

FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting, March 21, 2022
Finneytown Secondary Campus Media Center
Open Forum 6:00pm
Regular Meeting 6:30pm

The Finneytown Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 21, 2022, in the Media Center of the Finneytown Secondary Campus, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Mr. Gast, Ms. Lee, Ms. McMullen, Mr. Rea and Mr. Reeb were present. The President called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

27-22 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Mr. Reeb, that the Board approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2022 and the Special Meeting of March 8, 2022. The President declared the motion passed.

District Update

Ms. Patty D'Arcy, Student Services Coordinator – discussed the following:

- Student Services Update –
 - Special Education Requirements
 - Students with disabilities service improvements and current initiatives
 - Percent of students identified with a disability: Finneytown district - 16.5%; state average - 15.6%; comparable districts - 14.8%
 - State Special Education Profile
 - State Special Education Rating
 - Autism and John Peterson Scholarships
 - Preschool partnership with Hamilton Count Educational Service Center
 - Staff and training
 - Ohio Partnership for Excellence and Paraprofessional Preparation (OPEPP)

Ms. Cathy McNair, Social Worker – discussed the following:

- Mental Health Support Update –
 - Catalyst – contracted professional student counseling and mental health program; 4 counselors providing services to grade 3 and up; cost is subsidized by private insurance, Medicaid and district funding
 - MindPeace – partnership organization that offers mental health solutions; successfully linked Finneytown with Catalyst several years ago; providing suicide assessment training tools to our counselors, psychologists and social workers
 - MindPeace Room – created on the Secondary Campus as a socioemotional learning environment to help students with relationship skills and coping mechanisms

Dr. Laurie Banks, Superintendent – discussed the following:

- Long Range Facilities Committee
 - Next meeting is Tuesday, March 29th
 - Still awaiting updated 2022 construction cost set information from OFCC
 - Still awaiting a 2022 OFCC phase II funding decision. The redistricting holdup has delayed the Capital Bill, upon which our project funding depends.
- Personnel
 - Job postings will begin to appear for next school year as resignations and retirements are received.
 - Teacher union negotiations begin on Wednesday, November 23rd.
- COVID Update
 - Our school student and staff COVID case numbers are still at zero
- Finneytown Elementary Transition
 - March 30th evening staff kickoff meeting for updates on new elementary timelines, packing, moving and purging plans.
- Title I Literacy – Our annual required meeting for parents to learn about literacy is scheduled for Thursday, March 31st at Brent Elementary.
- 2021-22 Calendar Late Start Survey
 - This survey was sent with the Community Update. We have 6 responses
 - It will be sent out again with Thursday Folders and as a text with a link to the survey.
 - A "No" response will be added to the survey so that respondents can affirmatively communicate to that question as well.
- Finneytown Secondary Campus Idea Expo
 - Some great student ideas came out of this event
 - A follow-up meeting with our food services operation was scheduled based upon student suggestions.
 - Students are invited to share ideas at our April Board Meeting.

Mr. Tim Wagner, Director of Administrative Services – discussed the following:

- Facility Project Update
 - We've previously discussed use of ESSER dollars for either a new roof or new HVAC for the gym as part of our facilities master plan.
 - The second roof on the Secondary Campus gymnasium roof has failed, leaking at the seams. Fortunately, the underlying original roof is temporarily providing some protection.
 - About 3 weeks ago, we received information about a 10% price increase taking affect this week and began scrambling to get ESSER budget approval, vendor scope and pricing, architectural design review and attorney compliance and contract review.
 - It was determined that only total roof replacement makes the most sense with our long range facilities master plan at this time. The cost is \$607,400, including the tear off of two roof layers and installation of an extremely durable synthetic EPDM rubber roof, with a 40-45 year life.

- We do not have all final contract information yet, but expect to receive it in time to sign and submit before tomorrow's price increase.
- We are requesting authorization from the Board to sign the roofing contract, as long as it is received in time to avoid the price increase.
- We will follow up with presentation of the contract to the Board of Education for approval at our next Board meeting.

The Board indicated its consensus support for moving forward with the contract in time to avoid the price increase.

Public Address

Ms. Glenda A. Smith

I am running for Hamilton County Juvenile Court Judge because Hamilton County is behind Ohio and the country in terms of juvenile justice reforms that will reduce juvenile violence, racial and ethnic disparity, and racial profiling, while keeping teens safe. I was impressed to see that your school district takes mental health seriously. The statistics show that juveniles placed behind bars are more likely to commit crimes after their incarceration. We need better alternatives. HB500 calls for the elimination of mandatory bind over, which automatically tries juveniles as an adult when certain crimes are committed. I am calling for support of this bill.

Dr. Vlasta Molak

I addressed the Board eight months ago about the COVID virus and masks. Since that time much more data has come out showing there is no proof these masks have done anything to prevent the spread of infection. The negative results of forced injection with mRNA vaccines have been censored by mainstream and social media. However, results of forced injections upon our military have come out. It shows severely negative effects upon healthy young soldiers and officers, originating at the cellular level from these improperly tested vaccines. The U.S. Supreme Court has abolished the vaccination mandate. The U.S. Senate and TSA have voted to abolish mask mandates. Florida, which did not implement unconstitutional mandates, did not have the problems other states did getting its citizens back to work.

Board Coordination Matters

Mr. Gast, discussed the following items:

- Springfield Township – The township meeting was held during our special meeting. I was unable to attend or locate the recorded meeting on their website.
- Finneytown Educational Foundation – Monthly meetings have been changed to the fourth Monday of the month. They have not met since our last meeting.

Ms. Lee, discussed the following items:

- OSBA –
 - The Town Hall virtual meeting is tonight; I will listen to the recording
 - Capital Conference student performance nominations are due May 18th; Elementary nominations are encouraged; Up to 100 student program booth submissions will be accepted, first-come, first-served.
 - Student Achievement Leadership Team – OSBA is posting district success shorts on Facebook
 - Leo Lucas Scholarship – applications accepted online until April 1st
 - Board Leadership Institute – I’m attending May 6th-7th in Columbus
- Board Handbook – Mr. Gast and I are working on a Board Guidebook. OSBA can assist with a template or in-person planning sessions. I’ve requested other districts provide their handbooks as examples.
- Board Events Calendar – I will organize a Google calendar that can be used by the Board to facilitate our attendance at school-related events.
- Idea Expo – Thank you to all 6th-7th students for the fantastic ideas presented at this event. Students have been invited to give a follow up presentation at the April Board Meeting.
- Equity in Education webinar – Scheduled May 11th
- Weapons Policy – I contacted Mom’s Demand Action as I researched this policy topic. If the Board is interested, they offer gun safety, gun storage and school safety programs.

Ms. McMullen, discussed the following items:

- Elementary PTA –
 - PTA Carnival – March 26th from 11am-3pm; still in need of lots of volunteers to help run the games and to donate baked items
 - Dinner & Discover Event – March 31st 5:30-6:30pm; helping students read parent training
 - PTA is always looking for more parents to get involved

Mr. Reeb, discussed the following items:

- Long Range Facilities Committee – Attended the last meeting with Ms. Lee. Discussion included the various properties owned by the district and possible future uses. Discussed replacement/relocation of the administrative office as part of the Secondary Campus construction project. The next meeting will be on March 29th.
- Finneytown Music Parents Association –
 - There was no meeting this month.
 - The Dinner Before the Show fundraiser will be cancelled this year due to a shortage of volunteer help.
 - The *Sound of Music* will be performed April 8th-10th, Friday to Sunday. Information and ticket reservations can be made on the school website.

- Charlie Harper Sculpture –
 - Springfield Township will be installing a Charlie Harper 4-panel sculpture at the corner of Winton and Galbraith, in the green space where Taco Bell was previously located.

Mr. Rea, discussed the following items:

- Finneytown Athletic Association – Did not meet this month.

28-22 Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Gast, 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 February 28, 2022*

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| U.S. Bank | 0.0050% | \$ 382,801.49 |
| STAR Ohio | 0.1500% | \$ 22,404,630.73 |
| U.S. Bank (construction fund) | 0.6100% | \$ 6,466,623.60 |
| STAR Ohio (construction fund) | 0.1500% | \$ 5,376,226.10 |

c) Interest Earned on Depository and Investment Accounts as of February 28, 2022*

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| General Fund | \$ 2,534.38 |
| Construction Fund | \$ 967.41 |

d) Monthly Bond Project Spending and Commitment Report*

[See attachment]

RC: Ms. Lee, yes; Ms. McMullen, yes; Mr. Rea, yes; Mr. Reeb, yes; Mr. Gast, yes. The president declared the motion passed.

29-22 Ms. McMullen moved, seconded by Mr. Rea, that the Board adopt the "Consent Calendar" as follows:

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a) Acknowledgement of Resignations*

The Board acknowledged the following resignations, which had been previously accepted by the Superintendent:

| | | |
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| Emma Brown | Counselor effective May 31, 2022 | (personal) |
| Cindy Kron | School Psychologist effective May 31, 2022 | (retirement) |
| Lori Zwick | Special Education Assistant effective March 1, 2022 | (personal) |

b) Rescission of Contracts – Supplemental 2021-2022*

The Board rescinded the following supplemental contracts:

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| Zach Blyberg | Head Coach, Reserve Boys Basketball | \$3,167.00 |
| Chris Williams | Head Coach, Freshman Basketball | \$2,016.00 |

c) Approval of Contracts – Supplemental 2021-2022*

The Board approved the following supplemental contracts, effective August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:

| | | |
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| Stephanie Belschner | Advisor, ACT/SAT Testing | \$672.00 |
| Zach Blyberg | Head Coach, Freshman Basketball | \$2,303.00 |
| Shannon Cleghorn | Dean, Ebenezer House | \$2,900.00 |
| Brian Moragne | Adjunct Head Coach, Middle School Track | \$2,500.00 |
| Gerald Warmack | Adjunct Asst. Coach, Girls Varsity Track | \$1,650.00 |
| Gerald Warmack | Adjunct Asst. Coach, Boys Varsity Track | \$1,650.00 |
| Chris Williams | Head Coach, Reserve Boys Basketball | \$2,879.00 |

d) Approval of Substitute Teachers Provided by Comprehensive Substitute Solutions*

The Board approved the following substitute teachers who are employed by Comprehensive Substitute Solutions and may be assigned to fill absences for the Finneytown Local School District, effective March 17, 2022:

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| Babatu, Kwesi | Gray, Kiara | Purdum, Deborah |
| Barnes, Cheryl | Grote, Michael | Rice, Alisha |
| Barnes, Roosevelt | Hamon, Annamarie | Richey, Sheila |
| Barnes, Sarah | Harris, Jordan | Riggins, Maurice |
| Barnett, Althea | Henderson-Pitts, DeLaine | Robinson, Marilyn |
| Bell, Danny | Hopkins, Samuel | Rone, Jessica |
| Bellamah, Christopher | Howard, Latrice | Ruffner, Sara |
| Binford, Cornelia | Hudson, Denesha | Ryan, Samantha |
| Blair, Ernetta | Hughes Jr., George | Salem, Duha |
| Blank, Diana | Israel, Shamauel | Schneider, Cindy |
| Blanks, Earl | Jackson, Dionna | Schuler, Emily |
| Blunt, Sharron | Jones, Darrell | Shaw, Phyllis |
| Brinkman, Rosa | King, Candace | Sithe, Adam |
| Caceros, Carina | Laird, Maggie | Skidmore, Carson |
| Calhoun, Brenda | Leaver, Samantha | St.Hilaire, Melissa |
| Cargile, Joyce | Lockett, Teylar | Staley, Jordan |
| Causey, Mikal | Marshall, Gwen | Stegman, Jessica |
| Chenault, Kennedy | Martin, Artis | Sullivan, Clyde |
| Colvin, Gayle | McCartney, Olivia | Thomas, Jenna |
| Connor, Kathryn | Miller, Mari Kay | Thrower, Edith |
| Cooper, Edward | Mosher, Parker | Tubbs, Quinetta |
| Copeland, David | Myers, Johnnie | Utrecht, Kimberly |
| Crumpley, Tanagna | Nelson, Diamond | VonderHaar, Susan |
| Cruz, Eva | Neri, McKenzie | Walton, Ronald |
| Curtis, Hayley | Nitti, Danielle | Ward, Melanie |
| Davis, Gordon | Obert, Jennifer | Weiler, Michael |
| Davis, Rollins | Ottesen, Lauren | Wessels, Joe |
| Davis, Samantha | Padhy, Shivangi | Whitaker, Richard |
| Delisio, John | Parham, Ebony | Wiggs, Joanne |
| Dietz, John | Partee Johnson, Dionne | Williams, Carla |
| Dunn, Tim | Perez, Adesina | Williams, Tracey |
| Duskin, Deemiah | Phillips, Ciera | Wilson, Brooklyn |
| Evans, Patricia | Phipps, Marilyn | Wise, Donnise |
| Gaines, Queylah | Pittman, Felicia | Wolke, Sophia |
| Gaski, Karen | Pollington, Connie | Yisrael, Nesyah |
| Giffin, David | Price, Tanya | |

e) Approval of Overnight Student Trips*

The Board approved the following overnight student trips:

Michigan Speech Coaches, Inc. Mackinac Tournament

Destination: Mackinac Island, MI

Depart: Friday, May 20, 2022

Return: Sunday, May 22, 2022

Transportation: District van, driven by staff members certified as drivers

Supervision: Two staff members

Anticipated Cost per Student (limit of 7): \$481.00 - \$554.00

Restorative Practices Peer Mediator Training Retreat

Destination: Hueston Woods

Depart: April 15, 2022

Return: April 16, 2022

Transportation: Transportation Department

Supervision: Tammy Dietz and Restorative Practices Team

Anticipated Cost per Student: none

f) Approval of Change Order*

The Board approved the following change order for the new K-6 Elementary construction project:

1) Change Order #S59 – Skanska Contract

Add \$5,896.83 to pull a fiber from the Finneytown Elementary MDF to Brent Elementary as requested by the District.

g) Approval of Extended Care Program Rate and Fee – FY23*

The Board approve the following Extended Care Program rate and fee for the 2022-23 school year:

| | <u>2021-22</u> | <u>2022-23</u> |
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| Hourly Tuition Rate | \$6.75 | \$6.75 |
| Registration Fee per Child | \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| Registration Fee per Family | \$75.00 | \$75.00 |

The Extended Care Program is expected to remain financially self-sufficient. The school district reserves the right to increase the hourly tuition rate in January 2023, if required to keep the program from operating at a deficit.

RC: Ms. McMullen, yes; Mr. Rea, yes; Mr. Reeb, yes; Mr. Gast, yes; Mrs. Lee, yes. The president declared the motion passed.

30-22 Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Gast, that the Board adopt the following new or revised policies, which were first proposed at the Regular Meeting of the Board on February 22, 2022:

1616 - STAFF DRESS AND GROOMING
2271 - COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS PROGRAM
2370.01 - BLENDED LEARNING
5511 - DRESS AND GROOMING
6110 - GRANT FUNDS
6114 - COST PRINCIPLES - SPENDING FEDERAL FUNDS
6325 - PROCUREMENT - FEDERAL GRANTS/FUNDS
6423 - USE OF CREDIT CARDS
8500 - FOOD SERVICES

RC: Mr. Rea, yes; Mr. Reeb, yes; Mr. Gast, yes; Mrs. Lee, yes; Ms. McMullen, yes. The president declared the motion passed.

31-22 Ms. McMullen moved, seconded by Mr. Rea, that the Board adopt the following revised policies, which were first proposed at the Regular Meeting of the Board on February 22, 2022:

5772 - WEAPONS
7217 - WEAPONS

Ms. Lee requested that all district weapons policies be revisited to address a few language items, the biggest being a clarification that would prohibit the use of items resembling real weapons for training purposes when students are present.

RC: Mr. Reeb, yes; Mr. Gast, yes; Mrs. Lee, yes; Ms. McMullen, yes; Mr. Rea, yes. The president declared the motion passed.

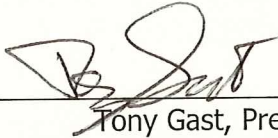
Review of Assignments

- 1)** Volunteer to help at the PTA Carnival - All
- 2)** Future policy changes to be highlighted in something other than red and green print, which are indistinguishable for those with colorblindness – Ms. Thal
- 3)** Calendar Survey will be modified to include a “No” response option and the time to respond will be extended to April 1st – Dr. Banks
- 4)** Updated Calendar Survey copies will be made and delivered to the elementary schools for Thursday Folder distribution – Ms. McMullen
- 5)** A Board Events Calendar will be created in Google Calendar – Ms. Lee

- 6) Dates to be added to the Board Events Calendar – Dr. Banks, Board Member Liaisons, etc.
- 7) Administrative evaluation preparation prior to the next meeting – Mr. Gast, Mr. Rea
- 8) Revisit district weapons policies with NEOLA – Ms. Lee, Dr. Banks


The next regular meeting of the Finneytown Board of Education will take place on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Media Center of the Finneytown Secondary Campus, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Open forum will begin at 6:00pm.

32-22 There being no further business, Ms. McMullen moved, seconded by Mr. Gast, that the meeting be adjourned. The president declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.



Tony Gast, President

ATTEST:



David L. Oliverio, Treasurer