

FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Meeting
December 22, 2019
Administrative Office Conference Room
1:30pm

The Finneytown Board of Education met in special session on Sunday, December 22, 2019 in the Finneytown Administrative Office Conference Room, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Mr. Gast, Mrs. Rebman, Ms. Johnson and Mr. Engleman were present. The president called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.

108-19 Ms. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Rebman, that the Board dispense with the opening ceremony and approval of the minutes from the regular meeting of December 16, 2019. The president declared the motion passed.

109-19 Ms. Rebman moved, seconded by Mr. Gast, that the Board established the date and time of the Organizational and Budget Meetings as January 11, 2020 at 9:00am. The president declared the motion passed.

Discussion

The Board shared and discussed information and ideas gathered from the Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference and Trade Show held November 10-12, 2019:

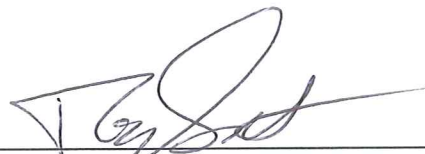
- Mr. Engleman primarily spoke to vendors and attended sessions pertaining to buildings and facilities to help round out his knowledge and background to better serve the Facilities Committee on which he is serving.
- Ms. Johnson primarily attended mental health and diversity and inclusion sessions. Also attended an enrollment management strategy session, Sandusky City Schools presented for boards dealing with shrinking enrollment. Community engagement activities, including a school app have been successful.
- For college bound students, Blackboard and other learning apps used in public schools can better prepare them for a college transition. Colleges are immersed in digital technology.
- Maybe 5th grade should look more like a transition year from Thursday folders to parents have to go look for the info.
- Not all Finneytown teachers are using ProgressBook or are keeping it up to date. (4th & 5th)
- How does Abre tie in or does it?
- Offer a digital option?
- When a child withdraws, one of the leadership team should make a phone call to see why.
- Need more after school fine arts and activities at middle and high school.
- Look for grants to help.
- Need a senior parent checklist for college transition.

- Parent Mentors - someone who has already navigated the waters to connect with every parent new to a grade level. Like a House system for parents.
- Expanded mentoring for high school students. Whiz Kids idea expanded.
- Have the students help design activities. They know what is appealing and what is lame. Maybe with CTC mentoring program. Ask parents "What do you want for your child?"
- Have training for mentors.
- Attendance and disengagement issues - Partner with trade associations to explore job sites and let kids work part day for credit. Learn engagement, empathy and feeling useful and needed and important.
- Get an attendance bonus if less than 3 days in a week late or absent. Start with most truant at secondary.
- How are we using Naviance? It has so much to offer. Aptitude and personality tests. Could be done in mentor group time.
- Find a grant.
- Kids need exposure to job opportunities.
- Mrs. Rebman attended a session that included a My Story, My Voice professional development video. Student's telling stories anonymously while random pictures of students flash across the screen. It would remind us what kids go through just to get to school each day.

The Board discussed restructuring liaison roles to the district's support organizations for the coming year:

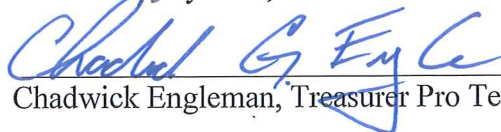
- How to restructure time Board members spend on committees, etc.
- Combine the 2 PTAs and visit each every other month
- Combine Boosters and FAA
- Combine Foundation and FMFA
- Tailor their efforts to the Strategic plan and mission/vision
- Our partnership with Springfield Township will be even more important as we get into construction phase.

110-19 There being no further business, Mr. Engleman moved, seconded by Mrs. Rebman, that the meeting be adjourned. The president declared the meeting adjourned at 4:16pm.



Tony Gast, President

ATTEST:



Chadwick Engleman, Treasurer Pro Tempore