

FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting, July 15, 2024
Brent Board Office Meeting Room
8791 Brent Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45231
Open Forum 6:00pm
Regular Meeting 6:30pm

The Finneytown Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 15, 2024, in the Brent Board Office Meeting Room, 8791 Brent Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Ms. McMullen, Mr. Plaut, Mr. Rea and Mr. Reeb were present. The Vice President called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

90-24 Mr. Plaut moved, seconded by Mr. Rea, that the Board approve the agenda as presented and amended. The Vice President declared the motion passed.

91-24 Mr. Plaut moved, seconded by Mr. Rea, the Board approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2024. The Vice President declared the motion passed.

Administrative Report

Mr. Grant Anderson, Director of Operations – discussed the following:

- Facilities Update –
 - Whitaker Demolition – A perimeter fence is in place and abatement for asbestos is in process, demolition is expected to be complete by October, followed by grading and seeding.
 - Secondary Campus – Underground utility work is being scheduled and will take place over the summer. The agenda includes a resolution to approve the Design Development architectural plans for the new 7-12 school.
 - Groundbreaking Ceremony – The Secondary Groundbreaking Ceremony will take place Friday, August 30. The start time was moved up to 5:30pm. A home football game will follow this event.
 - Whitaker Development – The school district is working with Springfield Township on plans to develop the Whitaker property in the best interest of the community and generate some tax revenue for ongoing school district facility and operating needs.

Public Address

Zach Blyberg

I have been a basketball coach in the school district for the last five years. Athletics is about the kids; that is who we do it for. It has been a struggle getting gym time for my players. I don't feel we have the support we need or that my requests for additional time in the gym are being seriously heard. The school district's hashtag is "Be the Change." I'd like to challenge the administration to back this up, think about our student athletes and give us the support we need.

Review of Action Steps from last month

- 1) Finalize Board Retreat agenda items to be held July 27-28 – Complete
- 2) Coordinate the food for the Board Retreat July 27-28 – Complete
- 3) Forward final agenda item suggestions for the Board Retreat – Complete
- 4) Request NEOLA provide a summary of Board of Education policy modifications being submitted for adoption at board meetings (not in red and green for those who are color-blind) – Complete
- 5) Superintendent and Treasurer self-evaluation submissions to the Board – Complete

Board Coordination Matters

Board Member Reports

Mr. Plaut, discussed the following items:

- Finneytown Schools Educational Foundation (dba Finneytown Alumni Network) –
 - Is hosting the Inaugural Finneytown Alumni Weekend – August 30th & 31st
 - Friday, August 30 events include:
 - Alumni Building Tour
 - Groundbreaking ceremony for the new Secondary Campus
 - Finneytown Football game
 - Saturday, August 31 events include:
 - Finneytown Alumni Golf Outing
 - Finneytown Alumni Gala at Highgrain Brewery
 - For more: <https://www.finneytownalumni.org/news/announcing-finneytown-alumni-weekend>

Mr. Reeb, discussed the following items:

- Springfield Township Trustees – 7/9/24 meeting highlights
 - Recognized local centenarian Patricia Dorward's 100th birthday, announced the likelihood a fire levy on the November ballot, access to Warder is still available from an access drive on the southern end of the Whitaker site while it undergoes demolition; the school district is the best source at this time for information on the ultimate disposition of the Whitaker site.
 - Upcoming events:
 - 7/18 concert at The Grove 6-9pm featuring Key West
 - 8/9 Back to School Bash at Clifford George Park
 - Passed a motion declaring a moratorium until 12/31/24 on the issuance of any zoning certificates for certain group homes in which unrelated individuals reside.

Mr. Rea, discussed the following items:

- No report

Ms. McMullen, discussed the following items:

- Secondary PTA – Looking to fill the Secretary officer's position for the 2024-25 school year.

- Beyond Differences Finneytown – A Homecoming tailgate is planned for September 27.
- Finneytown Music Parents Association – Next meeting is August 12 at 7pm. Open positions for 2024-25 include: Membership Chair and Fundraising Chair. Contact April Bruder if interested.

Acknowledgement of District Committee Reports

- None

92-24 Mr. Rea moved, second by Mr. Reeb, that the Board adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

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a) Monthly Financial Report*

b) Depository and Investment Balances as of June 30, 2024*

U.S. Bank	0.0873%	\$ 410,130.09
U.S. Bank (construction fund)	0.5800%	\$ 2,853,056.73
STAR Ohio	5.4400%	\$ 23,164,865.96
STAR Ohio (construction #2)	5.4400%	\$ 3,290,273.53
STAR Ohio (construction #1)	5.4400%	\$ 2,018,616.32
STAR Ohio (OFCC state share)	5.4400%	\$ 996,685.55

c) Interest Earned on Depository and Investment Accounts as of June 30, 2024*

General Fund	\$ 105,604.52
Construction Fund	\$ 23,686.89

d) Monthly Bond Project Spending and Commitment Report*
[See attachment]

e) Approval of Transfer – General Fund to Band Uniform Replacement Fund FY25*

The Board approved the following transfer of funds:

300-5100-9318	Band Uniform Fund	\$2,000.00
001-7200-910	General Fund	(\$2,000.00)

The Band Uniform Fund transfer represents the district annual portion of funds set aside for future band uniform replacement.

f) Adoption of Resolution - Establish Petty Cash Accounts*

The Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS, Section 3313.291, ORC, permits the Board of Education of a school district to establish petty cash accounts from which the treasurer may draw moneys by signed check for purchases made within the district; and

WHEREAS, the resolution shall specify the maximum amount of money that may be placed in the account and designate the district officials who may draw moneys from the account; and

WHEREAS, the resolution shall specify the requirements and procedures for replenishing the account.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board, that thee following petty cash accounts will be established and replenished on the imprest basis by the district officials authorized for the custody, care and the making of disbursements from the respective accounts:

<u>Petty Cash Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Designated District Official</u>
Treasurer's Office	\$300	Treasurer and/or Accounts Payable Specialist
Finneytown Secondary	\$200	Finneytown Secondary Principal's Secretary
Extended Care	\$100	Extended Care Supervisor
	<u>\$600</u>	

g) Approval of Payment - FY25*

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
7/1/24	Cincinnati Alarm Systems (Annual fire, burglar, and monitoring fees for district buildings)	\$6,360.00
7/1/24	USI Insurance Services (Property, automobile, liability insurance policy premium 1 st qtr)	\$17,351.75

h) Approval of Permanent Appropriations Adjustments for the 2023-24 School Year*

The Board approved the following Permanent Appropriations adjustments for the 2023-24 fiscal 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	-391,393
Total General Fund	<u><u>-391,393</u></u>
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u>	
018 Public School Support	-58
019 Other Grants	-9,536
300 Student Activity	-1,006
401 Auxiliary Service	11,410
507 CARES Act ESSER	763,540
572 Title I	9,536
599 Misc. Federal GrantsI	5,250
Total Special Revenue Funds	<u><u>779,136</u></u>
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS</u>	
004 Construction Fund	-642

Total Capital Projects Funds	<u>-642</u>
<u>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</u>	
009 Uniform Supplies	-89
Total Enterprise Funds	<u>-89</u>
<u>FIDUCIARY FUNDS</u>	
200 Student Activity	-242
Total Fiduciary Funds	<u>-242</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	<u>386,770</u>

i) Approval of Total Amount From All Sources Available for Expenditures and Balances – FY25*

The Board approved the Certificate of the Total Amount From All Sources Available for Expenditures and Balances for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

[See Attachment]

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

93-24 Mr. Rea moved, second by M. Reeb, that the Board adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

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a) Acknowledgement of Resignations*

The Board acknowledged the following resignations, which have been previously accepted by the Superintendent:

Joseph Grothe Intervention Specialist
 effective June 30, 2024 (personal)

Taylor Theissen Teacher
effective June 30, 2024 (personal)

b) Approval of Contract – One Year Limited Classified*

The Board approved a one year limited contract for the following classified staff members, effective August 19, 2024 through June 4, 2025:

Sedrick Edwards Special Education Aide

Briona Alcorn Special Education Aide

Victoria Sweeney Library Aide

c) Approval of Contracts – One Year Limited Certified*

The Board approved one year limited contracts for the following new certified staff members, effective August 19, 2024 through June 4, 2025:

Johnathan Schramm 5th Grade Teacher

Rebecca Facktor 4th Grade Teacher

Ronda Byndon-Wilson Intervention Specialist

Constance Turner Intervention Specialist

d) Approval of Contract – Building Substitute*

The Board approved a contract for the following building substitutes, effective August 19, 2024 at the rate of \$125.00 per day:

Maddelyn Banks Intervention Specialist FE

e) Approval of Payment – Tutor*

The Board approved payment to the following tutor, who will provide services as needed, effective August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024:

Mary Pat Grosser Summer Reading Tutor Stipend \$1,000.00

Tonya Zerkle Summer Reading Tutor Stipend \$1,000.00

f) Approval of Payment – Certified Staff Members*

The board approved payment to the following certified staff members who will perform duties outside of the regular work schedule, effective August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025:

Jessie Stegman	KG Camp	\$19.87/hr.
Karen Bause	KG Camp	\$19.87/hr.
Chuck Grosser	KG Camp	\$19.87/hr.
Jenny Weirich	KG Camp	\$19.87/hr.
Peggy Battistone	KG Camp	\$19.87/hr.
Leslie Grevas	KG Camp	\$19.87/hr.
Whitney Walker	KG Camp	\$19.87/hr.
Shelley Westerfield	KG Camp	\$19.87/hr.
Jenny Brunsman	KG Camp	\$19.87/hr.
Cathy McNair	KG Camp	\$19.87/hr.
Megan Geis	KG Camp	\$19.87/hr.
Angie Creutzinger	KG Camp	\$19.87/hr.
Amanda Vordenberg	KG Camp	\$19.87/hr.
Nancy Rouse	KG Camp	\$19.87/hr.
Caroline Slone	KG Camp	\$19.87/hr.
Kristin Barnes	Hiring Team	\$19.87/hr.
Lara Walker	Hiring Team	\$19.87/hr.
Kate Picthford	Hiring Team	\$19.87/hr.
Dave Backer	Hiring Team	\$19.87/hr.
Megan Geis	Hiring Team	\$19.87/hr.
Kayla Fields	Hiring Team	\$19.87/hr.
Queylah Gaines	Hiring Team	\$19.87/hr.
Ashley Lewis	Hiring Team	\$19.87/hr.

g) Acknowledge of School Meal Prices - 2024-2025 School Year*

The Board acknowledged participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and the following school meal prices for the 2024-2025 school year:

Extra Entree Price:

Breakfast extra \$1.65

Elementary extra lunch entree \$2.40

Middle School/High School extra lunch entree \$2.90 & \$3.65

Milk extra \$0.60

h) Adoption of New / Revised Policies*

The Board considered the following new/revised policies, which will be presented for final adoption at the next regular meeting of the Board:

0100	DEFINITIONS
2340	FIELD AND OTHER DISTRICT-SPONSORED TRIPS
2623	STUDENT ASSESSMENT AND ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SERVICES
2623.02	THIRD GRADE READING GUARANTEE
3120.04	EMPLOYMENT OF SUBSTITUTES
3140	TERMINATION AND RESIGNATION
4124	EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT
4140	TERMINATION AND RESIGNATION
5310	HEALTH SERVICES
8600	TRANSPORTATION
8600.04	BUS DRIVER CERTIFICATION
8640	TRANSPORTATION FOR NON-ROUTINE TRIPS
8650	TRANSPORTATION BY VEHICLES OTHER THAN SCHOOL BUSES
8660	INCIDENTAL TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS BY PRIVATE VEHICLE

i) Approval of Resolution – APPROVING DESIGN DEVELOPMENT STAGE SUBMISSIONS AND LFI MOU AUTHORIZING THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL

TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS PHASE FOR THE NEW FINNEYTOWN 7-12 MIDDLE/ HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

The Superintendent recommends approval of the design development stage submissions and LFI MOU, authorizing the design professional to proceed with the construction documents phase for the New Finneytown 7-12 Middle/ High School Project (the "Project").

Rationale:

1. The Board previously authorized the Project to move forward.
2. The Board's Architect, Elevar Design Group (the "Architect"), prepared the design development stage submission for the Project.
3. Skanska USA Building Inc., the Construction Manager at Risk for the Project, (the "CMR"), reviewed the documents prepared by the Architect, provided comments, and prepared a corresponding estimate for the construction costs.
4. District representatives then met with the Architect and CMR to review the design development stage submission and estimate. District representatives confirmed that the design aligns with the intent for the Project and the estimate aligns with the budget sufficiently for this stage of the Project.
5. The Superintendent recommends approval of the design development stage submission documents prepared by the Architect and CMR, and recommends authorizing the Architect and CMR to proceed with the construction documents stage for the Project.

The Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The design development stage submissions prepared for the Project are approved.
2. The Architect and CMR are authorized to proceed to the construction documents stage for the Project.

j) Adoption of Resolution – Community Eligibility Provision Participation

The Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION OF THE HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS ACT OF 2010

WHEREAS, the Board, recognizes the need to increase access to free school meals for students living in poverty,

WHEREAS, the Board, participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs,

WHEREAS, The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 includes the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), 42 U.S.C.A. § 1759(a), allowing qualifying districts with the highest poverty rates to serve all students free meals without the burden of collecting household applications, saving time and money for schools and families,

WHEREAS, the Board, has determined that Finneytown Elementary, and Finneytown Middle School/High School met the minimum percentage of students necessary to qualify for free meals in the preceding school year,

WHEREAS, the Board, has approved an Alternate School Food Authority Arrangement with Milford Exempted Village School District for operation of the district's specified school meal programs, and Milford has applied and received approval to participate in the CEP program on behalf of the Board, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year and continuing at least through the 2027-2028 school year,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board agrees to comply with the terms of CEP participation and agrees to serve free lunches and breakfasts to all students in participating schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that household income forms (no longer needed for free meals, but), necessary for qualification of student fee waivers, and to maintain/increase E-rate discounts and other dependent federal grant funding received by the Board, are hereby authorized and ordered to be collected by the appropriate school district officials.

k) Approval of Agreement - HCESC*

The Board approved the following agreement:

Finneytown Local School District with Hamilton County Educational Service Center to provide early childhood special education collaborative programming for the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$165,568.00.

l) Approval of Agreement - HCESC*

The Board approved the following agreement:

Finneytown Local School District with Hamilton County Educational Service Center to provide intensive pre-school special

education programming for the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$307,188.00.

m) Approval of Agreement - HCESC*

The Board approved the following agreement:

Finneytown Local School District with Hamilton County Educational Service Center to provide itinerant pre-school special education services for the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$32,953.00.

n) Recognition of District Support Organizations*

The Board recognized the following District Support Organizations:

Finneytown Athletic Boosters
Finneytown Elementary PTA
Finneytown Music Parents Association
Finneytown Schools Educational Foundation
Finneytown Secondary PTA

Additionally, the Board recognized the **Finneytown Athletic Association** as an Official Community Partner.

o) Adoption of Resolution – General Liability Insurance for Approved School Support Entities FY25*

The Board approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Finneytown Board of Education contracts for its insurance coverage program through Liberty Mutual Insurance, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education's insurance policy contains general liability insurance coverage provisions for "school support entities" that are officially approved and recognized to receive such coverage, and

WHEREAS, the Finneytown Board of Education is legally permitted to purchase a policy of insurance to cover "school support entities" against liability on account of damages or injury to person or property resulting from any act or omission of the organization, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education's has received application from the Finneytown Elementary PTA, Finneytown Secondary PTA, Finneytown

Schools Educational Foundation, and th Finneytown Music Parents Association, indicating the necessity of general liability coverage, as well as information from which to conduct a risk assessment, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has performed due diligence in reviewing these applications and the risk assessment materials, and found applications that satisfy its requirements, and

WHEREAS, the amount of the general liability coverage is \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 in aggregate, and the cost of the coverage has been identified as being provided at no additional cost (\$0 premium);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Finneytown Elementary PTA, Finneytown Secondary PTA, Finneytown Schools Educational Foundation, and the Finneytown Music Parents Association are hereby approved to receive general liability coverage under the Board of Education's policy for the 7/1/24 through 6/30/25 insurance policy year, for which it will be charged \$0 (no cost).

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

Review of Action Steps

- 1) Distribution of NEOLA policies updates and revisions to Board of Education members – Dr. Banks.

The next special meetings will take place on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 9:00am and Sunday, July 29, 2024 at 2:00pm in the Brent Board Office Meeting Room, 8791 Brent Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45231.


The next regular meeting of the Finneytown Board of Education will take place on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Brent Board Office Meeting Room, 8791 Brent Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Open forum will begin at 6:00pm.

94-24 There being no further business, Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Ms. McMullen, that the meeting be adjourned. The Vice President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.



Jelecia McMullen, Vice President

ATTEST:



David L. Oliverio, Treasurer

