

FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting, December 16, 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, December 16, 2024, in the Brent Board Office Meeting Room, 8791 Brent Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Ms. Lee, Ms. McMullen, Mr. Plaut, and Mr. Rea were present. The President called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

151-24 Mr. Plaut moved, seconded by Ms. Lee, that the Board approve the agenda as presented. The President declared the motion passed.

152-24 Mr. Plaut moved, seconded by Ms. McMullen, the Board approved the minutes from the Special Meeting of December 5, 2024. The President declared the motion passed.

Administrative Report

Dr. Laurie Banks, Superintendent – discussed the following:

- Facilities Report Update –
 - Springfield Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved the rezoning of the Whitaker site
 - The district will be receiving a 6.37% budget amendment adjustment to help offset cost escalation encountered on the secondary campus OFCC project, thanks in large part to the support of Tom Brannon, our OFCC Project Manager. The budget increase will be split 60% state share /40% local share. A Board resolution accepting the amendment will be required.
 - The HVAC project underway in the 100 building and the gym are nearly complete except for a few punch list items
 - Work continues on an Advanced Energy Grant program project proposal.
- Student celebration and performances – It's been a busy month with the band and orchestra concert, the art show, and the elementary winter concert tomorrow.
- National Leadership Conference – Finneytown students attending the National Leadership Conference were recently featured in the national leadership conference video. This experience was funded by Interact for Health and the American Youth Foundation.
- Neighborhood Bridges – A new program to connect our community with the needs of our families is being launched soon. We have staff trained and ready to go. Allerton will be sending out communications to the community later this week.
- Bridges to Kindergarten – This program (formerly known as Stronger Connections), will be hosting our childcare providers in January and then our families in February and March, creating a gateway into our program through these early connections with our future families. Cindy Kron, a former school psychologist is leading this program along with our elementary administrative team.

- Music Curriculum – The administration has been in regular conversation and is meeting again tomorrow with our band, orchestra and music staff, to plan course options going into next year. We hope to bring a plan to the board sometime in January
- Extended Care Program – We're working through contract terms with the YMCA. Once complete, this YMCA-sponsored program will be operating in Finneytown Elementary.
- Cell Phone Policy – This policy is not ready for update. We will bring this to the Board in the spring.
- Senate Bill 104 – I spoke briefly with our attorney about this today. We will need a special meeting in either January or February to discuss Senate Bill 104 and how the board wants to move forward.

Public Address

None

Review of Action Steps from last month

- 1) Finneytown Board Member elementary staff luncheon – Done
- 2) Finance Committee five year financial forecast targets – Deferred until union negotiations are complete.
- 3) Special board meeting to finalize Superintendent and Treasurer Evaluation process documentation – Done
- 4) Finalize Treasurer Evaluation – Done
- 5) Provide answers to Mr. Rea's questions regarding Senate Bill 104 – Done.

Board Coordination Matters

Organizational Meeting and Tax Budget Meeting

The Organizational Meeting is being scheduled for Friday, January 3, 2024 at 4:00pm, with a Tax Budget Hearing to immediately follow, in the Brent Board Office Meeting Room, 8971 Brent Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45231

Board Member Reports

Ms. Lee, discussed the following items:

- Superintendent/Board President Meetings – We continue to meet weekly and have talked about everything from attendance, staff climate, strategic plan, etc. from a future planning perspective. We discussed Senate Bill 104 with our attorney.
- Orchestra Concert – I attended the orchestra concert for elementary school and middle school and I was just blown away by the quality of the performances at every level. Mr. Geisel is doing a wonderful job.

Ms. McMullen, discussed the following items:

- Lots of concerts, sports, music events and celebrations are taking place

- Our Finneytown Music Department worked hard and executed some wonderful winter series concerts. Our band students learned all of their music in just 12 rehearsals. Kudos to them.
- Tomorrow is the winter concert for our second and third graders as well as Voices of Finneytown. Ms. Fields is still in need of volunteers to help out backstage.
- Girl's volleyball – Registration opens in January. Several coaches are still needed.
- Baseball – Spring season is approaching and a preseason session opportunity is available on January 18th.
- The registration deadline for the YMCA extended winter break, is coming, and may have already passed, unless it has been extended. At last report, only two have signed up. They need a minimum of six to run the program.
- Wildcat Serve – Renae Heath needs volunteers for gift wrapping, delivering gifts and food items.
- Early Release – Secondary students will be released at 11:30 am for exams on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Lunches will be provided.
- Book Fair – Kudos to everybody who worked the book fair, particularly to our librarians for all of the hours and hard work they put into the event.
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) – Registration for 2025-2026 is open. The sooner you complete, the better as far as how much aid you'll receive.
- Great Oats – Applications are available and open. If you need help, reach out to your counselors.
- Personnel Committee – Met this past month
 - A proposal to restructure supplemental contracts tiers and compensation was discussed.
 - Paid Parental Leave (PPL) was discussed.

Mr. Rea, discussed the following items:

- No report

Mr. Plaut, discussed the following items:

- Elementary PTA – The Elementary PTA winter market was awesome. Thanks to Ms. McMullen for running it.
- Long Range Facilities Committee – Met last month. It was a very informational meeting. This committee is restarting after taking some time off.
- Finneytown Schools Educational Foundation (dba Finneytown Alumni Network) – Please check out their website for updates on the many new ideas and exciting things coming out of this organization.
- Finneytown Wrestler – I want to add quick prayers for the wrestler who got hurt.

153-24 Mr. Plaut moved, second by Mr. Rea, 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 November 30, 2024*

U.S. Bank	0.0895%	\$ 369,140.29
U.S. Bank (construction fund)	0.6600%	\$ 1,860,094.50
STAR Ohio (construction #1)	4.8600%	\$ 3,046,262.16
STAR Ohio	4.8600%	\$ 25,606,317.13
STAR Ohio (construction #2)	4.8600%	\$ 3,250,717.20
STAR Ohio (OFCC state share)	4.8600%	\$ 4,092,136.76

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

General Fund	\$ 109,921.14
Construction Fund	\$ 31,493.54

d) Monthly Bond Project Spending and Commitment Report*

[See attachment]

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

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a) Approval of Payment - Certified Staff Member*

The Board approved payment to the following certified staff member who will perform duties outside of the regular work schedule, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025:

Kaitlyn Pitchford	Visual Coordinator (Band)	\$2,000.00
Lauren Henline	Mentor Specialist	\$1,500.00

b) Approval of Contract – Academic Supplemental 2024-2025*

The Board approved the following supplemental contract, effective August 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025:

Elizabeth Proctor	House Dean (Kopke)	\$2,900.00
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c) Approval of Contract – Athletic Supplemental 2024-2025*

The Board approved the following supplemental contract, effective August 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025:

Ryan Erkins	Assistant HS Football Coach	\$4,000.00
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d) Approval of Membership – OSBA*

The Board approved membership in OSBA for 2025:

Membership Dues	\$6,458.00
OSBA Briefcase Electronic Subscription	\$ <u>free</u>
Membership Total	\$6,458.00

This represents a 6.55% increase versus last year.

e) 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 December 12, 2024:

Alcorn, Briona	Cook, Gary	Hartman, Ronald
Amann, Michael	Copeland, David	Haugan, Andrea
Baker, Tyler	Davis, Rollins	Hawkins-Hyde, Kellie
Baldock, Jason	Demus, Clemon	Hess, Leanne
Besl-Ali, Carley	Dunigan, Janee	Holland, Michael
Binford, Cornelia	Duskin, Deemiah	Horton, Vanius
Blanks, Earl	Espel, Linda	Howard, Elaine
Blyberg, Zachary	Evans, Deborah	Howard, Savannah
Bonifas, Elizabeth	Evans, Patricia	Hubbard, Latoya
Braswell, Keith	Falhaber, Leslie	Hunter, Toccara
Brewer, Valeri	Fischhoff, Ann	Jaccobs, Corey
Brinkman, Rosa	Fisk, Summer	Jackson, Shirley
Burkhardt, Heather	Fowler, Niah	Jones, Brianna
Buskirk, Delores	Fromme, Ashley	Jones, Darrell
Campbell, Emily	Garner, Noah	Jones, Trevor
Casada, Abigail	Gentry, Jennifer	Kahle, Anna
Chaffer, La'shawntay	Giffin, David	Karle, Gail
Chamlagai, TAanka	Gorby, Lily	Kaufman, Fletcher
Champion-Hughes, Bianca	Gray, Kiara	Kelley-Gerton, Lisa
Chandler, Cyndi	Green, Keaira	Lalley, Teresa
Chapple, Keariah	Haarlammert, Stephanie	Lyons, Dayonna
Clark, Sterling	Hall, Dennis	Madriz, Gabriela
Coleman, London	Hardy, Diane	Madry, Thomas

Martin, Artis	Redburn, Jalen	Tirschek, Katelin
Mason, Ebony	Reppart, Jackson	Tubbs, Quinetta
Maxam, William	Rice, Alisha	Turner, Alisha
Meier, Paulette	Richey, Sheila	Tyree, Alfred
Miles, Linda	Robinson, Marilyn	Walker, Kimberly
Mobley-Brown, Sheryl	Ruffner, Sara	Walton, Ronald
Namenyi, Tytus	Schnur, Bethany	Ward, Nicole
Nashid, Wadeeah	Schuster, Jason	Washington, Autumn
Nienaber, Jennifer	Sfarnas, Jim	Watkins, Aimee
Page, Candace	Shaw, Phyllis	Weiler, Michael
Periferaki, Despina	Simpson, Estacia	Weirich, Helen
Phipps, Marilyn	Smith, Kimberly	Wesley, Kate
Pickett, Jonathan	Stevenson, Alisha	Wilson, Celina
Pittman, Felicia	Still, Cameryn	Winter, Stephany
Pollington, Connie	Tennyson, Emma	Wise, Donnise
Potensky, Chris	Thomas, Nyla	Yisrael, Nesyah
Powell, Christina	Thompson, Saige	Zupon, Lisa
Price, Tanya	Tigert, Aaron	

f) Consideration of New / Revised Policies*

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

0100	DEFINITIONS
0142.1	OATH
0151	ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
0152	OFFICERS
0155	COMMITTEES
0163	PRESIDING OFFICER
0164	NOTICE OF MEETINGS
0165	BOARD MEETINGS
0165.1	RESCIND REGULAR MEETINGS
0165.2	RESCIND SPECIAL MEETINGS
0166	AGENDAS
0167.2	RENUMBER EXECUTIVE SESSION
0167.7	RENUMBER PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES
0173	RESCIND BOARD OFFICERS
1130	CONFLICT OF INTEREST
2265	PROTECTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL BELIEFS, AFFILIATIONS, IDEALS, OR PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL MOVEMENTS AND IDEOLOGY

3113	CONFLICT OF INTEREST
4113	CONFLICT OF INTEREST
4120.08	EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL FOR CO-CURRICULAR/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
4121	CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK
5131	STUDENT TRANSFERS
5136.01	ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT
5200	ATTENDANCE
5500	STUDENT CONDUCT
5780	STUDENT/PARENT RIGHTS
6110	GRANT FUNDS
6111	INTERNAL CONTROLS
6112	CASH MANAGEMENT OF GRANTS
6114	COST PRINCIPLES - SPENDING FEDERAL FUNDS
6220	BUDGET PREPARATION
6320	PURCHASING AND BIDDING
6325	PROCUREMENT - FEDERAL GRANTS/FUNDS
6460	VENDOR RELATIONS
6550	TRAVEL PAYMENT & REIMBURSEMENT/RELOCATION COSTS
7310	DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
7450	PROPERTY INVENTORY
7530.01	BOARD-OWNED TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES USED FOR COMMUNICATION
7530.02	STAFF USE OF PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES
7540.03	STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY
7540.04	STAFF TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY
7540.09	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ("AI")
8310	PUBLIC RECORDS
9160	PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL EVENTS

g) Acceptance of Donations*

The Board accepted the following donation(s):

An anonymous gift of \$400 to the Finneytown Local School District social work fund on November 25, 2024.

A cash donation of \$250 to the Finneytown Local School District social work fund from the Finneytown Association of Support Personnel on December 11, 2024.

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

155-24 Mr. Rea moved, second by Mr. Plaut, that the Board approve the following Administrative Contract Revision

Anita Ruffin	Assistant Treasurer	\$105,000.00
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RC: Ms. Lee, yes; Mr. Plaut, yes; Ms. McMullen, yes; Mr. Rea, yes. The Board President declared the motion passed.

156-24 Mr. Rea moved, second by Ms. McMullen, that the Board Approve the following Administrative Contract

Anita Ruffin	Treasurer	\$125,000.
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RC: Mr. Plaut, yes; Ms. McMullen, yes; Mr. Rea, yes; Ms. Lee, yes. The Board President declared the motion passed.

Announcements

The Finneytown Board of Education will hold an Organizational Meeting, followed by a Tax Budget Hearing, on Friday, January 3, 2025 at 4:00pm Brent Board Office Meeting Room, 8791 Brent Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45231.

The date of the next regular meeting of the Finneytown Board of Education is yet to be determined because of the national holiday falling on the third Monday in January.

157-24 There being no further business, Ms. McMullen moved, seconded by Ms. Lee, that the meeting be adjourned. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.



Lindsay Lee, President

ATTEST:



David L. Oliverio, Treasurer