

**FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Special Meeting – April 23, 2018**  
**Administrative Office Conference Room**  
**6:00pm**

The Finneytown Board of Education met in special session on Monday, April 23, 2018 in the Finneytown Administrative Office Conference Room, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Mrs. Rebman, Mr. Gast, Mr. Engleman and Mr. Stuhlreyer were present. The president called the meeting to order at 6:29pm.

**43-18** Mr. Gast moved, seconded by Mr. Stuhlreyer, that the Board dispensed with the opening ceremony and approval of the minutes from the regular meeting of April 16, 2018. The president declared the motion passed.

**Discussion of the OSBA Board of Trustees' Resolution on School Safety**

On February 24, 2018, the OSBA Board of Trustees adopted the attached resolution in response to the recent school shootings in Parkland, Florida. OSBA is asking boards of education to also adopt this resolution and share it with their legislators as a strong message about the need for change, stressing local control, while maintaining a balance between the Second Amendment and school safety.

WHEREAS, school violence has become an epidemic in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the children and school employees of our nation deserve to attend school without fear of death or injury, and their families deserve to send them to school without the same fear; and

WHEREAS, there is a mutual responsibility of all citizens to address this problem and the responsibility for preventing violent incidents cannot be relegated to school districts alone; and

WHEREAS, multiple studies have shown that the majority of Americans support action to eliminate violence in our schools; and

WHEREAS, school board members, administrators, employees and community members should work together with lawmakers, legal counsel, law enforcement and security experts to determine how best to ensure student safety in their district;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Finneytown Local School District Board of Education implores the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Ohio, the United States Congress, and the Ohio General Assembly to prioritize the protection of students and school employees by enacting legislation with funding for the following:

1. Enhanced mental health services and substance abuse treatment so that all individuals, including children, have sufficient access to these services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of the Board of Education and that copies of the resolution be forwarded to members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate.

Board member comments:

- The board concurs with the recommendations of OSBA, OASBO and BASA in opposition to this career-education governance consolidation bill.

**Discussion of the OSBA Resolution Opposing HB216, Public School Deregulation Act**

OSBA, OASBO and BASA are recommending support for this public school deregulation act which would reportedly reduce administrative burden and return more local control to elected boards of education.

The Finneytown Board originally adopted this bill on December 18, 2017. Additional information released since that time, however, has challenged the effectiveness of the bill to accomplish its stated purposes.

WHEREAS over time many well intentioned requirements have increased the administrative burden for Ohio school districts; and

WHEREAS Senate Bill 216, as introduced, would return more local control to elected boards of education; and

WHEREAS many decisions regarding teacher assignment, student assessment, teacher evaluation, and student access to college-level courses should properly be made at the local level;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS, HEREBY RESOLVED that the Finneytown Local School District Board of Education, having been duly elected and acting as representatives of a legal and statutorily independent local board, supports Senate Bill 216, as introduced, and its intent to increase local control; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the Ohio General Assembly representing this school district.

Board member comments:

- Reviews on the effectiveness of this bill are mixed.
- The bill keeps changing and continues to be modified during the legislative process making it difficult to access our support for this work in progress.
- The board expressed interest in withdrawing its support for this evolving bill.
- The Finneytown Board will reconsider its adoption of this resolution at its next regular board meeting.

**Discussion of District Vision and Mission Statement**

The mission, vision and core beliefs are not the finalized. Review of these items will be deferred until the next meeting.

**Discussion of the HB102, School Funding Reform**

HB 102, School Funding Reform, would require a constitutional amendment. This bill would replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax.

Board member comments:

- This bill would further centralize control of public education at the state level
- This bill will replace local funding decision making and local community control with a state controlled process.
- The Finneytown Board is not in favor of this reform bill.

**Discussion of Board Liaison Role with Approved District Support Organizations**

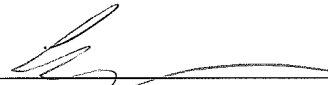
Question: What is the proper role of board members serving as liaisons to our support organizations?


Board member comments:

- The purpose of these organizations is to work in conjunction with the schools to serve children.
- Liaison roles seem to vary from one organization to the next and change over time.
- The following actions would be beneficial at this time:
  - Review all district policies governing the district's relationship with support organizations
  - Update district policies as necessary
  - Conduct bi-annual review of the board liaison/support organization relationships
  - Sign agreements with each officially recognized support organization
  - Request a current version of each support organizations bylaws be kept on file in the district administrative office

**44-18** There being no further business, Mr. Engleman moved, seconded by Mr. Gast, that the meeting be adjourned. The president declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

ATTEST:

  
Cindy Rebman, President

  
David Oliverio, Treasurer

