

FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Meeting
Secondary Campus Media Center
8916 Fontainebleau Terrace
Cincinnati, OH 45231
May 31, 2022
5:30pm

The Finneytown Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, in the Secondary Campus Media Center, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Ms. Lee, Ms. McMullen, Mr. Reeb were present. Mr. Gast participated remotely. The President called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

62-22 Ms. McMullen moved, seconded by Mr. Reeb, that the Board dispense with the opening ceremony and approval of minutes from the regular meeting of May 16, 2022. The President declared the motion passed.

Discussion – Board Coordination for the 22-23 School Year

Led by Ms. Lee, the board members discussed the proposed Board Retreat (July 9-10). The following topics were identified as important for inclusion as sessions during the retreat:

- One Degree Shift Training (HCECSC),
- Board best practices & committee training (OSBA),
- Board self-assessment (OSBA),
- Board Handbook guidance (OSBA),
- Establish DEI board committee,
- Process for requests to ban/prohibit curricula, materials, events etc.,
- Communication strategy and utilizing community partnerships,
- Board operating protocol discussions (one or two meetings per month, release of minutes (timing), regular versus working sessions,

Priority scheduling will be given to those sessions that require consultants and or special invitees – OSBA guided sessions, HCECSC One Degree Shift session, Communication strategy session (Grant Anderson).

School shooting prevention and safety and crisis situation training will be scheduled for a separate meeting for greater attention rather than being included in the board retreat.

Discussion – Board / Leadership Team Communication

It was decided that further thought and guidance is needed to define and refine board communication outside of the public meeting context so that sunshine law compliance can be maintained without stifling non decision-making planning, coordination, communication, and information flow. The current process seems disjointed and dysfunctional. Additional guidance on the how and what to communicate in email is particularly needed.

Administrative Report

Mr. Oliverio, Treasurer, briefly discussed the recent increase and expansion in cyber security spoofing (the use of deception to appear as another person or source of information) attempts, in which fraudsters pose as known contacts to gain access to systems, steal data, steal money or spread malware. Two attempts (unsuccessful) to redirect direct deposit funds were received via the school's email system this month. Additional controls are being introduced by the district's information technology department to alert staff and increase security, including a requirement for multi-factor authentication to protect the integrity of our email system.

63-22 There being no further business, Ms. McMullen moved, seconded by Mr. Reeb, that the meeting be adjourned. The president declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35pm

Tony Gast, President

ATTEST:



David Oliverio, Treasurer