

FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Organizational Meeting
January 11, 2020 at 7:10 a.m.
Administrative Office Conference Room

The Finneytown Board of Education held the Organizational meeting on Saturday, January 11, 2020 in the Finneytown Administrative Office Conference Room, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Mr. Engleman, Mr. Gast, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Rebman and Mr. Stuhlreyer were present. The Treasurer, David Oliverio, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

The Treasurer, David Oliverio, gave the Oath of Office to the following re-elected board members:

Tony Gast (4 year term)
Joyce Johnson (4 year term)

_____ do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as a Board member in and for the said Finneytown Local School District, Hamilton County, Ohio to the best of your ability and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereafter to be enacted, during your continuance in said office and until your successor is chosen and qualified.

01-20 David Oliverio, Treasurer, called for nominations for President of the Finneytown Board of Education. Mr. Stuhlreyer nominated Mr. Gast. Mr. Engleman seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the Treasurer announced nominations were closed. Mr. Gast received a 5-0 vote. The Treasurer declared Mr. Gast the President of the Finneytown Board of Education.

02-20 Mr. Gast called for nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education. Mr. Gast nominated Mr. Engleman. Mr. Stuhlreyer seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Mr. Gast announced the nominations were closed. Mr. Engleman received a 5-0 vote. The president declared Mr. Engleman the Vice President of the Finneytown Board of Education.

03-20 Mr. Stuhlreyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Rebman, that the Board dispense with the approval of the minutes from the regular meeting, December 16, 2019 and the special meeting of December 22, 2019. The vote was 5-0. The president declared the motion passed.

04-20 Mr. Engleman moved, seconded by Mr. Gast, that the Board approve the following board meeting dates:

Calendar Year 2020

January 21 (Tuesday)
February 18 (Tuesday)
March 16 (Monday)
April 20 (Monday)
May 18 (Monday)
June 15 (Monday)
July 20 (Monday)
August 17 (Monday)
September 21 (Monday)
October 19 (Monday)
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Unless otherwise announced, all meetings will be held at the Finneytown Secondary Campus Media Center, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. The meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. with an Open Forum at 7:00 p.m. Special Sessions will be scheduled and announced as needed. The vote was 5-0. The president declared the motion passed.

Board Coordination Matters

The Board discussed Committee Assignments for the 2020 calendar year. Board members were appointed to committees, and as liaisons, to support and community organizations as follows:

Superintendent Committees

Facilities/Long Range Facilities	Mr. Engleman, Mrs. Rebman
Curriculum/Technology	Mrs. Rebman
Personnel	Mr. Stuhlreyer
Policy	Ms. Johnson
Wellness Committee	Mr. Gast
Safety / Security Committee	Ms. Johnson
Forward Looking Committee	Mr. Gast, Ms. Johnson

Treasurer Committee

Finance/Blue Ribbon	Mr. Rebman, Mr. Stuhlreyer
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Liaison Roles

OSBA Delegate	Mr. Engleman
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OSBA Alternate
Legislative Liaison
Student Achievement

Ms. Johnson
Mr. Stuhlreyer
Ms. Johnson

District Support Groups

Elementary PTA and Secondary PTA
Athletic Boosters and Finneytown Athletic Assn.
Music Parents and Education Foundation
Elem. Family & Community Engagement

Mr. Gast
Mr. Stuhlreyer
Mrs. Rebman
Mrs. Rebman

Community Groups

Springfield Township

Mr. Engleman

The Board agreed, for the 2020 calendar year, one Board member rather than two, will serve as liaison to the following Superintendent Committees: Curriculum/Technology, Personnel (a non-negotiating year), Policy and the Safety/Security Committee. The Wellness Committee has been reassigned from a Superintendent Committee to a District Committee to be chaired by the district nurse, and have a single Board liaison. The Board agreed to pair support groups with the expectation that the Board liaison alternate monthly between pair rather than attending each support group on a monthly basis. Finneytown Athletic Association, a community group, was paired with Finneytown Boosters, a district support group, for Board liaison purposes.

05-20 Mrs. Rebman moved, seconded by Mr. Engleman, the Board adopt the Resolution Opposing the State of Ohio EdChoice Scholarship (Voucher) Program.

Discussion ensued. While the board and administration were united in their opposition to the EdChoice Scholarship (Voucher) Program not all were comfortable with the resolution as currently worded. Suggestions and substitution language were provided for improvement of the resolution during the discussion.

06-20 Mr. Engleman moved, seconded by Mr. Stuhlreyer to replace language in the originally proposed EdChoice opposition resolution with substitution language.

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO
EdCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP (VOUCHER) PROGRAM**

1 WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has the constitutional responsibility to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools, and

- 2 WHEREAS, the Ohio legislature has recently made amendments which greatly increase the number and availability of vouchers for students to attend private/parochial schools at public taxpayer expense, and
- 3 WHEREAS, there is no plan to include EdChoice students in the school district's funding, and, the amount of money transferred from the public school to private/parochial schools for EdChoice students is expected to dramatically exceed the funding a school district would receive from the state of Ohio per pupil funding for those exact students if they did attend Finneytown, and
- 4 WHEREAS, such vouchers will be available to numerous families and students who have never attended Finneytown or any other public school and for whom state funding has never been provided to Finneytown or any other public school, and
- 5 WHEREAS, private/parochial schools accepting students with public tax vouchers would not be required to accept all students, but would be permitted to retain their selective admission policies without enforcement of other laws applicable to public schools, and
- 6 WHEREAS, this legislation unfairly transfers an economic burden of the state (the EdChoice program), freely entered into by its legislature, to the public schools of the state without their consent or involvement, and
- 7 WHEREAS, this Board believes that the EdChoice voucher program as it currently exists presents serious constitutional issues regarding the separation of church and state and the funding of religious institutions with public tax dollars, and
- 8 WHEREAS, this legislation will require a substantial increase in real estate tax levies and millage be levied across the state for no other reason than to specifically and exclusively fund a non-public EdChoice voucher program, and
- 9 WHEREAS, private/parochial school students are not subject to the testing standards required of public school students so that the actual performance of private/parochial schools subsidized with public tax dollars will not be known or be comparable, relative to equivalent public school evaluation standards, and
- 10 WHEREAS, under the amended legislation, it is so easy to obtain the underperforming designation and financial liability, but so impossible to shed, regardless of the subsequent actions taken or improvements made, and
- 11 WHEREAS, once accepted into the EdChoice program, current legislation guarantees that a student can stay in the EdChoice program through graduation, and

- 12 WHEREAS, the current educational state landscape already provides parents and students a plethora of no-cost or low cost opportunities to leave underperforming schools via open enrollment, charter school options, College Credit Plus, homeschool, John Peterson Scholarship , Autism Scholarship, EdChoice Expansion Scholarship, and
- 13 WHEREAS, this legislation will have the consequence of separating students along economic lines because the vouchers do not pay the full cost of the private/parochial school tuition and additional costs and fees necessary to attend private schools may not be available to lower income families, and
- 14 WHEREAS, the EdChoice voucher program takes no consideration and assigns no responsibility to account for the role that parents and students play in a public school's report card rating, unfunded mandates and unending legislative and legal requirements that private/parochial schools are not subject to.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Finneytown Local School District Board of Education that this Board reaffirms its commitment to free, accessible public schools which are adequately and equitably funded to guarantee a comparable education for ALL children and therefore opposes and respectfully requests the repeal of the EdChoice voucher program of the State of Ohio.
- 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Finneytown Local School District Board of Education opposes the EdChoice voucher program or any other funding programs, vouchers or otherwise, that have the effect of diverting public tax dollars from public schools to private/parochial schools, for the reasons listed above.
- 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to all Ohio state legislators, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Governor of the State of Ohio.

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

RC: Ms. Johnson, yes; Mr. Gast, yes; Mr. Stuhlreyer, yes; Mr. Engleman, yes; Mrs. Rebman, yes. The motion received a 5-0 vote and the President declared the original motion passed.

Mr. Engleman left the meeting at 8:10 a.m.

07-20 Mrs. Rebman 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) Approval of Resolution – IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate*

The Board approved the following resolution:

Authorizing use of the IRS standard mileage rate for reimbursement of the cost of operating a personal automobile when used for approved school business purposes. The IRS standard mileage rate for business is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile.

b) Approval of Resolution – Service Fund*

The Board approved the following resolution:

To establish a service fund for members of the Board of Education or their designated representatives to attend professional meetings or conferences in performance of their duties as representatives of the school district. Ohio Revised Code 3316.16 permits Boards of Education to appropriate two dollars (\$2.00) per child or \$20,000, whichever is greater, to establish a service fund.

c) Approval of Resolution – Declaring Certain Public Funds to be Used for A Public Purpose*

The Board approved an annual resolution for establishment of a Sunshine Fund.

The Board wishes to honor with plaques, pins, flowers, token retirement gifts and awards, and other amenities its staff, former Board members, and other non-employee persons.

The Board wishes to also honor staff, students, citizens, and advisory groups for their contributions with other appropriate recognition and authorizes administrators to purchase coffee, meals, refreshments, and/or other amenities to further the interests of the Finneytown Local School District.

The Board does hereby affirm that the expenses incurred as listed above do serve a public purpose. The Board affirms public purpose for the promotion of committees and subcommittees of the Board, community presentations, encouragement of non-employees to serve as volunteers, and further public purpose. The funds are available from interest earned from the Board's General Fund investment program.

The Board authorizes use of appropriation code 001-2310-840 in the amount of \$3,000.00 be available for expenditure for the activities, functions, and items described above to promote public purpose as set by the Board.

The President and/or designee will approve all expenditures from this appropriation account.

The information presented in this resolution conforms to and are consistent with the Ohio Attorney General's Opinion #82-006. This opinion reaffirms the prior opinion #81-057.

d) Approval of Investment of Inactive and Interim Funds*

The Board approved a motion to authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive and interim funds at the most productive interest rate whenever inactive and interim funds are available.

e) Approval of Temporary Employment of Personnel*

The Board authorized the Superintendent to temporarily employ personnel as needed. Such employments are to be presented for approval by the Board of Education at its next regular meeting.

f) Approval of Contract – AstroTurf / SportGroup*

The Board approved a contract with AstroTurf / SportGroup to install AstroTurf Synthetic Turf at McNulty Stadium on the Finneytown Secondary Campus at a total cost of \$729,950.00.

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

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The next regular meeting of the Finneytown Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Secondary Campus Media Center, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Open Forum will begin at 7:00 pm.

08-20 There being no further business, Mr. Stuhlreyer moved, seconded by Ms. Johnson, that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was 4-0. The president declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



Tony Gast, President

ATTEST:



David Oliverio, Treasurer