

FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting, June 20, 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, June 20, 2022, in the Finneytown Secondary Campus Media Center, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Mr. Gast, Ms. Lee, Ms. McMullen and Mr. Rea were present. Mr. Reeb attended the meeting virtually. The President called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

67-22 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Ms. Lee, the Board approved the agenda as presented. The President declared the motion passed.

68-22 Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Ms. McMullin, the Board approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 16, 2022, the Special Meeting of May 31, 2022 and the Special Meeting of June 14, 2022. The President declared the motion passed.

Public Address

None

69-22 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Ms. McMullin, that the Board move to Executive Session, in accordance with ORC 121.22(G)(3), to consult with an attorney for the Board of Education concerning disputes involving the Board of Education that are the subject of pending or imminent court action,

and

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1), for the purpose of considering the compensation of a public employee.

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

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:33pm.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:24pm.

Administrative Report

Presentation – Community and Communication

Mr. Grant Anderson, Whitaker Principal

- Described new changes to the Finneytown Local School District website designed in collaboration with webmaster Zach Vander Veen, while demonstrating the ample resources, user-friendly features and convenient integration with our community support organizations and social media platforms.

Mr. Eric Muchmore, Communication and Community Coordinator

- Described partnerships the Finneytown Local School District has formed with Dan Joyner, Peter Block and Tim Kraus and the fruit of those relationships, including student designed, produced and edited short films (Global Media Class), a student news outlet (Finnecat News), district podcasts, a soon to be released professional documentary on the district's Restorative Practices Implementation journey, and the formation of a prospective partnership with the Dean of Continuing Education at the International Institute of Restorative Practices in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Laurie Banks, Superintendent – discussed the following:

- Bullying Incident Report – The district released its annual 2021-22 Bullying Incident Report. There were zero instances reported last year. The district's website contains a link to an anonymous bullying incident reporting module.
- Hiring – The district is still interviewing to fill openings for next school year.
- Professional Learning – Responsive Classroom and Restorative Practices training sessions are planned for staff this summer.
- Finneytown Elementary Update – Furniture is being delivered. A few items are on back order and/or won't be complete by the start of school, including the backup generator, monument sign and gymnasium bleachers. A rental generator will be provided until the permanent generator is installed. Skanska and Emersion are halfway through a 600-item punch list.

Board Coordination Matters

Ms. McMullen, discussed the following items:

- OSBA Capital Conference Nomination – A shoutout to Mr. Richmond and Mr. Delaney for submitting student audition videos for the 2022 OSBA Capital Conference. Finneytown groups weren't selected, however, a Brent Elementary recorder quartet was selected for a different OSBA showcase.
- OhioMeansJobs.com is conducting a K-12 educator survey; the deadline is July 29th. They are also looking for districts to nominate innovative programs that showcase talents.
- PTA Friend of Children Award – A shoutout to Grant Anderson, Maggie Laird, and the Whiz Kids Program for receiving this year's PTA award.

Mr. Gast, discussed the following items:

- Finneytown Educational Foundation – did not meet this month.

- Springfield Township Trustees – Unable to attend but listened to a portion of the recorded meeting online; not aware of any topics impacting the Finneytown Schools.

Ms. Lee, discussed the following items:

- Long Range Facilities Committee –
 - Did not meet last month.
 - The Capital Budget bill which contains funding for future OFCC projects was signed by the Governor last Monday.
 - No word has been released as to whether or not Finneytown will receive construction funding in 2022.
- Finneytown Music Parents Association (FMPPA) – meets tomorrow.
- Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA)
 - The May online meeting focused on National School Lunch Program (NSLP) funding. Universal COVID pandemic NSLP funding expires on June 30th. Students will have to pay for lunch beginning this school year. Districts need to make sure to communicate this change with families. Applications for Free and Reduced meal plans are available in Final Forms for those that qualify.
 - The June online meeting is next week. I plan to watch.
 - OSBA events coming up
 - 7/30 – Board 101 Workshop (Columbus)
 - 8/7 – Northwest Southwest Regional Open House in Celina, Ohio
 - 8/10 – Accelerating Student Success Through Board Policy webinar
- Finneytown Board Summer Retreat – will be June 9th and 10th here in the Media Center.
- School Safety Committee –
 - Met today with Laurie and Tim. The plan looks very good.
 - The safety plan will be reviewed by key administrative personnel with the Board at an upcoming special meeting. We are staying proactive.
 - Tony, Laurie and I will meet with NEOLA on Monday to review our school safety policies.

Mr. Rea, discussed the following items:

- Finneytown Athletic Association – Attended this meeting. Great work is being done by this organization.
- Finneytown Athletic Boosters –
 - Changed their meeting date and location this month and I couldn't attend. They continue to share the need for additional volunteers.
 - Cleaned out the concession stand
 - They are preparing for the Greek Festival parking fundraiser.
- House Bill 99
 - Governor DeWine signed HB 99, allowing school districts to allow teachers to carry firearms in schools. We will talk about this later in the meeting.

Mr. Reeb, discussed the following items:

- Graduation –
 - Attended this event with other board members on May 26th.
 - A shoutout to our administrators and staff that worked so hard to put on this event.
 - My appreciation also to the livestream team that captured the event for those that could not be in attendance.
- Staff Appreciation and Recognition Day
 - Attended this end of year staff event which recognizes staff earning service awards
- Finneytown Music Parents Association – meet tomorrow
- Facilities Planning –
 - The Long Range Facilities Committee (LRFC) has not met as we continue to await news on the funding of our Secondary Campus building project.

70-22 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Ms. McMullen, 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 May 31, 2022*

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|-------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| U.S. Bank | 0.0054% | \$ 453,900.17 |
| STAR Ohio | 0.7900% | \$ 17,808,965.33 |
| U.S. Bank (construction fund) | 0.4500% | \$ 4,884,990.89 |
| STAR Ohio (construction fund) | 0.7900% | \$ 3,803,730.55 |

c) Interest Earned on Depository and Investment Accounts as of May 31, 2022*

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| General Fund | \$11,312.84 |
| Construction Fund | \$15,116.51 |

d) Monthly Bond Project Spending and Commitment Report*

[See attachment]

e) Approval of Payment*- FY22

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 |
|-------------|---|---------------|
| 4/20/22 | Amazon (Four Kenmore refrigerator freezers for Finneytown Elementary) | \$5,199.96 |
| 5/19/22 | Amazon (Two Kenmore electric dryers and two Kenmore washers for Finneytown Elementary) | \$3,003.84 |
| 6/10/22 | Koch Sporting Goods (Fourteen Schutt F7 football helmets) | \$3,208.00 |

f) Approval of Five Year Forecast*

The Board approved the Five Year Forecast.

g) Approval of the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources*

The Board approved the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources.

h) Approval of Permanent Appropriations Adjustments for the 2021-22 School Year*

The Board approved the following Permanent Appropriations resolution for the 2021-22 School Year:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Finneytown Local School District, Hamilton County, Ohio, that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Education, during the fiscal year, ending June 30, 2022, the following sums be and the same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made and during said fiscal year, as follows, viz:

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| | <u>TOTAL</u> |
| <u>GENERAL FUND</u> | |
| 001 General Fund | -706,972 |
| Total General Fund | <u><u>-706,972</u></u> |

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| <u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u> | |
| 018 Public School Support | -3,767 |
| 019 Other Grants | -184,367 |
| 034 Classroom Facilities Maintenance | -651 |
| 300 Student Activity | 46,570 |
| 401 Auxiliary Service | -4,558 |
| 499 Misc. State Grants | -63,426 |
| 507 CARES Act ESSER | 201,476 |
| 516 Special Education, Part B | -310,729 |
| 551 Limited English Proficient | -3,647 |
| 572 Title I | -65,191 |
| 584 Student Support & Academic Enrichment | -10,235 |
| 590 Improving Teacher Quality | -27,831 |
| Total Special Revenue Funds | -426,355 |
| <u>DEBT SERVICE FUNDS</u> | |
| 002 Bond Retirement | -82 |
| Total Debt Service Funds | -82 |
| <u>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS</u> | |
| 003 Permanent Improvemt | -241,775 |
| 004 Construction Fund | -275,187 |
| Total Capital Projects Funds | -516,962 |
| <u>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</u> | |
| 006 Food Service | -1,880 |
| 009 Uniform Supplies | -119,811 |
| Total Enterprise Funds | -121,691 |
| <u>FIDUCIARY FUNDS</u> | |
| 022 District Agency | -5,987 |
| 200 Student Activity | -25,948 |
| Total Fiduciary Funds | -31,934 |
| GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS | -1,803,996 |

i) Approval of Advances Back to the General Fund – FY22*

The Board approved the following advances back to the General Fund:

| | | |
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| 001-5220 | General Fund | \$3,817.11 |
| 516-7420-922-9022 | Auxiliary Service | \$3,817.11 |

This transaction returns cash temporarily advanced to another fund back to the fund of origination.

j) Approval of Year End Adjustments for the 2021-22 School Year*

The Board approved the Treasurer to utilize the USAS system program that adjusts FYTD Balance Receivable (Revenue) or FYTD Unencumbered Balance (Budget) accounts to zero so that the budgeted amounts are exactly equal to the actual revenues/expenditures plus current encumbrances at 2022 fiscal year end as needed. Changes made to the accounts will be recorded in the USAS AUDITS file.

k) Adoption of Resolution – Temporary Appropriations FY23*

The Board approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Finneytown Local School District Board of Education to adopt a Temporary Budget for the 2023 fiscal year, not to exceed one-fourth of the 2022 Budget for each fund, effective July 1, 2022 and to extend for a period not to exceed three months, by which time a Permanent Appropriations measure must be adopted.

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

71-21 Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Rea, the Board approved the following resolution requesting the County Auditor to make advance payments of taxes pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §321.34:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code allows a taxing authority to request payment from the County Auditor funds derived from taxes or other sources to the County Treasurer, which may be held on account of a local subdivision;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Finneytown Local School District, Ohio:

Section 1. That the Auditor and the Treasurer of Hamilton County in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34, be requested to draw and pay to the Finneytown Local School District Board of Education upon the written request of David Oliverio,

Treasurer, to the County Auditor, funds due in any settlement of collection year 2022 derived from taxes or other sources, payable to the County Treasurer, to the account of the Finneytown Local School District, and lawfully applicable for the purposes of the 2023 fiscal year.

The County Auditor is further requested to determine and separately identify that portion of the total amount requested which is payable to the general fund, bond retirement fund (by authorizing bond issue), permanent improvement fund and classroom facilities maintenance fund on the payment advice.

Section 2. That the Treasurer of the Finneytown Local School District shall forward to the County Auditor a certified copy of this Resolution.

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

72-22 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Mr. Gast, that the the Board adopt the "Consent Calendar" as follows:

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a) Acknowledgement of Resignations*

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

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| Patty D'Arcy | Student Services Coordinator effective June 1, 2022 (retirement) |
| Stefanie Kennedy | Teacher effective May 31, 2022 (personal) |
| Melissa Smith | Teacher effective May 31, 2022 (personal) |
| Amy Vonderhaar | Teacher effective May 31, 2022 (personal) |

b) Approval of Contract – One Year Limited Classified*

The Board approved a one year limited contract for the following new classified staff member, effective August 30, 2022 through June 30, 2023:

Leslie Grevas Special Education Assistant

c) Approval of Contract – One Year Retired/Rehired Classified*

The Board approved a one year limited contract for the following retired/rehired classified staff member, effective September 6, 2022 through June 30, 2023:

Randy Hajer Maintenance

d) Approval of Contracts – One Year Limited Certified*

The Board approved one year limited contracts for the following new certified staff members, effective August 30, 2022 through June 12, 2023:

Kristen Duffey School Counselor
Magdelana Kelley Intervention Specialist

e) Approval of Administrative Contract*

The Board approved the following Administrative Contract, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2024:

Jessica Martin Assistant Principal \$83,720.00

f) Approval of Contract – Two Year Limited Exempt*

The Board approved a two year limited contract for the following returning exempt staff member, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024:

Chris Callahan Technology Specialist \$25.61/hr

g) 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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| Joanna Kelly | Advisor, High School Yearbook | \$1,190.00 |
| Hannah Klotz | Department Co-Head, Spec. Ed. | \$ 844.00 |

h) Approval of Payment – Tutor*

The Board approved payment to the following tutor, who will provide services as needed, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023:

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| Shannon Brown | Extended Learning Support | \$31.13/hr |
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i) Approval of Payment – Certified Staff Members*

The Board approved payment to the following certified staff members who will perform duties outside of the regular work schedule, effective August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022:

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| Patti Ferris | Student Services Records Consolidation | \$22.00/hr |
| Beth Noble | Student Services Records Consolidation | \$22.00/hr |
| Tammy Dietz | District Leadership Retreat (three days) | \$1,362.99 |
| Lauren Henline | District Leadership Retreat (three days) | \$1,104.12 |
| Mike Kennedy | District Leadership Retreat (three days) | \$1,264.02 |
| Mike Rosa | District Leadership Retreat (three days) | \$ 852.81 |
| Shannon Backer | Literacy Leadership Team Meetings | \$19.87/hr |
| Karen Bause | Literacy Leadership Team Meetings | \$19.87/hr |
| Jennifer Bayless | Literacy Leadership Team Meetings | \$19.87/hr |
| Patti Ferris | Literacy Leadership Team Meetings | \$19.87/hr |
| Megan Geis | Literacy Leadership Team Meetings | \$19.87/hr |
| Mary Pat Grosser | Literacy Leadership Team Meetings | \$19.87/hr |
| Amy Vonderhaar | Literacy Leadership Team Meetings | \$19.87/hr |
| Whitney Walker | Literacy Leadership Team Meetings | \$19.87/hr |
| Lauren Woodward | Literacy Leadership Team Meetings | \$19.87/hr |

j) Approval of Payment – Certified Staff Member*

The Board approved payment to **Whitney Walker**, who will perform preschool assessments, effective June 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022. Payment will be based on Ms. Walker’s per diem rate (\$332.50), pro-rated to reflect the length of time spent on each assessment.

k) Acknowledgement of Reassignments*

The Board acknowledged the following certified staff reassignments, effective August 1, 2022:

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| Troy Edie | Classroom Teacher |
| Lauren Henline | RP/RC Facilitator |
| Mike Kennedy | PBL Facilitator |
| Ashley Lewis | Classroom Teacher |
| Mike Rosa | PBL Facilitator |

l) Adoption of Resolution -Verifying Assistant Principal Assignment

It is recommended that the Board adopt the following resolution verifying the assignment of Assistant Principal:

WHEREAS, the Finneytown Local School District wishes to employ Chad Yeargin (OH3217439) as an Elementary Assistant Principal responsible for grades K-6 and
WHEREAS, Chad Yeargin holds a current Ohio Department of Education Teaching License and,

WHEREAS the Ohio Department of Education allows for the issuance of a one year Alternative Principal License which allows candidates to work in an Ohio school as a principal or assistant principal while seeking full principal licensure,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Finneytown Local School District Board of Education that Chad Yeargin will assume a position as Elementary Assistant Principal upon the issuance of an Alternative Principal License for grades PK-6 by the Ohio Department of Education.

m) Adoption of Resolution - OHSAA Membership*

The Board adopted the following resolution, authorizing 2022-2023 membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association:

WHEREAS, Finneytown Local School District (IRN 047332) of 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231, Hamilton County has satisfied all the requirements for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association, a voluntary, unincorporated association not-for-profit; and

WHEREAS, The Finneytown Board of Education ("Board") and its Administration desire for the schools with one or more grades at the 7-12 grade level under their jurisdiction to be voluntary members of the OHSAA;

3) Change Order #S68 – Skanska Contract

Add \$983.11 to put the point of sale in the kitchen service line on emergency power. This work was performed at the request of the school district.

4) Change Order #S69 – Skanska Contract

Add \$21,805.03 to provide school speed limit flashers on Winton Road. The flashers are solar-powered. The change order also includes miscellaneous revisions to traffic striping and signage on Winton Road. The design team considers the price reasonable. Allow 3-4 months to receive equipment once shop drawings are approved. This will not be completed by the start of school.

5) Change Order #S70 – Skanska Contract

Add \$4,041.20 to provide faucets at Group Restroom 8103 next to the stage. The contract documents did not show faucets at these six sinks. The response to RFI #088 (included in the attachment) clarified the faucet type.

6) Change Order #S71 – Skanska Contract

Add \$12,563.79 to add cameras as requested by the SRO and Springfield Township police. An additional 7 cameras have been requested – 1 on the exterior by the playground, and 6 in the vestibule/admin suite area.

r) Approval of Out-of-State Professional Development Expenses*

The Board approved expenses for the following out-of-state Professional Development event, to be attended by RP Facilitators Lauren Henline and Tammy Dietz:

- When: June 28 - July 1, 2022
- Where: Indianapolis, IN
- What: Responsive Classroom Training: Responsive Classroom Core Course including practices and strategies of the Responsive Classroom approach, designed to create safe and joyful learning communities where all students can thrive while helping them develop strong social, emotional, and academic skills.

s) Acceptance of Donations*

The Board accepted the following donations:

\$1,000.00 in Kroger cards (\$25 each) for the Finneytown Local School District social work fund from Faith Lutheran Church, 8265 Winton Road, Cincinnati, OH 45231 on May 19, 2022.

Two flutes valued at \$100.00 each for a total of \$200.00 to the Finneytown Local School District music department from Kay Nicht on May 20, 2022.

A \$350.00 cash donation for participation in the Reds Fun at Bat Program to Whitaker Elementary physical education program by the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund on May 19, 2022.

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

73-22 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Ms. Lee, that Item 10.2 be replaced with separate agenda items for each individual administrative employment contract, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023.

RC: Ms. Lee, yes; Ms. McMullen, yes; Mr. Rea, yes; Mr. Reeb, no; Mr. Gast, no. The president declared the motion passed.

74-22 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Mr. Gast, that the Board approve revisions to the following Administrative Contract, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023:

Grant Anderson \$113,271.00 Director of Technology and Information Systems

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

75-22 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Mr. Gast, that the Board approve revisions to the following Administrative Contract, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023:

Jen Dinan \$120,350.00

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

76-22 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Ms. Lee, that the Board approve revisions to the following Administrative Contract, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023:

Anita Ruffin \$ 80,925.00

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

77-22 Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Gast, that the Board approve revisions to the following Administrative Contract, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023:

Lisa Samuel \$ 83,540.00

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

78-22 Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Rea, that the Board approve revisions to the following Administrative Contract, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023:

Carol Miller \$108,937.00

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

79-22 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Mr. Gast, that the Board approve revisions to the following Administrative Contract, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023:

Eric Muchmore \$103,750.00 Director of Culture and Climate

RC: Ms. McMullen, yes; Mr. Rea, no; Mr. Reeb, yes; Mr. Gast, yes. Ms. Lee, no. The president declared the motion passed.

80-22 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Ms. Lee, that the Board approve revisions to the following Administrative Contract, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023:

Anton Walker \$92,466.00

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

81-22 Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Gast, that the Board adopt the following Resolution expressing opposition to Ohio HB 99:

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly recently passed Ohio House Bill 99 which allows school districts to allow teachers with minimal training to carry firearms within schools. With permission from the board of education, the bill exempts teachers and school personnel from completing 700 hours of peace officer training that would otherwise be required to carry a gun; and

WHEREAS, the bill was opposed by the Ohio Education Association and other teachers' unions, and it was unsupported by police advocacy groups including the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the lack of support and the increased risk to children and school personnel, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine has signed HB 99 into law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education affirms its opposition to HB 99 and similar school safety proposals that involve authorizing teachers or school personnel to carry firearms in schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education retains the discretion to determine whether to authorize school employees to carry firearms within the school district. *See Ohio Rev. Code 2923.122.* Pursuant to Board Policy 1617, The Board of Education prohibits staff members from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon, including a concealed weapon, in a school safety zone and any setting that is under the control and supervision of the Board for the purpose of school activities approved and authorized by the Board including, but not limited to, property leased, owned, or contracted for by the Board, a school-sponsored event, or in a Board-owned vehicle, except as permitted by law.

Discussion on the Resolution to Oppose Ohio HB 99

Ms. Lee

This bill speaks for itself. I am a huge opponent to guns in schools. I don't want a teacher to be make a bad decision in a rash moment especially without the proper training. I am also a huge proponent of prevention versus reaction. Guns in schools do not help prevent safety issues.

Mr. Reeb

Let the record show that in line with current Board policy 1617, regarding weapons, which reads in part,

The Board of Education prohibits staff members from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon, including a concealed weapon, in a school safety zone and any setting that is under the control and supervision of the Board for the purpose of school activities approved and authorized by the Board including, but not limited to, property leased, owned, or contracted for by the Board, a school-sponsored event, or in a Board-owned vehicle, except as permitted by law.

I am against allowing teachers or other school employees to carry a gun in our schools here in Finneytown.

In regard to this proposed Resolution, I do not think it is necessary for our Board to make a political statement on this law, which has no effect on the safety of students attending our schools, or our authority as a Board if we take no action.

Mr. Rea

I want the staff to know where we stand and that they have our support on this issue. This is not political. This is compassion. I don't think anything good can come out of a situation with an armed teacher. There is no positive, because, if they have to use it, it is against as student they have known and loved. Plus, studies show it doesn't work.

Ms. McMullen

I am not okay with arming teachers in our schools. Teachers have had to endure so much over the course of COVID. I think it will hurt our schools.

Mr. Gast

It is good for the Board to have a statement in reaction to the passage of this bill. This is not a solution to school violence, the Governor said so himself in the process of signing the bill.

RC: Mr. Gast, yes; Ms. Lee, yes; Ms. McMullen, yes; Mr. Rea, yes; Mr. Reeb, no. The president declared the motion passed.

82-22 Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Gast, that the Board approve the following Administrative Contract revision, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023:

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| Dr. Laurie Banks | Superintendent | \$129,688.00 |
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RC: Ms. Lee, yes; Ms. McMullen, yes; Mr. Rea, yes; Mr. Reeb, yes; Mr. Gast, yes. The president declared the motion passed.

Review of Action Steps -

- 1)** Follow up on the current status of EdChoice legislation and/or its legal challenges – Mr. Rea
- 2)** Follow up with Joseph Macneil, Senior Planning Manager, OFCC, about the status of a Finneytown Local School District Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (CFAP) funding offer – Dr. Banks

83-22 Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Rea, that the Board adopt a revised meeting calendar to include the addition of special meetings, as follows:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Regular/Special</u> | <u>Details</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| August 11, 2022 Thursday 5pm | Special Meeting | 2022-23 Preview Safety Meeting |
| August 15, 2022 Monday 6:30pm | Regular Meeting | |

September 7, 2022 Special Meeting
Wednesday 6pm

September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting
Monday 6:30pm

October 11, 2022 Special Meeting
Tuesday 6pm

October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting
Monday 6:30pm

November 21, 2022 Regular Meeting
Monday 6:30pm

December 19, 2022 Regular Meeting
Monday 6:30pm

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

The Finneytown Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 5:30pm on June 22, 2022 in the in the Media Center of the Finneytown Secondary Campus, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231, in order to join the District Leadership Team and Springfield Township administrators in discussing the role of our School Resource Officer.

The next regular meeting of the Finneytown Board of Education will take place on Monday, July 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.

84-22 There being no further business, Ms. McMullen moved, seconded by Mr. Rea, that the meeting be adjourned. The president declared the meeting adjourned at 9:42pm.



Tony Gast, President

ATTEST:



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