

FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting, February 20, 2018
Secondary Campus Media Center
Open Forum 7:00pm
Regular Meeting 7:30pm

The Finneytown Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 in the Media Center of the Finneytown Secondary Campus, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Mrs. Rebman, Mr. Gast, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Stuhldreier and Mr. Engleman were present. The President called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

16-18 Ms. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Engleman, the Board approved the agenda as presented and amended. The President declared the motion passed.

17-18 Mr. Gast moved, seconded by Mr. Stuhldreier, the Board approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2018. The President declared the motion passed.

Administrative Report

Dr. Jen Dinan, Principal Secondary Campus – discussed the following:

- Recognized Finneytown Secondary Campus art students chosen as 2018 Scholastic Art Award winners and honorable mentions. This program accepts submissions from students across the country in grades 7-12.

Mrs. Theresa Noe, Superintendent – discussed the following:

- Acknowledged the success of Finneytown 2017-18 PTA Reflections winners.
- Facility Planning Process – Community Advisory Team (CAT), Educational Visioning Team (EVT) Community Outreach Forums (COF) and Community Focus Groups (CFG) continue to meet and make extraordinary process as the district solicits and synthesizes community input and advice on facility master plan concepts, educational delivery, and other community preferences.
- Reported on Mr. Gast's request for an update on several 2017-18 district initiatives:
 - Daytime Custodial Outsourcing – a part-time and three fulltime positions were outsourced this year. The biggest difference has been improved building custodial coverage. Absenteeism issues have been resolved and we no longer have to pull maintenance and grounds employees off their assignments to fill in. Improvements in overall consistency of nighttime cleaning is still needed but can be resolved with clear and consistently communicated expectations. Persistent restroom smell appears to be an aging facilities rather than a lack of cleanliness or effort problem. Cost savings will be provided at the end of the year.

- Transportation Outsourcing – bus drivers and supervision were outsourced this year. Many of our former staff were hired as drivers. The problem of getting and keeping a full complement of good drivers hasn't completely gone away, but is now the duty of the outsourcing company to resolve. The transportation supervisor and secretary have been trained as backup drivers, eliminating the need to double and triple of bus routes. Safety and training improvements are obvious. The fleet is better maintained. Whitaker parking lot traffic congestion issues remain but are showing improvement. One concern has been the district's limitation on the total number of curricular and extracurricular field trips. In an effort to control overall transportation costs, new and/or previously unplanned field trips must be paid by the school group requesting the bus service or the request will be turned down. Cost savings will be provided at the end of the year.
- Reduction of Educational Aides – Aides were reallocated and absorbed this year as part of the district's response to a state's performance audit. Assignments were shifted to ensure the essential needs of all students are being met. At the same time some positions were absorbed, others were added as new and changing needs have emerged, such as an English Language Learner aide and lunch monitors.
- House System – this will be addressed at next month's board meeting by a high school presentation.
- Musical – The musical and Dinner Before the Show fundraiser were very enjoyable and entertaining.
- School Building Tours – Tours of the district's schools have been, and will continue to be, given to anyone interested, in combination with facility planning meetings and other school events, such as World Culture Night or the PTA Carnival.
- Community Outreach Forum #2 – Scheduled for this Thursday at 6pm in the Secondary Campus PAC. Flyers and talking points are available to help get the word out. Our goal is the recommendation of a final district facilities master plan concept to the Board at the March meeting.
- Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) – Representatives of the OFCC and the school district met on February 8th for a planning meeting and probable funding update.
- Safety Committee Meeting – scheduled for this Friday.
- BASA, superintendent meetings, and Google trainings are coming up.

Public Address

- Nikkie McCollum, parent, expressed concerns about unsatisfied requests for supplementary student resources, disrespect, disagreements, differences of opinion, interactions, communications and consequences.

Board Coordination Matters

Mr. Stuhlreyer, discussed the following items:

- Finneytown Athletic Association – Attended the February 11th meeting. Baseball and softball registrations are occurring. Flag football is being organized for the fall. Will have a table at the Whitaker PTA Carnival for sports sign-ups.
- Finneytown Music Parents Association – Met on February 12th. Unable to attend due to a conflict with the Educational Visioning Team meeting also scheduled that evening.
- Legislative Liaison – Spoke to Cecil Thomas’s office about Senate Bill 216. SB216 was promoted as a local control initiative and supported by the Finneytown Board of Education at the December meeting. New information has been uncovered indicating the bill’s primary purpose centers on funding cuts and additional district responsibilities rather than local control. The State Superintendent of Education does not support this bill. It is suggested that the Finneytown Local Board of Education revisit and reconsider its support for this bill at its March meeting.

Mr. Gast, discussed the following items:

- Elementary PTA – Highlights included discussion of the Sue Hummer Founders’ Day service project. School supply donations can be dropped off at either Brent or Whitaker elementary buildings this week. There was also discussion about aligning Finneytown Elementary and Secondary PTA’s efforts or even combining the organizations at some future point.
- World Culture Night – All Finneytown community members, families, and friends are invited to come celebrate Finneytown's diversity at the annual World Culture Night. This year's event will be on Wednesday, February 21st @ 6:30 pm at Brent Elementary.
- PTA Carnival – Scheduled for March 3rd at Whitaker Elementary.
- Kindergarten Registration – March 1st at Brent Elementary.

Mr. Engleman, discussed the following items:

- Springfield Township Board of Trustees –
 - February monthly meeting was February 13th. I was unable to attend due to the SHP CAT meeting on the same evening.
 - The township conducted their normal business with nothing of note that effects FLSD.
 - Chris Gilbert who is currently serving as the Township Assistant Administrator will be taking Mr. Hinnenkamp’s position at the end of March.
 - Annual State of the Township and Community address is on March 1st from 6:30pm - 7:15pm at the Grove Banquet & Event Center.
 - Mom Prom is March 17th and is already sold out.
 - Their next public working session is January 23rd and the next regular trustee meeting is March 13th, 2018.

- Finneytown Schools Educational Foundation –
 - January 17th Board of Directors meeting
 - Scott Haarlammert was nominated to serve as President. Vote to be taken at the next meeting.
 - Approved the 2018 Budget.
 - February 8th Board of Directors meeting
 - Elected Scott Haarlammert as President.
- Safety and Security
 - Next meeting is Friday @ 8:00 am in the Administrative Office.

Ms. Johnson, discussed the following items:

- Secondary PTA – Unable to attend due to a schedule conflict.
- Finneytown Athletic Boosters –
 - Met on January 28th.
 - Discussed the athletic department budget.
 - Questions came up as to “Who pays for what?” and “Do we have too many sports teams based upon the cost to operate?”
 - Pay-to-participate information was shared.
 - Fundraising was discussed.
 - Next meeting is in March.

Mrs. Rebman, discussed the following items:

- Secondary Family and Community Engagement – Met this month. A survey was distributed and collected at the meeting. A revised survey was later e-mailed to committee members. The survey will help the committee make plans as to which projects it will become involved.
- Board President’s Workshop – Training on legal issues, conflicts of interest, transportation issues and other hot topics for boards of education.
- Secondary Campus art is displayed.

18-18 Mr. Engleman moved, seconded by Ms. Johnson, that the Board adopt the “Consent Calendar” as follows:

Action by the Board of Education in adoption of the “Consent Calendar” at this point of the agenda means that all items appearing with an asterisk (*) after the title constitute the “Consent Calendar” and are adopted by one single motion, unless a member of the Board of Education or the Superintendent requests that any such item be removed from the “Consent Calendar” and voted upon separately.

a) Monthly Financial Report*

b) Depository and Investment Balances as of January 31, 2018*

U.S. Bank	0.01000%	\$ 370,128.86
STAR Ohio	1.44000%	\$ 5,255,100.72
STAR Plus	1.47000%	\$ 28,330.05

c) Interest Earned on Depository and Investment Accounts as of January 31, 2018*

General Fund \$ 6,220.07

d) Approval of Payment - FY18*

The Board approved payment of the following invoice(s) representing purchases that were made prior to the issuance of a valid purchase order of the district:

DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
12/19/2017	Hamilton County ESC (Pre-School Tuition)	\$21,982.24

RC: Ms. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Rebman, yes; Mr. Stuhlreyer, yes; Mr. Engleman, yes; Mr. Gast, yes. The president declared the motion passed.

18-19 Mr. Gast moved, seconded by Mr. Stuhlreyer, that the Board adopt the “Consent Calendar” as follows:

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a) Approval of Contract – One Year Limited Classified*

The Board approved a one year limited contract for the following new classified staff member, effective through June 30, 2018:

Candace Hopkins School Secretary
effective February 20, 2018

b) Approval of Contracts – Supplemental 2017-2018

The Board approved the following supplemental contracts, effective August 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

Nicole Raasch	Advisor - HS Yearbook	\$1,090.00
Nicole Raasch	Advisor - MS Yearbook	\$615.00
Martha Westover-Mayer	Coordinator Brent Family & Comm. Engagement	\$400.00

c) Approval of Family and Medical Leave*

The Board approved the following Family and Medical Leave:

Renae Brown, Educational Aide, on an intermittent basis, beginning January 12, 2018 and continuing for a period not to exceed 12 weeks.

d) Approval of Unpaid Leave of Absence*

The Board approved the following Unpaid Leave of Absence:

Scott Hughes, Teacher, requests unpaid leave beginning February 17, 2018 and continuing through March 19, 2018.

e) Approval of School Year 2018-2019 Calendar*

The Board approved the following 2018-2019 school year calendar, which was originally presented for consideration on January 16, 2018:

August 16, Thursday	Staff In-Service Day
August 17, Friday	Staff In-Service Day
August 20, Monday	First Day for Students
September 3, Monday	Labor Day - No School
October 8, Monday	Staff In-Service Day - No School
October 19, Friday	1st Quarter Ends (43 days)
November 19 & 20, Monday & Tuesday	Staff In-Service Days - No School
November 21, Wednesday	Conference Release Day-No School

November 22 & 23, Thursday & Friday	Thanksgiving Break - No School
December 21, Friday	2nd Quarter Ends (40 days)
December 24, Mon. - January 4, Friday	Winter Break - No School
January 7, Monday	School Resumes
January 18, Friday	Staff In-Service Day - No School
January 21, Monday	MLK, Jr. Day - No School
February 15, Friday	Conference Release Day - No School
February 18, Monday	Presidents Day - No School
March 15, Friday	3rd Quarter Ends (46 days)
March 18, Monday – March 22, Friday	Spring Break - No School
March 25, Monday	School Resumes
April 19, Friday	Staff In-Service Day - No School
April 22, Monday	No School for Staff and Students
May 27, Monday	Memorial Day - No School
May 30, Thursday	Last Day for Students 4th Quarter Ends (46 days)
May 31, Friday	Staff In-Service Day – Staff Last Day

Note: Easter Sunday is April 21, 2019.

f) Approval of Overnight Student Trip*

The Board approved the following overnight student trip:

Band Camp

Destination: Camp Crescendo; Lebanon Junction, KY

Depart: July 15, 2018

Return: July 20, 2018

Transportation: Transportation Department

Supervision: Music Department staff members, directors and band parents

Anticipated Cost per Student: \$280.00

g) Acceptance of Donations*

The Board accepted the following donations:

An \$800 cash donation from the Finneytown Athletic Association to the Finneytown Athletic Department on January 10, 2018

A \$450 cash donation from the Finneytown Elementary PTA to Whitaker Elementary for camp scholarships on January 20, 2018

h) Approval of Volunteer Advisors*

The Board approved the following volunteer advisors for Girls-On-The-Run for the 2017-2018 school year:

Jen Bayless

Britany Utley

RC: Ms. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Rebman, yes; Mr. Stuhldreier, yes; Mr. Engleman, yes; Mr. Gast, yes. The president declared the motion passed.

The next regular meeting of the Finneytown Board of Education will take place on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:30pm in the Media Center of the Finneytown Secondary Campus, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Open forum will begin at 7:00pm. Dr. Jen Dinan, Secondary Campus Principal, and Ms. L’Juana Booker, Whitaker Elementary Principal, will participate in the open forum, and will present building reports during the regular board meeting.

20-18 There being no further business, Mr. Engleman moved, seconded by Ms. Johnson, that the meeting be adjourned. The president declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Cindy Rebman, President

ATTEST:

David Oliverio, Treasurer