

**FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Organizational Meeting
Brent Board Office Meeting Room
8791 Brent Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45231
January 3, 2025
4:00pm**

*This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.
FLSD Policy 0165.1*

1. Call to Order

2. Dispense with opening ceremonies

3. Nominations for Board President

The Treasurer will call for nominations for President of the Finneytown Board of Education.

4. Nominations for Board Vice-President

The Board President will call for nominations for Vice President of the Finneytown Board of Education.

5. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2024

6. Approval of Dates for Regular Board Meetings – 2025 and 2026

It is recommended that the Board approve the following board meeting dates:

Calendar Year 2025

January
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)

Calendar Year 2026

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

Unless otherwise announced, all meetings will be held at the Brent Board Office Meeting Room, 8791 Brent Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45231. The meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. with an Open Forum at 6:00 p.m.

7. Board Coordination Matters

- a. Discussion and assignment of Board members to various committees, liaison roles, and school and community groups.

8. Adoption of the Consent Calendar

It is recommended 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) Approval of Resolution – IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate*

It is recommended that the Board approve 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*

It is recommended that the Board approve 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 3315.15 permits Board 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*

It is recommended that the Board approve the following 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 001-2310-880 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*

It is recommended that the Board 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*

It is recommended that the Board authorize 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.

9. Approval of Resolution – 1st Amendment of the Project Agreement between the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission and the Board of Education of the Finneytown Local School District.

It is recommended that the Board approve the following resolution adopting an amendment to the Master Facilities Plan and an increase in the project cost:

THIS 1st AMENDMENT TO THE PROJECT AGREEMENT (1st Amendment), is made and entered into by and between the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (Commission) and the Board of Education of the Finneytown Local School District, Hamilton County, (School District Board), pursuant to ORC Section 3318.083.

WHEREAS, approval of this Amendment to the Master Facilities Plan will be requested from the Commission on February 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, after approval by the Commission, approval of this Amendment to the Master Facilities Plan and the increase in the project cost will be requested from the Ohio Controlling Board on March 24, 2025 or the soonest opportunity; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the School District Board and the Commission to amend the Project Agreement, fully executed as of April 25, 2023 as follows:

A. The modified scope of work is as follows:

New Middle/High School: The scope to build a storm shelter (\$273,054) has been deleted. The allowance of (\$273,054) for the storm shelter will remain in the new middle/high school budget to assist with market conditions. Due primarily to market conditions, the project budget must be increased (\$1,788,756) for the design and construction work required to build one new middle/high school to house grades 7 thru 12 to meet minimum Design Manual standards less interest of (\$114,506) for an increase in the amount of \$1,674,250

Brent Elementary School: The abatement allowance of (\$144,639) remains within the project to abate this building at a future date. The scope to demolish (\$243,396) this facility has been deleted. The allowance of (\$243,396) will remain in the project to assist with the new middle/high school market conditions.
\$0

Whitaker Elementary School: The allowance to abate (\$167,468) and demolish (\$450,032) this facility has been decreased from a total of (\$617,500) to (\$412,497) due to favorable market conditions. The allowance of (\$205,003) will remain in the project to assist with the new middle/high school market conditions.
\$0

Finneytown High School: The allowance to abate (\$563,426) and demolish (\$1,190,211) this facility has been decreased from a total of (\$1,753,637) to (\$1,391,769) due to favorable market conditions. The remaining allowance of (\$361,868) will remain in the project to assist with the new middle/high school market conditions.
\$0

B. The modified total budget is as follows:

			State %	Local %		
	Total \$	CFAP Project Cost	ELPP Credit	60.0000%	40.0000%	Local Share Minus Credit
Original:	\$47,670,597	\$28,080,949	\$19,589,648	\$28,602,358	\$19,068,239	(\$521,409)
This Amendment:	\$49,344,847	\$29,755,199	\$19,589,648	\$29,606,908	\$19,737,939	\$148,291
Overall Modified Budget \$	\$1,674,250	\$1,674,250	\$0	\$1,004,550	\$669,700	\$669,700

The Project Agreement LFI in the amount of \$1,643,080 has been increased in the amount of \$104,664 for a revised total Project Agreement LFI in the amount of \$1,747,744.

It is requested that the Commission approve this increase in the amount budgeted for the project, above the original project cost and any amendments to date, equal to the state and local increases reflected above plus all interest earned to date and any interest earned through completion of the project and available in the project construction fund.

The contingency reserve portion of the project budget, interest earnings to date and any interest earned through completion of the project, are the first source of funds to pay increased project costs. The School District Board and Commission shall share any increase in project costs in proportion to their original contributions to the total project budget.

Any unused money remaining in the Project Construction Fund upon completion of the Project shall be transferred to the School District Board and Commission in proportion to their original respective contributions to the Project Construction Fund.

The Commission requires the School District Board to provide a certification of deposit of the local share amount as a condition precedent to transfer of the additional State Share amount.

C. The increase in the State and Local shares are as follows:

\$1,004,550 State Share
 \$ 669,700 Local Share

D. The remaining terms and conditions of the original Project Agreement remain in full force and effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, the School District Board and the Commission agree to amend the original Project Agreement

10. Announcements

The next regular meeting of the Finneytown Board of Education will be held on January 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brent Board Office Meeting Room, 8791 Brent Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Open Forum will begin at 6:00 pm.

11. Adjournment