Mrs. Kendra Henson, expressed concern about the progress on locating a wrestling-only practice facility; and Mrs. Iris Kohzadi, as part of the Booster Club, voiced concern about various Redbird sports and activities including wrestling.
- III. **Approval of Minutes – The Open and Closed Sessions of the September 19, 2022, Regular Meeting, the September 26, 2022, Special Meetings, and the Open Session of the September 19, 2022, Budget Hearing:** Mr. Burns made a motion to approve the minutes of the Open and Closed Sessions of the September 19, 2022, Regular Meeting, the September 26, 2022, Special Meetings, and the Open Session of the September 19, 2022, Budget Hearing. Mr. Alexander 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 \$1,258,691.00 and financial reports presented, including three payrolls in the month of September, 2022 in the amount of \$1,550,175.44. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- V. **Reports:**
 - A. **Superintendent:** Mr. Donkin’s report included discussing the upcoming curriculum meetings with various departments, conferences attended, and the wait for the General Assembly to pass potential construction funding when they return later in November of the new year.
 - B. **School Administrators:** Written and oral reports from Administrators were reviewed.
 - C. **Special Education:** A written and oral report was reviewed.
 - D. **Grant Programs:** A written and oral report was reviewed.
 - E. **Activities and Athletics:** A written and oral report was reviewed.
 - F. **Maintenance:** A written and oral report was reviewed.
 - G. **Committee Reports:** None.
- VI. **Old Business:** None.
- VII. **New Business:**

A. Business and Operations Proposals and Agreements:

- 1. Consideration of Awarding of Bid to Provide Electrical Utility Services** – After unanimous consent this item was moved to after Closed Session. At that time, Mr. Hawkins made a motion to table this item. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- 2. Consideration of a Solar PV System Procurement Consulting Services Agreement** – Mr. Burns made a motion to ratify the Solar PV System Procurement Consulting Services agreement between Frankfort CUSD #168 and Satori Enterprises, LLC. Mr. Toney seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- 3. Consideration of a Beverage Agreement with Heartland Coca-Cola Bottling Company, LLC** – Mr. Alexander made a motion to ratify the Beverage Agreement between Frankfort CUSD #168 and Heartland Coca-Cola Bottling Company, LLC. Mrs. Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- 4. Consideration of a Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Helia Healthcare** – Mr. Alexander made a motion to ratify the Clinical Affiliation Agreement between Frankfort CUSD #168 and Helia Healthcare of West Frankfort. Mr. Toney seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- 5. Consideration to Approve Member as Delegate to the Illinois Association of School Boards Annual Assembly** – Mr. Hawkins made a motion to appoint and approve Mr. Jon Alexander as Delegate to the Illinois Association of School Boards' Annual Assembly November 18-20, 2022. Mrs. Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

B. Facilities:

- 1. Update RE: Renovation Planning and Maintenance Work Projects at Denning Elementary School Facilities** – Information on the status of the kitchen and other items was discussed.
- 2. Update RE: Renovation Planning and Maintenance Work Projects for Central Junior High School Facilities** – Information on the flooring and the doors was presented.
- 3. Update RE: Programming Study for Master Planning of Future Potential Renovation, Addition, and Construction of Frankfort Community High School Facilities** – Reiterated the conversation about state progress on legislation.
- 4. Consideration of Authorization of Application for ISBE School Maintenance Project Grant** – Mr. Griffith made a motion to authorize and approve the application for a School Maintenance Project Grant for the repair and replacement of ceiling systems in District Schools and direct the Superintendent to forward it to the Illinois State Board of Education. Mr. Toney seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

C. Miscellaneous: None.

- D. Possible Closed Session:** Mrs. Browning 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, 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. Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. The board was in closed session from 6:41 p.m. to 8:29 p.m.

- Mr. Alexander made a motion to re-convene in Open Session. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

E. Personnel:

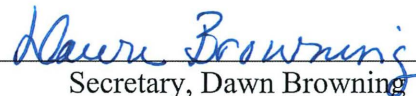
1. **Acceptance of Letter(s) of Retirement / Resignation / Leave** – None.
2. **Employ Support Staff Member – Chaperone for Special Education Classes at District Schools** – Mrs. Browning made a motion to employ George Bechelli as a Support Staff Member as Chaperone for District Schools provided that background checks have been completed. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1 on the following roll call vote: Alexander – no; Browning – yes; Burns – yes; Griffith – yes; Hawkins – yes; Toney – yes.
3. **Authorization to Post / Advertise Positions** – None.

VIII. **Board Member Comments:** Mr. Toney praised Ms. Francis and the band for their improvements as demonstrated by their various performances at games and Homecoming events while also praising Mr. Kevin Butler for his work during Homecoming. Mr. Alexander discussed the successful STEM Day trip taken to JALC and guided by Mr. Travis Noto and Mrs. Sarah Jones.

IX. **Adjourn:** Mr. Alexander made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



President, Keith Griffith



Secretary, Dawn Browning