

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

Thursday, November 3, 2022 – 6:00 pm

The Board of Education of Frankfort Community Unit School District #168 held a Special Board Meeting on Thursday November 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Frankfort Intermediate School Gymnasium, 800 North Cherry Street, West Frankfort, Illinois. The purpose of this Special Meeting was to consider awarding bids for electrical utility services, confidential matters related to individual students, and personnel issues to hold hearings regarding student disciplinary cases.

There were approximately 300 members of the public from within and outside of the District that included school employees present at the meeting along with the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, administrative staff and directors.

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum:** President Keith Griffith announced that a resignation had been submitted by Mr. Clint Hawkins, Board Vice-President, and then called the Special 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, Rick Conner, Keith Griffith, and Kevin Toney. Board member Clint Hawkins was absent.

- II. **Hearing of Delegates or Visitors and Public Comments:** Between 6:03 p.m. and 7:39 p.m., the following people identified themselves and spoke on either side of the issue in regards to student locker room access: Schannone Steinberger, Bob Maragni, James Studer, Daniel Aaron, Darrell Ellis, Brian Lenich, Mike Meracle, Josh harp, Krista Hastie, Jonathan Payne, Ben Wyant, John Stoltz, Andy Lee, Melissa Bouton, Guy Webster, Kerry Cornaglia, Sarah Melvin, Becky Robinson, Brandy Van Zandt, Hannah Adkins, Brad Ryan, Mike Jeter, Roger Teal, Paul Moak, Jill Smilanich, Holly Hiller, Loren Collins, Haley Wyant, Julian Wyant, Clay Awsumb, and Aaron Price.

- III. **New Business:**
 - A. **Business and Operations Proposals and Agreements:**
 1. **Consideration of Awarding of Bid to Provide Electrical Utility Services** – Mr. Burns made a Motion to Accept the bid of Homefield Energy through AGE to provide Electrical Utility Services for Frankfort CUSD #168 and authorize the Superintendent to pursue a three-year agreement at the proposed rates. Mr. Alexander seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.

 - B. **Closed Session:** Mr. Alexander made a Motion to Convene in Closed Session to consider “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees . . . for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee . . . for the public body to determine its validity; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property; student disciplinary cases; and the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students” as set forth in 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)(2)(8)(9)(10). Mr. Toney seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0. The Board was in closed session from 7:44 to 11:47 p.m.

- Mr. Alexander made a Motion to Re-Convvene in Open Session. Mr. Toney seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.

C. Personnel:

1. Acceptance of Letter(s) of Retirement / Resignation / Leave –

- Mr. Toney made a Motion to Accept the irrevocable Letter of Retirement from Mrs. Jodi DeJarnett, Director of Special Education, effective at the end of the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Alexander seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.
- Mr. Griffith made a Motion to Accept the Letter of Resignation from Ms. Victoria Mayo, a District Social Worker. Mr. Burns seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.

2. Employ Part-Time Para-Professional Educator Licensed Employee – Mrs. Browning made a Motion to Employ Mr. George Bechelli as a Part-Time Para-Professional Educator Licensed Employee provided that licensure and background checks have been completed. Mr. Griffith seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.

3. Approval to Establish and Fill Volunteer Coaching Positions – Wrestling – FCHS -

- Mr. Alexander made a Motion to Approve two volunteer coaching positions for FCHS Wrestling. Mr. Toney seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.
- Mrs. Browning made a Motion to Approve Mr. David Butler and Ms. Samantha Finn to fill the volunteer coaching position for FCHS Wrestling provided that certification and background checks have been completed. Mr. Toney seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.

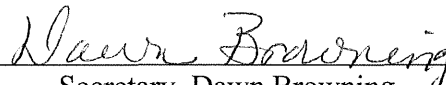
- * Mr. Donkin announced that through Thursday, November 10, 2022, that students will not dress for Physical Education at FCHS; and that beginning on Monday, November 14, 2022, dressing for P.E. at FCHS will be optional as the District works to increase privacy options in its facilities in addition to the current option to dress in alternate, private, single-use spaces.

4. Consideration of a Notice to Remedy to Be Issued to a Professional Educator Licensed Employee – Mr. Griffith made a Motion to Ratify a Resolution Regarding Notice of Remedial Warning and Return to Work to Mr. Guy Cody Hiller. Mr. Alexander seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6-0.

- IV. **Adjourn:** Mr. Griffith made a Motion to Adjourn the meeting. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 p.m.



President, Keith Griffith



Secretary, Dawn Browning