

FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting, April 20, 2020

Zoom Remote Meeting

Open Forum 7:00pm

Regular Meeting 7:30pm

The Finneytown Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 2020, via video conference from remote locations, while under the declared COVID-19 pandemic health emergency, as authorized by Ohio House Bill 197. Mr. Gast, Mr. Engleman, Mrs. Rebman and Ms. Johnson were present. Administrative staff and members of the viewing public were also present. The President called the meeting to order at 7:46pm.

31-20 Ms. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Gast, the Board approved the agenda as presented. The President declared the motion passed.

32-20 Mrs. Rebman moved, seconded by Mr. Engleman, the Board approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2020. The President declared the motion passed.

Administrative Report

Mrs. Theresa Noe, Superintendent – discussed the following:

- **Coronavirus Health Crisis** – It has been very busy. I have been on constant email and perpetual video and telephone conferences, watching and speaking with officials from state, county, and local governments, agencies and organizations. I am in contact with the Ohio Department of Education, Hamilton County ESC, attorneys and counterparts in other school districts. Governor DeWine announced today that schools will be closed for the remainder of the school year. I have been appointed to a taskforce with other school superintendents around the state to make recommendations on what school should look like in response to this pandemic when we come back.
- **School District Operations** – Remote teaching and student learning, school food distribution and essential school operations continue. Maintenance and custodial are taking care of buildings and working on large summer break projects such as flooring, painting, etc.
- **Bond Construction Project** – Attorneys from Bricker & Eckler are assisting in the final stages of the district's architectural design and construction manager contract negotiations. Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) approval is required as part of the Expedited Local Partnership Program (ELPP) for the eventual co-funding of these expenditures by the state. A \$150,000 synthetic turf installation change order was forwarded to the district, based upon a Hamilton County Storm Water District requirement, however, the district is investigating other options. The Educational Specifications process with design professionals, consultants, administrators, staff and community to develop our High Performance Learning Environment (HPLÉ) goals and application is in its final stages.

- High School Seniors – Discussions already taking place surrounding alternative plans for Prom, graduation and other school and senior year special events, will resume with the new understanding that our schools will not reopen this school year.
- Donations – Many donations are taking place behind the scenes. Food, cash and gift cards have been donated to families negatively impacted by the current crisis and quarantine. O Pie O, Le Soupe, UMC Food, Northminster Presbyterian, LifeSpring Christian, Faith Lutheran, PTA, Wildcat Serve and others continue to donate to, and generously serve, those in need.

Board Coordination Matters

Mrs. Rebman, discussed the following items:

- Facilities Committee – was well covered in the Superintendents report.

Ms. Johnson, discussed the following item:

- No report

Mr. Engleman, discussed the following items:

- Facilities Committee – Met last week.
- Personnel Committee – Met last week for a personnel update.
- Core Meeting Team – Will meet tomorrow.
- Springfield Township – Live meetings have been suspended. Nothing in the minutes from their last meeting directly impacts the school district.

Mr. Gast, discussed the following items:

- Bond Issue Update – The district issued bonds for the building construction project. Although the bonds were authorized for a maturity of up to 37 years, the district was able to take advantage of a low interest rate market and issue bonds over a 30 year period. This will result in significant savings for taxpayers over the life of the bonds.

33-20 Mrs. Rebman moved, seconded by Mr. Engleman, 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 March 31, 2020*

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|-------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| U.S. Bank | 0.0098% | \$ 375,374.13 |
| STAR Ohio | 1.0100% | \$ 37,372,779.98 |
| STAR Plus | 0.9300% | \$ 2,489,149.58 |
| U.S. Bank (construction fund) | 1.6600% | \$ 21,749,474.25 |
| STAR Ohio (construction fund) | 1.0100% | \$ 2,480,687.09 |

c) Interest Earned on Depository and Investment Accounts as of March 31, 2020*

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| General Fund | \$ 17,220.00 |
| Construction Fund | \$ 24,055.46 |

d) Monthly Bond Project Investment and Spending Report*

[See attached]

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

34-20 Mrs. Rebman moved, seconded by Ms. Johnson, that the Board approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED
BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY
TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

WHEREAS, this Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1st, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Hamilton County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten-mill limitation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Finneytown School District, Hamilton County, Ohio that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Board of Education the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten-mill limitation as follows:

SCHEDULE A

SUMMARY OF THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

| | <i>Amount Approved by the Budget Commission Inside 10M Limitation</i> | <i>Amount to be Derived from Levies Outside 10M Limitation</i> | <i>County Auditor's Estimate of the Tax Rate to be Levied</i> | | |
|----------------------------|---|--|---|---------------|---------------|
| | | | <i>Outside</i> | <i>Inside</i> | <i>Total</i> |
| General Fund | \$1,242,108 | \$10,074,142 | 84.27 | 6.51 | 90.78 |
| Bond Retirement Fund | | 2,421,252 | 12.69 | | 12.69 |
| Permanent Improvement Fund | | 348,683 | 2.00 | | 2.00 |
| Emergency Fund | | 0 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | | | 98.96 | 6.51 | 105.47 |

| | <i>Tax Year Rate Authorized to be Levied</i> | <i>Fiscal Year Cty Auditors Estimate of the Yield of Levy</i> | <i>Cty Auditors Estimate of Yield of Levy</i> |
|-------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Current Expense – Inside Mill | 6.51 | 1,242,108 | 1,241,151 |
| Bond Retirement | 12.69 | 2,421,252 | 2,419,387 |

SCHEDULE B

LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES

| Current Expense Levies | <i>Period of Time</i> | <i>Mills</i> | <i>Tax Year</i> | <i>Fiscal Year</i> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Authorized on: | 3/11/69 | Continuing | 23.70 | 1,777,614 |
| | 6/9/70 | Continuing | 5.82 | 436,528 |
| | 11/2/76 | Continuing | 3.80 | 285,018 |
| | 6/3/80 | Continuing | 7.90 | 718,913 |
| | 11/6/84 | Continuing | 5.00 | 535,129 |
| | 5/2/89 | Continuing | 7.95 | 982,355 |
| | 11/3/92 | Continuing | 6.25 | 922,225 |
| | 11/6/01 | Continuing | 7.95 | 1,472,120 |
| | | | | 1,470,973 |

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| | 11/2/04 | Continuing | 7.95 | 1,472,120 | 1,470,973 |
| | 5/4/10 | Continuing | 7.95 | 1,472,120 | 1,470,973 |
| TOTAL | | | 84.27 | 10,074,142 | 10,066,116 |

Proposed Current Expense Levy

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|---------------|--|--|------|---|---|
| Date of Vote: | | | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
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Emergency Tax Levies

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| Authorized on: | | | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
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| TOTAL | | | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
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Permanent Improvement Levy

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|----------------|---------|------------|------|---------|---------|
| Authorized on: | 11/3/98 | Continuing | 1.50 | 253,284 | 253,079 |
| | 11/5/19 | 23 Years | 0.50 | 95,399 | 95,326 |

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|--|--|--|------|---|---|
| Proposed on: Proposed Date of Vote # years | | | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
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| TOTAL | | | 2.00 | 348,683 | 348,404 |
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of this Board of Education be, and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Hamilton County.

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

35-20 Ms. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Rebman, that the Board adopt the "Consent Calendar" as follows:

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a) Acknowledgement of Resignation*

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

Michael Morgan Maintenance
effective June 30, 2020 (retirement)

b) Approval of Administrative Contract*

The Board approved the following Administrative Contracts, effective August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2023:

Eric Muchmore Assistant Principal \$85,696.00

c) Approval of Contract – Supplemental 2019-2020*

The Board approved the following supplemental contract, effective August 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

Sam Wolferst Head Coach, Girls Reserve Basketball \$3,045.00

d) Adoption of Resolution - OHSAA Membership*

The Board adopted the following resolution, authorizing 2020-2021 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;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the schools under this Board's jurisdiction do hereby voluntarily renew membership in the OHSAA and that in doing so, the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations and Business Rules of the OHSAA are hereby adopted by this Board as and for its own minimum student-athlete eligibility requirements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board reserves the right to raise student-athlete eligibility standards as it deems appropriate for the schools and students under its jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the schools under this Board's jurisdiction agree to conduct their athletics programs in accordance with the

Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Business Rules, interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and cooperate fully and timely with the Executive Director's office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic programs of the schools. Furthermore, the schools under this Board's jurisdiction shall be the primary enforcers of the OHSAA Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Business Rules and the interpretations and rulings rendered by the Executive Director's office. The administrative heads of these schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension from membership and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.

e) Adoption of Resolution - Continued Operations*

The Board adopted the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF SCHOOLS DURING THE PENDENCY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-01D, THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIRECTOR'S ORDER REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF ALL DISTRICT K-12 SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE PASSAGE OF AMENDED SUBSTITUTE H.B. 197 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR DEWINE ON MARCH 27, 2020

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can easily spread from person to person between individuals who are in close contact with each other (within about 6 feet) or through the touching of a surface that has the virus on it then touching one's own mouth, nose or eyes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the 133rd General Assembly of the Ohio Legislature have declared a state of emergency with respect to the spread of the novel coronavirus; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Health has ordered that all K-12 schools be closed to students through 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Am. Sub. H.B. 197 was signed by Governor DeWine on March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Am. Sub. H.B. 197, in effect during the pendency of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, provides for significant changes to the state's Open Meetings Act; provides for on-line remote-based learning to meet annual educational hours for the 2019-2020 school year; provides for tele-health communications for professional licensed service providers providing related services to students under IEP's; provides for the

suspension of the state educational testing requirements; provided for the suspension of overall letter grade report cards for school districts; provides for the suspension of the third grade reading guarantee; provides graduation requirements for 12th -grade students for regular and special education students, and provides for the possible suspension of educational employees' evaluation requirements under OTES, OCECSC, OPES.;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Finneytown Local School District, Hamilton County, Ohio as follows:

SECTION I School Building Closure

Effective 12:01 a.m. on March 17, 2020 and continuing at least until 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2020, all school district buildings are closed to students. The Board confirms the Superintendent's authority to comply with this Order.

SECTION II Remote Learning Opportunities

The Board hereby authorizes and adopts the attached Educational Plan to provide for on-line learning opportunities in accordance with the requirements of Am. Sub. H.B. 197 and Ohio Revised Code §3313.48. It is the intent of the Board that the attached Educational Plan will provide for remote learning opportunities for students to make up/complete an unlimited number of educational hours in lieu of attendance on the days when school buildings are not open to students during the 2019-2020 school year in compliance with an Order issued by the Ohio Director of Health and Am. Sub. H.B. 197.

SECTION III Suspending Board Policy Regarding Student Grading System

A. In order to provide appropriate educational opportunities to students through alternative methods, to allow promotion from grade-to-grade, and so not as to penalize students who determine to complete assignments through the offered alternative means, the Board temporarily suspends current Board Policies on the awarding of grades which shall no longer be in effect upon adoption of this Resolution by a majority of the Board. Such policies may be reinstated through a subsequent action taken by the Board or the termination that the state of emergency is lifted.

B. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and School Administration to develop and implement a modification for grading Policies for each course or grade level within the Finneytown Local School District's instructional program until such time as the Board restores the grading policy.

C. The Board hereby suspends any and all Board Policies concerning interscholastic athletic eligibility that are inconsistent with those academic requirements of the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the fourth quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

SECTION IV Graduation Requirements

The Superintendent, in accordance with consultation with the high school principal, is authorized to make any and all decisions concerning those students “on-track” for graduation and to determine whether or not the student has met the requirements for graduation, including regular education and special education students.

It is recognized by the Board that the Superintendent is further authorized, in accordance with the provisions set forth in Am. Sub H.B. 197, to revise the School District’s graduation requirements and to elect to require only the minimum curriculum requirements in the District for graduation in accordance with division (C) of Ohio Revised Code 3313.603 during this emergency.

SECTION V Supplemental Pay for Spring Athletics and Co-Curricular Contracts of Employment

The Board authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to pay 100% for year-long supplemental athletic and co-curricular contracts of employment and reduce by up to 50% payment for spring athletic and co-curricular supplemental activity contracts of employment in response to the mandated closure of all K-12 schools in the state for the 2019-20 school year.

Such payment is completely contingent upon attainment of a satisfactory background check, pupil activity permit, CPR/First Aid Training certificate, Concussion Training certificate, Fundamentals of Coaching certificate and other certifications, applicable and required by the State of Ohio and/or the District Superintendent. Such contracts shall become null and void if any of the aforementioned requirements are determined to be incomplete, unsatisfactory or undocumented as of June 1, 2020.

SECTION VI Board Meetings

A. In order to prevent against the further spread of the novel coronavirus, the Board of Education hereby temporarily suspends its public participation policy for Board and/or committee meetings, which shall no longer be in effect upon adoption of this Resolution by a majority of the Board of

Education. Such policy may be reinstated through a subsequent action taken by the Board of Education or after the current state of emergency is lifted.

B. In order to enable the Board of Education to continue with District operations during the public health emergency, the Board of Education may meet telephonically or through other electronic means, including, but not limited to, conference calls or other video meeting technology to conduct the public business of the public body while emergency orders of the federal and/or state government are in effect limiting public gatherings. Such meetings will be properly noticed to the public through the established and usual method of notice to the public.

C. In order to provide an opportunity for attendance by the public, news media, and any other person that has requested it, notification of meetings via the technology utilized will be made available to the extent reasonably possible and feasible, either live or recorded. The means of technology and information on how to access the meeting as a member of the public will be made available on the District's website. The Board of Education intends to fully honor its obligations under the Open Meetings Act.

SECTION VII Teacher and Administrator Evaluations

Pursuant to the provisions of Am. Sub. H.B. 197, the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to enter into any Memorandum of Understanding necessary or appropriate to modify any provisions of a Collective Bargaining Agreement and/or Ohio law necessary to complete teacher, counselor and administrator evaluations for the 2019-2020 contract year. Or, in the alternative, the Superintendent may determine that it is impossible or impracticable to conduct an evaluation of teachers for the 2019-2020 school year.

Administrative evaluations shall be completed for the 2019-2020 contract year.

SECTION VIII Effective Date

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and shall supersede and replace any prior resolution or act of this Board of Education that may be inconsistent or duplicative with the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION IX
Compliance with Public Meetings Laws

The Board of Education hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Education, and that all deliberations of this Board of Education and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22, ORC.


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

Mr. Engleman noted: The Board recognizes that the Continuing Operations resolution was prepared prior to the Governor's 2:00pm executive order closing schools for the remainder of the school year, and is aware that some of the dates and other information contained in the resolution may require update or revision as a result. The Board will catch up and take appropriate action at its next board meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Finneytown Board of Education will take place on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:30pm in the Media Center of the Finneytown Secondary Campus, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Open forum will begin at 7:00pm.


An audio recording of this video conference public meeting will be posted to the district's website at www.finneytown.org.

36-20 There being no further business, Ms. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Rebman, that the meeting be adjourned. The president declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.



Tony Gast, President

ATTEST:



David Oliverio, Treasurer

