

**FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Organizational Meeting**  
**January 4, 2024**  
**6:00pm**  
**Finneytown Secondary Campus Media Center**

The Finneytown Board of Education held the Organizational Meeting on Thursday, January 4, 2024 in the Media Center of the Finneytown Secondary Campus, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Ms. Lee, Ms. McMullen, Mr. Plaut, Mr. Rea and Mr. Reeb were present. The Treasurer, David Oliverio, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

The Honorable Judge Ginger Bock, gave the Oath of Office to newly elected board member,  
**Seth Plaut (4 year term)**

\_\_\_\_\_do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as a Board member in and for the said Finneytown Local School District, Hamilton County, Ohio to the best of your ability and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereafter to be enacted, during your continuance in said office and until your successor is chosen and qualified.

Mr. David Oliverio, Treasurer, gave the Oath of Office to reelected board member,  
**James Reeb (4 year term)**

\_\_\_\_\_do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as a Board member in and for the said Finneytown Local School District, Hamilton County, Ohio to the best of your ability and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereafter to be enacted, during your continuance in said office and until your successor is chosen and qualified.

**01-24** Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Ms. Lee, that the Board take a short recess. The Treasurer declared the motion passed.

The Board recessed at 6:06pm.

The Board returned to the organizational meeting at 6:29pm.

**02-24** David Oliverio, Treasurer, called for nominations for President of the Finneytown Board of Education. Mr. Rea nominated Ms. Lee. There being no further nominations, the Treasurer announced that nominations were closed. A vote was taken and the Treasurer declared Ms. Lee President of the Finneytown Board of Education.

**03-24** Ms. Lee called for nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education. Mr. Reeb nominated Ms. McMullen. Ms. Lee nominated Mr. Rea. There being no further nominations, Ms. Lee announced that nominations were closed. A vote was taken

and the President declared Ms. McMullen Vice President of the Finneytown Board of Education.

**04-24** Ms. McMullen moved, seconded by Mr. Reeb, the Board dispensed with the approval of the minutes from the regular meeting, December 18, 2023. The President declared the motion passed.

**05-24** Mr. Reeb moved, seconded by Ms. McMullen, that the Board approve the board meeting dates for calendar year 2024 and preview board meeting dates for 2025:

**Calendar Year 2024**

January 16 (Tuesday)  
February 20 (Tuesday)  
March 18 (Monday)  
April 15 (Monday)  
May 20 (Monday)  
June 17 (Monday)  
July 15 (Monday)  
August 19 (Monday)  
September 16 (Monday)  
October 21 (Monday)  
November 18 (Monday)  
December 16 (Monday)

**Calendar Year 2025**

January 21 (Tuesday)  
February 18 (Tuesday)  
March 17 (Monday)  
April 21 (Monday)  
May 19 (Monday)  
June 16 (Monday)  
July 21 (Monday)  
August 18 (Monday)  
September 15 (Monday)  
October 20 (Monday)  
November 17 (Monday)  
December 15 (Monday)

Unless otherwise announced, all regular meetings will be held at the Finneytown Secondary Campus Media Center, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Regular meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. with an Open Forum at 6:00 p.m.

The Board considered adding a special meeting/work session each month in the hopes of reducing the overall length and number of meetings over the course of a year. A consensus was reached to try this on a trial basis and evaluate its effectiveness before scheduling additional meetings for the 2024 calendar year.

A special meeting and work session is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 6:00pm. This meeting will be held in the Secondary Campus Media Center.

The vote was 5-0. The President declared the motion passed.

### **Board Coordination Matters**

The Board discussed and assigned board members to its various committees, liaison roles and school and community groups as follows:

#### **Superintendent Committees**

Facilities/Long Range Facilities  
Personnel  
Policy

Ms. Lee, Mr. Plaut  
Ms. McMullen, Mr. Reeb  
Ms. Lee, Mr. Rea

#### **Treasurer Committee**

Finance/Blue Ribbon

Mr. Plaut, Mr. Rea

#### **OSBA / Liaison Roles**

OSBA Delegate  
OSBA Alternate  
Legislative Liaison  
Student Achievement

Ms. Lee  
Mr. Rea  
Mr. Rea  
Ms. McMullen

#### **District Support Groups**

Elementary PTA and Secondary PTA  
Athletic Boosters and Finneytown Athletic Assn.  
Music Parents  
Finneytown Education Foundation

Ms. McMullen, Mr. Plaut  
Ms. Lee  
Ms. McMullen  
Mr. Plaut

#### **Community Groups**

Springfield Township

Mr. Rea, Mr. Reeb

#### **Board Committees**

Beyond Differences Finneytown

Ms. McMullen, Mr. Plaut

**06-24** Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Ms. McMullen, 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) Approval of Resolution – IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate\***

The Board approved the following resolution:

Authorizing use of the IRS standard mileage rate for reimbursement of the cost of operating a personal automobile when used for approved school business purposes. The IRS standard mileage rate for business is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile.

**b) Approval of Resolution – Service Fund\***

The Board approved the following resolution:

To establish a service fund for members of the Board of Education or their designated representatives to attend professional meetings or conferences in performance of their duties as representatives of the school district. Ohio Revised Code 3316.16 permits Boards of Education to appropriate two dollars (\$2.00) per child or \$20,000, whichever is greater, to establish a service fund.

**c) Approval of Resolution – Declaring Certain Public Funds to be Used for A Public Purpose\***

The Board approved an annual resolution for establishment of a Sunshine Fund. The Board wishes to honor with plaques, pins, flowers, token retirement gifts and awards, and other amenities its staff, former Board members, and other non-employee persons.

The Board wishes to also honor staff, students, citizens, and advisory groups for their contributions with other appropriate recognition and authorizes administrators to purchase coffee, meals, refreshments, and/or other amenities to further the interests of the Finneytown Local School District.

The Board does hereby affirm that the expenses incurred as listed above do serve a public purpose. The Board affirms public purpose for the promotion of committees and subcommittees of the Board, community presentations, encouragement of non-employees to serve as volunteers, and further public purpose. The funds are available from interest earned from the Board's General Fund investment program.

The Board authorizes use of appropriation code 001-2310-840 in the amount of \$3,000.00 be available for expenditure for the activities, functions, and items described above to promote public purpose as set by the Board. The President and/or designee will approve all expenditures from this appropriation account.

The information presented in this resolution conforms to and are consistent with the Ohio Attorney General's Opinion #82-006. This opinion reaffirms the prior opinion #81-057.

**d) Approval of Investment of Inactive and Interim Funds\***

The Board approved a motion to authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive and interim funds at the most productive interest rate whenever inactive and interim funds are available.

**e) Approval of Temporary Employment of Personnel\***

The Board authorized the Superintendent to temporarily employ personnel as needed. Such employments are to be presented for approval by the Board of Education at its next regular meeting.

**RC:** Mr. Reeb, yes; Ms. Lee, yes; Mr. Plaut, yes; Ms. McMullen, yes; Mr. Rea, yes. The President declared the motion passed.

The next regular meeting of the Finneytown Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Secondary Campus Media Center, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Open Forum will begin at 6:00 pm.

**07-24** There being no further business, Ms. McMullen moved, seconded by Mr. Plaut, that the meeting be adjourned. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

  
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Lindsay Lee, President

ATTEST:

  
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David Oliverio, Treasurer