

FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting, March 15, 2021

Zoom Remote Meeting

Open Forum 7:00pm

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The Finneytown Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 15, 2021, in the William R. Swartzel Performing Arts Center at Finneytown High School, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Present were Mr. Engleman, Mr. Gast, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Mamphey, and Mrs. Rebman. The session was also attended via video conference from remote locations, due to the declared COVID-19 pandemic health emergency, as authorized by Ohio House Bill 197 and extended by Amended House Bill 404. The president called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

23-21 Ms. Mamphey moved, seconded by Mrs. Rebman, that the Board approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2021 and the Special Meeting of February 28, 2021. The President declared the motion passed.

Administrative Report

District Update

Dr. Laurie Banks, Assistant Superintendent – filled in for Superintendent, Mrs. Noe, who was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Board of Education Member Recognition

Dr. Laurie Banks, Assistant Superintendent, recognized and thanked Mr. Chadwick Engleman, Mr. Tony Gast, Ms. Joyce Johnson, Ms. Brittany Mamphey and Mrs. Cindy Rebman for their exemplary leadership and service to the school district as Board of Education members.

Public Address

Jeff King

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board. I am a long time Finneytown Local School District resident. Both my kids are graduates of Finneytown High School. I know the community and am appreciative to be a part of it. I've been very excited about construction of the new schools here in Finneytown and the creation of an environment that is more conducive for student learning. I applaud the school board for its responsible bid documents and for its use of a Construction Manager at Risk. That being said, I have some concern about some of the contracts being awarded. I have been a bricklayer for 40 years. I know the industry locally. I am concerned the masonry contract is being awarded to a low-road contractor. This is an out-town-contractor, from a different part of the state. There will have no local workforce, no local craftsmen, no one who lives from the Finneytown, Mt. Healthy, Wyoming area on this job. Workers will be coming from Columbus and other parts of the country. The money earned by the workers on this project won't be spent in our community. I know it's not this Board's intention for this to happen. Can anything be done at this point? I encourage this Board to make sure that the

quality standards and federal background checks in the bid documents are enforced, that we get the best product for the taxpayers and that the job is being done right. Thank you for your time. I would be willing to discuss this further.

Cathy McNair

As the district social worker, I wanted to bring a situation to your attention. The pandemic has created some unintended consequences with regard to the ability of some families to get their kids to school. Extending the transportation threshold from a 1-mile to a 2-mile limit, to facilitate social distancing on the bus, makes more parents responsible for transportation. Shortening in-person instruction to 3 hours per day also shortens the time between drop off and pickup, making it impossible for some parents to work, or sleep if they work the night shift, during the interim. Some who want to come back to school in-person are forced to stay remote because of the transportation issue. I am advocating the Board do its best to find a way to go back to the 1-mile transportation threshold in the fall to ease the burden on families that are struggling with transportation to and from school.

Board Coordination Matters

Mrs. Rebman, discussed the following items:

- Facilities Construction Core Team update – Attended this meeting
 - Alternates will be looked at for addition back into the construction project as contingency can be reduced
 - Official groundbreaking is scheduled for April 11th
 - Footings are expected to be complete by March 31st
 - Delivery of the steel package is on schedule
 - Traffic light easement and equipment are being worked on
 - HVAC service contract option inclusion/exclusion was discussed
 - The large oak tree on the Secondary Campus was removed for safety after having been struck by lightning years ago; some of the wood is being saved for incorporation into the outdoor/playground areas of the finished projects
 - Whitaker Elementary will be needed for swing space, and therefore, not be demolished until both phases are complete.
 - Weekly meetings will start as above ground construction project work begins.

Ms. Mamphey, discussed the following items:

- Finneytown Athletic Association – Attended the meeting; highlights included:
 - Discussion of current sports registration numbers
 - Looking for a cheer director; please contact Dave at FAA if interested
 - Parents of younger children are encouraged and needed to get involved with FAA service and leadership positions to replace the parents of kids

who are aging out of the program, if FAA is to remain strong and to keep it from dying out.

- Finneytown Athletic Boosters – Attended the meeting
 - Discussed concessions, field space availability for sports teams, graduation and Prom for this year's seniors.

Ms. Johnson, discussed the following items:

- Secondary PTA – Attended the meeting; highlights included:
 - The annual Reflections event will be held at Rapid Run Middle School on May 12th
 - The go-ahead for AfterProm has been received. Plans and alternate plans are being developed to anticipate changing needs.

Mr. Gast, discussed the following items:

- Unable to attend either the Finneytown Music Parents Association (FMPA) or the Finneytown Schools Educational Foundation meetings due to scheduling conflicts.

Mr. Engleman, discussed the following items:

- Facilities Construction Core Team update – Attended this meeting
 - A budget meeting is upcoming up to make sure project spending is aligned with the budget plan
 - Preliminary planning of the Secondary Campus phase II is being considered should the district receive notification that OFCC is in a position to offer the District funding for the upcoming year.
- Springfield Township – Met on March 9th. Highlights included:
 - Approval of permanent appropriations –
 - Total budget is \$34.5 million, down just under 1% from prior year
 - The two biggest areas of spending are \$10 million for police department and \$8 million for fire & EMS
 - Road repairs are being financed in 18 neighborhoods in Springfield Township with special property tax assessments. These assessments are individually approved by vote in each neighborhood.
- After Prom – Attended this meeting last Monday.
 - AfterProm is moving forward.
 - A large group of residents are charged up to make this happen
 - To date, coordinators have been found for all but two rooms
 - COVID plans have been developed for each room with COVID guidelines that each student will have to acknowledge before entering
 - They are hoping for good weather and that the outside fire pit area will be one of the best attended areas.
- Graduation –
 - Commencement will be held in the stadium this year on June 3rd.
 - June 4th is scheduled as a backup date (if needed for weather).

Discussion Regarding Student Eligibility for Transportation

- **Mr. Tim Wagner, Director of Administrative Services, gave the following report:**
 - Last school year, CDC's initial guidelines specified a maximum of 9 kids /bus. However, this was impractical, not enough busses or drivers to get this done.
 - Mid-July 2020, Hamilton County Health, relaxed guidelines to every other seat, so that you could transport 13 kids on a bus. Again impractical.
 - For safety, health, bus capacity and driver availability reasons, Finneytown went to a 2-mile walk zone for the 2020-21 school year.
 - After the current school year began, the health department decided not to regulate bus seating, leaving it is up to the individual school districts.
 - Today, the county health department is now recommending 3-feet with masks in the classroom reasons.
 - We don't know what will happen next fall, but expect many schools will resort to more normal transportation seating and spacing, with masks on all students.
 - If Finneytown reinstitutes a one-mile walk zone, there is still a risk that conditions will make the local health department return to more stringent bus spacing mandates.
 - We have heard tonight the challenge that a 2-mile walk zone has place on some families to get their kids to school.
 - Safety - Federal statistics show that for every one child injured or killed in a school bus accident there are over 100 kids injured or killed in a car on the way to school. A school bus is also safer than walking to school.
 - Financial – State funding reimburses a portion of a school's transportation expense based upon: 1) mileage, and 2) ridership. A 2-mile limit reduces ridership and state reimbursements, without significantly reducing the total number of routes or the overall cost of transportation.
 - Traffic – a return to the 1-mile limit will reduce the unloading and loading traffic congestion at our schools in the morning and afternoon.
 - A decision to make a change in the transportation threshold limit at the April meeting would allow time to alert the community, secure additional drivers, create bus routes, and communicate specific route pick up and drop off information to parents by mid-July.

- Board of Education discussion:
 - Pandemic conditions may continue to change after an April decision, impacting final plans, and what the district is ultimately able to safely provide by way of student transportation
 - In addition to the one mile limit, the numbers and associated costs of transporting students who would have to cross or walk along major roads (i.e. Winton and Galbraith) were also requested.

24-21 Ms. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Engleman, that the Board adopt the “Consent Calendar” as follows:

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a) Monthly Financial Report*

b) Depository and Investment Balances as of February 28, 2021*

U.S. Bank	0.0051%	\$ 643,422.26
U.S. Bank (construction fund)	1.2300%	\$ 24,520,697.75
STAR Ohio	0.0900%	\$ 15,714,416.12
STAR Ohio (construction fund)	0.0900%	\$ 1,310,185.58
STAR Plus	0.0700%	\$ 2,453,525.90

c) Interest Earned on Depository and Investment Accounts as of February 28, 2021*

General Fund	\$ 891.86
Construction Fund	\$12,506.36

d) Monthly Bond Project Spending and Commitment Report*

[See attached]

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

25-21 Mr. Gast 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:

Ingrid Jarmon-Thomas	Teacher effective May 28, 2021 (retirement)
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b) Approval of Administrative Contract – Director of Operations*

The Board approved the following Administrative Contract:

Tim Wagner, Director of Operations, effective August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022, at rate of \$82,400.00

c) Approval of Family and Medical Leave*

The Board approved the following Family Medical Leave:

Ingrid Jarmon-Thomas, Teacher, beginning February 2, 2021, and continuing for a maximum period of twelve weeks.

Tonya Zerkle, Teacher, beginning April 5, 2021, and continuing for a maximum period of twelve weeks.

d) Approval of Payment – Certified Staff Member*

The Board approved payment to the following certified staff member who will perform duties outside of the regular work schedule, effective August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021:

Matthew Oldham	Prom DJ	\$450.00
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e) Approval of Contracts – Supplemental 2020-2021*

The Board approved the following supplemental contracts, effective August 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:

Robert Burlew	Head Coach, 8th Grade Boys Basketball	\$1,569.00
Derrick Evans	Head Coach, Varsity Bowling	\$1,347.00
Anna Hafner	Head Coach, Varsity Cheer. (Basketball)	\$886.00
Chevalier Harris	Head Coach, 7th Gr. Boys Basketball	\$1,569.00
Kayla Lowe	Advisor, MS Yearbook	\$646.00
Kayla Lowe	Advisor, HS Yearbook	\$1,144.00
Charles Williams	Head Coach, Varsity Girls Basketball	\$4,614.00

f) 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 15, 2021:

Adams, Dorian	Chaney-Smith, Lois
Albright, Jordan	Coleman, Cynthia
Bailey, Lorraine	Colvin, Gayle
Barnes, Roosevelt	Copeland, David
Barnes, Sarah	Davis, Gordon
Bell, Danny	Davis, Samantha
Bharucha, Armaity	Davis-January, Marie
Billings, Randra	Dietz, John
Binford, Cornelia	Engelhart, Donna
Blanks, Earl	Evans, Deboragh
Bouldin, Carrie	Evans, James
Bradley, Victoria	Evans, Patricia
Bright, Allyson	Geers, William
Brinkman, Rosa	Glenn, Joseph
Brotherton, Jean	Graham, Sandra
Brown, Indra	Harris, Susan
Byrd, Angela	Hayes, Erin
Byrd, Loretta	Hemmerly, Judah
Caiarelli, Madison	Hill, Gloria
Calhoun, Brenda	Holcomb, Emily
Cargile, Joyce	Howard, Latrice

Hudson, Leslie
Hughes, Shekinah
Hughes Jr., George
Jenkins, Shannon
Jones, Darrell
Judge, Isabelle
Kenny, Lawanda
Kerdolff, Barbara
Laird, Maggie
Lozier, Lyndsey
Manning, Julia
Martin, Artis
Meltebrink, Allison
Messinger, Kathy
Miller, Ryan
Monich, Donald
Neri, McKenzie
Oliver, Verneda
Phipps, Marilyn
Pollington, Connie
Price, Tanya
Pride, Allison
Reeb, Jr., James Edward
Rhodes, Samantha
Rhodes Brown, Judith
Richardson, Lucille

Richey, Sheila
Robinson, Marilyn
Ruffner, Sara
Shaw, Phyllis
Sithe, Adam
Skidmore, Carson
Sovern, Ken
St.Hilaire, Melissa
Story, Raymond
Straughn, Emily
Sukovaty, Holly
Sullivan, Clyde
Surratt, Andra
Tirschek, Katelin
Trabert-Salt, Rebecca
Troxell, Lauren
Utrecht, Kimberly
VonderHaar, Susan
Walton, Ronald
Welt, Ryan
Williams, Carla
Wise, Donnise
Xu, Wenjin
Yancey, Aaron
Zestermann, Cara
Zimmermann, Jim

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

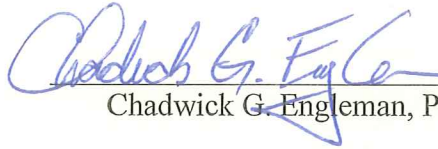
26-21 Ms. Mamphey moved, seconded by Mr. Gast, that the Board accept the resignation due to retirement of Mrs. Terri Noe, Superintendent, effective July 30, 2021.

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

Mr. Engleman, Board President, thanked Mrs. Noe on behalf of the entire Board for five great years of leadership and service as the district superintendent.

The next regular meeting of the Finneytown Board of Education will take place on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:30pm in the William R. Swartzel Performing Arts Center, Finneytown Secondary Campus, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Open forum will begin at 7:00pm.

27-21 There being no further business, Ms. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Engleman, that the meeting be adjourned. The president declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.



Chadwick G. Engleman, President

ATTEST:



David L. Oliverio, Treasurer

