**FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**
**Special Meeting**
**Brent Board Meeting Room**
**February 24, 2025**
**6:00pm**

The Finneytown Board of Education met in special session on Monday, February 24, 2025, at Brent Board Meeting Room, 8791 Brent Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Ms. McMullen, Mr. Plaut, and Mr. Rea were present. The President called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**37-25** Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Mr. Plaut, to dispense with the Opening Ceremony and approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

**38-25** Mr. Rea moved, second by Mr. Plaut, the Board adopted the Resolution Authorizing Pre-Purchase of Electrical GMP Amendment #01 and Construction on the Pre-Purchase Electrical Package for the New 7-12 Project:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRE-PURCHASE ELECTRICAL GMP AMENDMENT #01 FOR THE NEW 7-12 MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CONSTRUCTION FOR PRE-PURCHASE ELECTRICAL PACKAGE WORK FOR THE NEW 7-12 MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Finneytown Local School District, County of Hamilton, Ohio (hereinafter called the "School District") has a building program consisting of the New 7-12 Middle/High School Project (hereinafter called "the Project").

**WHEREAS**, the electors of the School District approved the issuance of school improvement unlimited tax general obligation bonds or other obligations related to the Project at the election held in November 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has contracted with a qualified professional design firm, Elevar Design Group (hereinafter called the "Designer") and a construction manager, Skanska USA Building, Inc. (hereinafter called the "Construction Manager"), under allowable provision in the ORC, to prepare plans, specifications and estimates of cost, and such data as the Board of Education deems necessary for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, The design firm Elevar Design Group, has prepared and submitted to the Board of Education, the New 7-12 Middle/High School Project Documents for referenced project and setting forth in detail the requirements for the GMP Amendment of said portion of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Education previously approved the New 7-12 Middle/High School Project budget including any additional Locally Funded Initiatives and all soft costs, for a total of $28,450,289, including; the costs for the New 7-12 Middle/High School Project at Design Development is within the approved project budget

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education, that after careful consideration and evaluation of the information before it:

**Section 1.** The Board of Education, as authorized under Sections within the ORC, approves the Pre-Purchase Electrical GMP Amendment #01 for said portion of the Project in substantially the form presently on file with this Board of Education.

**Section 2.** The Board of Education authorizes the Construction Manager at Risk upon approval of the Pre-Purchase Electrical GMP Amendment #01approval to proceed with the Construction of the project referenced above.

**Section 3**. This Board of Education hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Education, and that all deliberations of this Board of Education and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22, ORC.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and shall supersede any prior resolution or act of this Board of Education, which may be inconsistent or duplicative with the provisions of this resolution.

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

**39-25** Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Mr. Plaut, the Board adopted the following Resolution in Support of Full Implementation of the Fair School Funding Plan.

**Resolution in Support of Full Implementation of the Fair School Funding Plan**

**Whereas,** the methodology for the Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP) (otherwise known as the Cupp-Patterson School Funding Plan) was developed by school funding experts and practitioners, and

**Whereas,** the development of the FSFP was to create a funding mechanism that would be fair and equitable for all districts statewide, and

**Whereas**, the overriding aim of the crafters of the FSFP was to meet the criteria contained in Ohio's Constitution which calls for a thorough and efficient system of common schools, and

**Whereas,** the FSFP has had the overwhelming support of the education community and many lawmakers from around the state, and

**Whereas,** the Governor and the General Assembly prudently devised a six-year phase-in of the FSFP in order to minimize the stress on state resources, and

**Whereas,** the first four years of the FSFP (along with appropriate updates to the data used within the formula methodology) have been successfully implemented, and

**Whereas,** the final two years of implementation of the FSFP have not yet been accomplished, now

**Therefore be it resolved,** that the Finneytown Local School District Board of Education urges the 136th General Assembly to implement the final two-year phase-in of the FSFP, and

**Further be it resolved,** that the board urges that the phase-in include appropriate updates to the data used within the formula methodology

We urge this action in order that districts across the state may receive the full benefits of the FSFP and that lawmakers may examine the effectiveness of the FSFP when fully implemented.

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

**40-25** There being no further business, Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Mr. Plaut, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The president declared the meeting adjourned at 6:06pm.

Jelicia McMullen, President

ATTEST:

David Oliverio, Treasurer