

FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Meeting, February 1, 2024
Secondary Campus Media Center
8916 Fontainebleau Terrace
Cincinnati, OH 45231
6:30pm

The Finneytown Board of Education met in special session on Thursday, February 1, 2024, 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.

16-24 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Ms. McMullen, that the Board dispense with the opening ceremony and approval of minutes from the regular meeting of January 16, 2024. The President declared the motion passed.

17-24 Ms. McMullen moved, seconded by Mr. Plaut, that the Board move to Executive Session, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2), to consider the disposition of property, since disclosure would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to persons whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest.

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

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:32pm.
The Board returned to Special Session at 6:54pm.

Discussion – Finneytown Secondary Project

Mr. Anderson, Director of Operations, reported the following information:

- Working through the reality of where things will sit on this campus and the cost of certain design elements led the core construction team to several project shifts during the schematic design phase. Most notably...
 - The softball field will be moved from behind the new 7-12 building to behind the competition gymnasium.
 - A detention pond will be located behind the 7-12 building to handle water runoff issues.
 - The 100 building, previously slated for partial demolition, can now be kept in its entirety (no longer in the way of the softball field).
 - The Quonset Hut no longer needs to be demolished (also no longer in the way of the softball field).
- Retaining the entire 100 building has several additional benefits:
 - This eliminates the disruption and cost of buttoning up a partial 100 building demolition.
 - The MultiPurpose (MP) building, which is smaller, has less flexible space and in much worse condition, is no longer needed and can be fully demolished.
 - Space in the 100-building is fully air conditioned.

- Demolition of the MP reduces site congestion, allowing a fully connected safety access drive to be constructed around the new 7-12 building. This was not possible with the MP.
- The schematic design phase was delayed by 4-6 weeks because of projected cost versus co-funded budget reconciliation challenges. Nonetheless, we still have room in the schedule and are planning for a 2025-2026 mid-year move into the new 7-12 building.
- Some selections made in the Schematic Design phase are not co-funded by the OFCC, per Ohio School Design Manual (OSDM) specifications. These will be bid as alternates that the district can select based upon availability district Locally Funded Initiative (LFI) dollars. Some were chosen for their proven ability to lower maintenance costs and to incorporate materials with a longer projected life. Others, such as overhangs and zigzag features, will improve the visual look and functionality of the building's exterior.
- LFIs can be separated into two categories – Integral LFIs and Alternate LFIs.
 - Integral LFIs are fundamental to the selected structural design of the building envelope. A commitment to these decision choices must be made early in design and cannot be added later.
 - Alternate LFIs are finishing upgrades that can be deferred until later. They are often added to projects when contingency reserves are no longer needed. They can also be purchased when the district wants to spend its own money to upgrade.
- Schematic Design, Development Design and Construction Documents, the first three phases of the architectural design process, can be thought of as smaller and smaller concentric circles, that the project moves through toward greater design detail and cost specificity.
- Bidding for the non-OFCC 100 building administrative office space renovation project closes on February 8th.

18-24 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Mr. Plaut, that the Board adopt the following resolution:

APPROVING COMBINED POR/SCHEMATIC DESIGN STAGE SUBMISSION AND LFI MOU FOR THE NEW FINNEYTOWN 7-12 MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

The Superintendent recommends approval of the combined program of requirements/schematic design stage submission, with LFI MOU, for the New Finneytown 7-12 Middle/High School Project, which are part of the co-funded CFAP project.

Background:

1. The Finneytown Local School District Board of Education (Board) is participating in the co-funded Classroom Facilities Assistance Program in partnership with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC), which includes the design and construction of a new Secondary School, plus any related improvements funded

- 100% by the Board (referred to as Locally Funded Initiative Improvements or LFIs); all of these improvements are referred to as the Project.
2. Elevar Design Group, the Board's A/E for the Project, prepared the program of requirements (POR) and the schematic design (SD) stage drawings and documents, for the New Finneytown 7-12 Middle/High School component of the Project.
 3. Elevar Design Group and Skanska prepared an LFI MOU to describe the financing of the New Finneytown 7-12 Middle/High School component of the Project. Board personnel and OFCC reviewed and executed the MOU.
 4. The Board wishes to approve the combined POR/schematic design stage submission and to authorize the A/E and Board personnel to proceed with the design development design stage documents for the New Finneytown 7-12 Middle/High School component of the Project.

The Finneytown Local School District Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The combined POR/Schematic Design Stage Submission for the New Finneytown 7-12 Middle/High School component of the Project is approved, subject to approval of the OFCC.
2. The Board ratifies the Superintendent and Treasurer's signature of the LFI MOU document completed for the combined POR/Schematic Design Stage Submission for the New Finneytown 7-12 Middle/High School component of the Project, which is included in the design phase submission notebook assembled by Skanska.
3. The Board authorizes the A/E and Board personnel to continue with the preparation of the design development design stage documents for the New Finneytown 7-12 Middle/High School component of the Project.
4. The Board authorizes the A/E and Board personnel to continue with the preparation of the technology design development design stage documents for the New Finneytown 7-12 Middle/High School component of the Project.

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

Discussion – Board Communication

Dr. Banks, Superintendent, proposed the following:

- Board communication proposal
 - Superintendent and Board President in-person meetings
 - Shift to weekly from monthly meetings
 - Superintendent and Board Vice President in-person meetings
 - Maintain monthly meetings
 - Superintendent Board updates
 - Routine updates will be emailed to all Board Members

- Board members should forward comments and questions, or initiate new topics for discussion and inquiry, to the Board President, who will compile, filter, set priorities and addressed with the Superintendent in the weekly meetings.
- Board Walks proposal
 - The Superintendent will schedule monthly Board tours in the district's school buildings for up to two members at a time.
 - Tours will take place during the school day and primarily focus on common spaces; individual classroom visits will be avoided so as not to disrupt learning and teaching.
 - Tours will be aligned with high-interest student activities, events and presentations, when possible.
 - Sign up will be on a first come first served basis through the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant. Board members are asked to spread out their signups in an equitable manner so that equal opportunities are available to all Board members.
- All Board members expressed interest in trying these new Board Communication proposals.

Follow Up Items

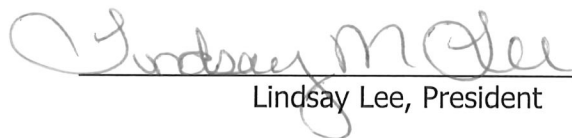
- 1) Send out Ohio School Design Manual (OSDM) link to Board members – Dr. Banks
- 2) Set up monthly Board Walks signups – Dr. Banks, Ms. Gooden
- 3) Begin weekly Superintendent Board President meetings February 12 – Dr. Banks, Ms. Lee

19-24 Mr. Plaut moved, seconded by Ms. Lee, that the Board move to Executive Session, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), for the purpose of considering the employment of a Public Employee.

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

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:48pm.
The Board returned to Special Session at 8:14pm.

20-24 There being no further business, Ms. McMullen moved, seconded by Mr. Plaut, that the meeting be adjourned. The president declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.



Lindsay Lee, President

ATTEST:



David L. Oliverio, Treasurer