

FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting, January 16, 2024
Finneytown Secondary Campus Media Center
8916 Fontainebleau Terrace
Cincinnati, OH 45231
Open Forum 6:00pm
Regular Meeting 6:30pm

The Finneytown Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2023, in the Media Center of the Finneytown Secondary Campus, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Ms. Lee, Ms. McMullen, Mr. Plaut and Mr. Rea were present. The President called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

10-24 Ms. McMullen moved, seconded by Mr. Rea, the Board approved the agenda as presented. The President declared the motion passed.

11-24 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Ms. McMullen, the Board approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2023 and the Organizational Meeting and Budget Hearing of January 4, 2024. The President declared the motion passed.

Administrative Report

Finneytown Elementary Student Council –

- Mr. Dirr and Ms. Deters, Finneytown Elementary Student Council Advisors, introduced five student council members to give a report on the work of Finneytown Elementary Student Council:
 - Student Council consists of 30 elected members, ten each from grades 4, 5 and 6.
 - Work is focused mainly in three areas: 1) fundraisers, 2) service, and 3) building a positive school culture.
 - We also plan, decorate and host multiple 4-6 grade student socials during the school year.
 - Student Council gives back to the school community, the Finneytown community and the greater Cincinnati community through donations and with our time.
 - Student Council has successfully raised over \$2700 this semester with its fundraisers, benefiting the school store, Wildcat Serve and its food pantry and other community service projects, and to purchase new recess equipment.
 - Student council members and their families recently volunteered at Matthew 25 Ministries in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Administrative Report

Dr. Laurie Banks, Superintendent – discussed the following:

- Board Recognition – January is Board Recognition Month. We want to thank each member for the time and energy you put into the District. It is very much appreciated.
- Board Organization – At its Organizational Meeting, Ms. Lindsay Lee was elected President and Ms. Jelicia McMullen, Vice President, for the 2024 calendar year.

- Solar Eclipse (April 8, 2024) – The solar eclipse plan was sent out last week. The district will have an early release that day for staff and students.
- Board Work Session – A special meeting has been scheduled for February 1. Please share topics you would like to discuss in advance so they can be posted.
- Professional Development Day – Last Friday, during our PD day, we brought in our new hires, mentors and hiring team to gather feedback on our hiring and onboarding practices and celebrate our new hires.

Mr. Grant Anderson, Director of Business Operations – gave a facilities update:

- 100 Building Renovation
 - This project is currently out for bid. The submission deadline was extended two weeks to increase the number of general contractors bidding on the project. Bids are due by 2pm on January 25. We anticipate this project starting quickly.
- Secondary Campus New Construction Update –
 - The three initial stages of an architectural design project are: Schematic Design, Design Development and Construction Documents.
 - We are in the final stages of Schematic Design. It has taken several extra weeks to work through the budgeting process to reconcile the estimates from our architect with our construction manager at risk.
 - Design Development, the revision and finalization of design details and budget, is next. Once complete, Construction Documents, the preparation of detailed drawings and specifications, will begin.
 - Groundbreaking and site work is anticipated for May/June 2024.
- Demolition
 - Demolition of the district administrative office, part of the 300-building and part of the gymnasium locker rooms are anticipated to dovetail with completion of the 100-building renovation.

Public Address

None

Review of Action Steps from last month

- 1) Provide Finneytown athletic budget and band budget information as compared to other schools in our league to Mr. Rea and copy the Board – Partially complete; Mr. Oliverio to collect CHL comparison data.
- 2) Provide Strategic Plan community meeting agendas to Dr. Banks – Agendas provided; meetings held; Ms. Lee to follow up with Mr. Tom Burton on next steps.
- 3) Prepare a solar eclipse event district planning proposal and distribute to the Board – Done
- 4) Provide expanded wrestling trip proposal details to the Board – Done
- 5) Finalize Treasurer and Superintendent job descriptions and update relevant Board policies – Ms. Lee will follow up with Mr. Tom Burton on final drafts.
- 6) Distribute and review proposed regular board meeting topics – Done

Board Coordination Matters - continued

Ms. McMullen, discussed the following items:

- Primary PTA –
 - Mr. Plaut and I are going to tag team PTA this year, rotating every other meeting. We both attended the primary PTA meeting this month.
 - A Black History celebration is being planned for February 22 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Reach out to Brooke Woods to be a part of that committee.
 - Coin Roundup is collecting loose change. Proceeds are going toward new playground equipment.
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences are next month. Be on the lookout for how you can help make the staff dinners a success. Joyce Stover and Amy Dunn are the hospitality chairs. If you have any questions, reach out to them.
- Secondary PTA –
 - Did not meet last month. Their next meeting is January 23 at 7pm here in the media center. Mr. Plaut will be attending that meeting.
 - AfterProm Chair – Zach VanderVeen is stepping down and looking to train someone to take his place. Reach out to Miriam Schmidtgesling if you're interested in that position.
- Finneytown Music Parents Association (FMPPA) –
 - I'm also taking on the FMPPA liaison role and went to that meeting last week. It was nice to connect with the music staff that attend these meetings.
 - Mr. Geisel mentioned that students are starting to use their bows and exceeding his expectations. Ms. Field's Voices students are learning music for the spring concert. Students will be singing the national anthem at the Florence Y'all Stadium in May.
 - The Breakfast with Santa was very successful, bringing in \$1,500. The next dine-to-donate event will be on March 29 at J. Gumbo's.
- Student Achievement – Next month we have invited our students whose artwork was selected for display at the OSBA Conference to be honored with certificates.

Mr. Plaut, discussed the following items:

- Finneytown Secondary PTA –
 - Next meeting will be on January 23 at 7pm.
- Finneytown Schools Educational Foundation –
 - Next meeting will be January 22 here in the media center.
- Beyond Differences Finneytown –
 - Is working on a date for its next meeting in early February.

Ms. Lee, discussed the following items:

- Long Range Facilities Planning – did not meet.
- Policy Committee – did not meet.
- OSBA –
 - Is holding a free virtual OSBA forum on January 30 at 11:30am

- Board Member 101 sessions are being offered for new board members, or as a refresher, in early February.
- Finneytown Athletic Boosters –
 - Did not meet in December.
 - Boys basketball Senior Night is February 9. It is also the 25th anniversary of the CHL championship win. Alumni will be in attendance.
 - Our middle school basketball team will be playing in a tournament February 12 and 14.
 - The Spring Sports Kickoff meeting will be March 12.
 - Boosters discussed the possibility of bolstering school spirit with spirit wear.
- Finneytown Athletic Association –
 - Met this month. Nothing notable to report.

Mr. Rea, discussed the following items:

- Personnel Committee – did not meet.
- Finance Committee – did not meet.
- Springfield Township Trustees – Sara Braun was sworn in as a new Trustee at their most recent meeting.

Acceptance of Board Committee Report

- None.

Review monthly regular meeting board topics

- One addition, Restorative Practices and Project Based Learning Facilitators invited to give an update at the March regular board meeting.

12-24 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Mr. Plaut, 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 December 31, 2023*

U.S. Bank	0.1018%	\$ 338,458.99
U.S. Bank (construction fund)	0.5300%	\$ 3,680,709.46
STAR Ohio	5.5800%	\$ 21,431,661.08
STAR Ohio (construction #2)	5.5800%	\$ 3,193,007.38

STAR Ohio (construction #1)	5.5800%	\$ 1,159,364.29
STAR Ohio (OFCC state share)	5.5800%	\$ 863,027.13

c) Interest Earned on Depository and Investment Accounts as of December 31, 2023*

General Fund	\$104,302.01
Construction Fund	\$ 21,023.50

d) Monthly Bond Project Spending and Commitment Report*

[See attachment]

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

The Board approved the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources.

[See Attachment]

f) Approval of Permanent Appropriation Adjustments for the 2023-24 School Year*

The Board approved the following Permanent Appropriations adjustments for the 2023-24 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, 2024, 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:

	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	
001 General Fund	201,414
Total General Fund	<u><u>201,414</u></u>
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u>	
499 Ohio SLR Grant	127,500
516 Special Education, Part B	-8,436
551 Limited English Proficient	-2,000
584 Student Support & Academic Enrichment	-356
590 Supporting Effective Instruction	-169

599 Misc. Federal Grants	6,084
Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>122,623</u>
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS</u>	
004 Construction Fund	4,397,000
010 Classroom Facilities Fund	23,000,000
Total Capital Projects Funds	<u>27,397,000</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	<u>27,721,037</u>

g) Approval of Payment - FY24*

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
12/31/23	Hamilton County ESC	\$21,040.37
(St. Vivian educational and special services for 2023-2024)		

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

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a) Approval of Contract – One Year Limited Certified

The Board approved a one year limited contract for the following new certified staff member, effective January 4, 2024:

Jeremiah Miller 7th Grade ELA Teacher

b) Approval of Contracts – Supplemental 2023-2024*

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts, effective August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024:

Zach Blyberg	Head Coach, 8th Grade Boys Basketball	\$2,241.00
Queylah Gaines	JV Cheer Coach Basketball	\$ 877.00
Queylah Gianes	Varsity Cheer Coach Basketball	\$1,130.00
Elijah Fenwick-Sanders	Head Coach, Co-ed Swimming	\$1,422.00
Rob Burlaw	Boys JV Basketball Head Coach	\$3,215.00
Chevy Harris	Head Coach, 7th Gr. Boys Basketball	\$2,241.00
Reggie Hall	Head Coach Varsity Boys Basketball	\$2,000.00
Armand Tatum	Technical Director, Jump Start Theater	\$1,208.00
Brett Crawford	Boys Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach	\$3,702.00
Adam Coffey	Head Coach, Varsity Boys Wrestling	\$6,040.00
Lynn Volz	Head Coach, Middle School Wrestling	\$2,553.00
Charles Williams	Head Coach, Varsity Boys Basketball	\$5,553.00

c) 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 January 11, 2024:

Amann, Michael	Bush, Brianna	Evans, Patricia
Anderson, Kamesha	Casada, Abigail	Fairman, Dara
Baker, Nadia	Chaffer, La'shawntay	Fischhoff, Ann
Barnes, Cheryl	Christian, Auree	Fisk, Summer
Behrman, Matthew	Clark, Sterling	Gandert, Elizabeth
Bellamah, Christopher	Cobb, Brianna	Garvin, Barbara
Binford, Cornelia	Collins, Keasha	Giffin, David
Blank, Diana	Colvin, Gayle	Gilbert, Jaylin
Blanks, Earl	Cook, Gary	Gray, Kiara
Blyberg, Zachary	Cooper, Edward	Griffith, Klarke
Bonifas, Elizabeth	Copeland, David	Haarlammert, Stephanie
Bram, Kerri	Davis, Gordon	Hardy, Diane
Braswell, Keith	Davis, Rollins	Harris, Dominique
Brewer, Valeri	Dunn, Tim	Hartman, Matthew
Brightwell, Faye	Duskin, Deemiah	Hartman, Ronald
Brown, Camryn	Elliott, Bianca	Hauck, Samantha
Burkhardt, Heather	Evans, Deborah	Hayashi, Donna

Hess, Leanne	Palmer, Jasmine	Still, Cameryn
Hicks, Grace	Parham, Ebony	Sullivan, Clyde
Horton, Vanuis	Phipps, Marilyn	Tennyson, Emma
Howard, Elaine	Pittman, Felicia	Thomas, Jenna
Imhulse, Andrew	Pollington, Connie	Thompson, Saige
Jones, Darrell	Potensky, Chris	Tirschek, Katelin
Jones, Tykeisha	Price, Tanya	Tubbs, Quinetta
Karle, Gail	Ray, Colleen	Vanarsdall-Schwartz, Mary
Kelley-Gerton, Lisa	Rice, Alisha	Vaughan, Randall
Marshall, Gwen	Richey, Sheila	Walker, Kimberly
Martin, Artis	Rivers, LaStarr	Walton, Ronald
Maxam, William	Schnur, Bethany	Weiler, Michael
McKinley, Arlinda	Schuler, Emily	Wilson, Celina
Meder, Hannah	Sears, Demetria	Wilson, Makayla
Meier, Paulette	Sfarnas, Jim	Winter, Stephany
Miday, Nicole	Sharp, Stephen	Wise, Donnise
Miles, Linda	Shaw, Phyllis	Wood, Jeffery
Namenyi, Tytus	Smith, Kimberly	Yisrael, Nesyah
Nashid, Wadeah	Springs, Margo	Zupon, Lisa
Osterbrock, Dylan	St.Hilaire, Melissa	
Page, Candace	Stevenson, Alisha	

d) Adoption of Resolution – Approval of Service Fund Payment*

The Board approved payment from the Service Fund, per ORC 3315.15, for the appropriate expenses incurred for district new board member training on February 3-4, 2024.

e) Acceptance of Donations*

The Board accepted the following donation(s):

A trombone, valued at \$175 to the Finneytown Local School District music program from Elise Fessler, 9086 Millcliff Dr., Cincinnati, 45231 on December 18, 2023.

A cash donation of \$285.00 to the Finneytown Local School District athletic department from John McManus, 913 Monmouth Street, Apt4A, Newport, Kentucky 41071 on November 7, 2023.

An anonymous gift of \$400 to the Finneytown Local School District social work fund on October 30, 2023.

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

14-24 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Mr. Plaut, that the Board adopt the following resolution: **Regarding Employment of Non-Licensed Coach**

WHEREAS, Section 3313.53 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the employment of a nonlicensed individual with a valid pupil-activity permit to direct, supervise, or coach a pupil-activity program; and

WHEREAS, the Board has posted the position of Men's and Women's Track Coach internally to offer it to Board employees who have a valid license, certificate, or permit of a type described in R.C. 3319.22, 3319.26 or 3319.27 ("license"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has advertised the position of Men's and Women's Track Coach as available to any individual with such a license who is qualified to fill it and who is not employed by the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Finneytown Local School District Board of Education:

1. The Board hereby states that it posted the position of Men's and Women's Track Coach for the 2023-2024 school year internally to licensed employees of the District and no such employee meeting all of the Board's qualifications to fill the position has applied for, been offered, and accepted such position;
2. The Board hereby states that it advertised the position of Men's and Women's Track Coach for the 2023-2024 school year to licensed individuals who are not employed by the Board and no such individual meeting all of the Board's qualifications to fill the position has applied for, been offered, and accepted such position;
3. The Board hereby determines that Gerald Warmack meets all of the Board's qualifications to fill the position of Men's and Women's Track Coach and is hereby employed as Men's and Women's Track Coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Review of Action Steps

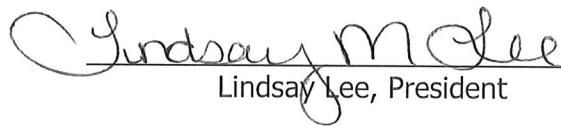
- 1) Provide Finneytown athletic budget and band budget information as compared to other schools in our league to Mr. Rea and copy the Board – Mr. Oliverio
- 2) Follow up with Mr. Tom Burton on the status of final Treasurer and Superintendent job descriptions – Ms. Lee
- 3) Follow up with Mr. Tom Burton on the Strategic Plan community input session feedback and next steps – Ms. Lee

- 4) Forward topics for the February 1 special meeting work session to Ms. Lee and Dr. Banks so that the agenda can be finalized and posted – All
- 5) Send out condolences card on behalf of the Board – Dr. Banks


A special meeting of the Finneytown Board of Education will take place on February 1, 2024, at 6:30pm in the Media Center of the Finneytown Secondary Campus, 8916 Fontainebleau Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45231

The next regular meeting of the Finneytown Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 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.

15-24 There being no further business, Ms. McMullen moved, seconded by Mr. Plaut, that the meeting be adjourned. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.


Lindsay Lee, President

ATTEST:


David L. Oliverio, Treasurer