Finneytown Local School District
Regular Meeting, August 18, 2025
Brent Board Office Meeting Room
8791 Brent Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45231
Open Forum 6:00pm
Regular Meeting 6:30pm

The Finneytown Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 18 , 2025, in the Brent Board Meeting Room, 8791 Brent Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Ms. Lee, Ms. McMullen, Mr. Plaut, Mr. Rea and Mr. Reeb were present. The President called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

131-25 Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Plaut, that the Board approve the agenda as presented. The President declared the motion passed.

132-25 Mr. Plaut moved, seconded by Mr. Reeb, that the Board approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2025, the Special Meeting of July 23, 2025, and the Special Meeting of July 31, 2025. The President declared the motion passed.

Administrative Report
Mr. Smith, Interim Superintendent-
Full reports on Safety Update, DPIA, and Student Wellness Plan to be presented at September Bd Meeting.

Facility Update- Mr. Grant Anderson, Director of Business Operations

1. The initial utility work was completed over the summer in time for the start of school. Foundations for the new building will start in early September, with the structure going up by the end of September and October. The construction timeline remains as publicly stated.
2. The track and gym floor projects are finished and were successful. The gym renovation, largely funded by alumni donations, along with prior ESSER-funded roof and HVAC updates, will be ready for the upcoming basketball season.
3. The district acknowledges the inconvenience caused by the construction and is actively managing the situation to ensure safety and minimize disruption, encouraging residents to reach out with any concerns.
4. The demolition company is correcting the deficient work at the Whitaker property at their own expense, ensuring the site is properly prepared for the future without any cost to the district.
5. The manufacturer has covered the cost of materials and labor to fix the elementary gym floor, which is now fully repaired and in excellent condition.

Public Address

Michael Hamel (Resident) addressed the board with concerns about books in the school libraries that he deems inappropriate for students due to adult content. He questioned who approves and purchases these books and
requested the board take action to remove those books. He also stated that Social Emotional Learning (SEL) has no place in the district.

Review of Action Steps

- Board Retreat planning – Mr. Plaut- Continuing

Board Coordination Matters
Board Members Reports

Ms. Lee attended the Boosters' meeting and provided the following update:
While volleyball, football (over 50 participants in high school and middle school), and cross country have strong participation, soccer numbers are declining, which is a concern. Other updates include- the Spirit Shop opening, the live concession schedule, the first soccer game on August 22nd, and the first home football game on August 29th (a blackout game).

Mr. Plaut reported on FMLA, Finneytown Alumni Network (FAN), and the Elementary PTA:
Mr. Geisel has the largest fifth-grade class since he started, and Ms. Fields has exciting plans for Voices and Heritage. A car wash fundraiser for the FMPA is scheduled for Saturday, August 23, at the elementary school. The alumni have been instrumental in funding the gym renovation and are looking to support the PAC next. Alumni can join or donate at finneytownalumni.org, where history books of Finneytown are also available. Upcoming alumni/homecoming weekend events include a golf outing, building tours, Hall of Fame inductees, and a banquet. The Crusaders youth football team is growing, now part of the CCYFL feeder league, and will play their first game August 22, at Macaulay Stadium against North Adams. The elementary PTA is active, having provided breakfast for staff, and will hold its first meeting August 20, at 7 p.m. in the Media Center.

Mr. Reeb Jr. discussed elementary open house, protocol for board member school visits, and the process for proposing new policies.

Ms. McMullen confirmed with the Board that the November Board Meeting will be held November 10 rather than November 17. The OSBA conference is November 16 thru 18. She also made mention of the OSBA virtual workshop, 'Culture versus Vulture,' focusing on kindness for student health, mental health, learning, attendance, and overall school culture, is scheduled for August 21st from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

133-25 Mr. Plaut moved, seconded by Ms. Lee, the Board adopted the Treasurer's 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 July 31, 2025*

U.S. Bank	0.0608%	$ 387,929.90
U.S. Bank (construction)	0.6100%	$ 1,836,932.32
STAR Ohio (construction #1)	4.4600%	$ 3,142,017.93
STAR Ohio	4.4600%	$ 30,074,202.27
STAR Ohio (construction #2)	4.4600%	$ 3,281,030.57
STAR Ohio (OFCC local share)	4.4600%	$ 151,774.49
STAR Ohio (OFCC state share)	4.4600%	$ 4,261,773.84

c) Interest Earned on Depository and Investment Accounts as of July 31, 2025*

General Fund 001	$ 112,625.92
Construction Fund 004	$ 24,250.43
Classroom Facilities Fund 010	$ 15,540.17

d) Monthly Bond Project Spending and Commitment Report*

[See attachment]

e) Approval of Payment - FY26*

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
7/31/25	Allerton Hill Communications (Communication Services)	$5,000.00

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

134-25 Mr. Plaut moved, seconded by Ms. Lee, the Board adopted the Superintendent's 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) Acknowledgement of Resignations*

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

Ronda Byndon	Intervention Specialist effective June 30, 2025	(personal)
Jessie Stegman	Kindergarten Teacher effective June 30, 2025	(personal)

b) Approval of Consultant Contract - Intervention Specialist*

The Board approved the following consultant contract:

Michelle Yauss with Finneytown Local School District to provide intervention specialist consulting services to special education students at St. Xavier High School during the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of $38,367.62, to be paid using Special Education IDEA-B funds.

c) Approval of Payment – Full-time Tutors*

The Board approved payment for the following part-time tutors, effective August 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026:

Carrie Klus	full-time Title I Tutor at St. Vivian	$26.52/hr
Katherine Weigand	full-time Title I Tutor at St. Vivian	$31.83/hr

d) Approval of Contracts – One Year Limited Classified*

The Board approved one-year limited contracts for the following new classified staff members, effective August 11, 2025 through May 29, 2026:

Martina Champion	Special Education Aide
Isabel Sommer	Special Education Aide
Kiez Gordon	Special Education Aide
Bredia Sublett	Health Aide
Tiffany Geier	Crossing Guard

e) Approval of Payment – Certified Staff Member *

The Board approved payment to the following certified staff member who will perform duties outside of their regular work schedule, effective August 11, 2025 through June 30, 2026:

Lauren Woodward - Mentor Specialist

Elizabeth Proctor- Mentor Specialist

f) Approval of Payment – New Employee Orientation*

The Board approved payment to the following staff members who have performed duties outside of the regular work schedule not to exceed $300.00, effective August 12 - 14, 2025:

Alexander Okonta	New Employee Orientation	$300.00
Braden Pruski	New Employee Orientation	$300.00
Brendan Arndt	New Employee Orientation	$300.00
Calista Flores	New Employee Orientation	$300.00
Chelsey Smith	New Employee Orientation	$300.00
Emily Froehlich	New Employee Orientation	$300.00
Kathryn Abney	New Employee Orientation	$300.00
Kelley Fitzpatrick	New Employee Orientation	$300.00
Kelli Coffey	New Employee Orientation	$300.00
Koury Johnson	New Employee Orientation	$300.00
Lilly Volz	New Employee Orientation	$300.00
Lydia Ford Alston	New Employee Orientation	$300.00
Matthew Nichols	New Employee Orientation	$300.00
Nicholas Sparrow	New Employee Orientation	$300.00
Scott Reisbord	New Employee Orientation	$300.00
Tristan Walker	New Employee Orientation	$300.00
Vanius Horton	New Employee Orientation	$300.00

g) Approval of Substitute Rates*

The Board approved the following rates for Certified and Classified Substitutes:

Daily Substitute Teacher - $110 daily
Building Substitute Teacher - $125 daily
Long-term Substitute Teacher - $125 daily
Substitute Educational Aide - $15 hourly
Substitute Secretary - $16 hourly

h) Adoption of Resolution - Payment In Lieu of Transportation*

The Board adopted the following resolution declaring transportation impractical for a certain pupil, pursuant to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code §3327 and the procedures set forth by the Ohio Department of Education:

WHEREAS the student identified below have been determined to be a resident of this school district, and eligible for transportation services; and

WHEREAS after a careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for this student to the selected schools; and

WHEREAS the following factors as identified in Revised Code §3327.02 have been considered:

1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation

2. The number of pupils to be transported

3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration

4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation

5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules

6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available; and

WHEREAS the option of offering payment-in-lieu of transportation is provided in Ohio Revised Code:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Finneytown Local School District Board of Education hereby declares that it is impractical to transport the student identified below and offers the parent/guardian of said student payment-in-lieu of transportation:

William Baker (Karolin Kroening, parent)

Elijah and Vivian Blom (Thomas Blom, parent)

Joseph Bowden (Cheryl Bowden, parent)

William Carrasco (Becky Carrasco, parent)

Leo Howard (Trista Howard, parent)

Rae and Rowan Hymer (Chase Hymer, parent)

Calliope Messeschmitt (Rachel Messerschmitt, parent)

Simon Myer (Kendra Meyer, parent)

Zeek Rice (Karina Rice, parent)

Bailey, Bella, Brock and Bryson Rutledge (Brock Rutledge, parent)

Anna, Elizabeth and Luke Sellers (Brian & Amy Sellers, parent)

i) Acceptance of Donations*

It is recommended that the Board accept the following donation(s):

A cash donation of $2000.00 to the Finneytown School District- Athletic Department/ Basketball from the Finneytown Schools Education Foundation on July 31, 2025

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

135-25 Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Plaut, the Board adopted the following resolution:

Approval of Substitute Teachers Provided by Comprehensive Substitute Solutions*

It is recommended that the Board approve 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 August 14, 2025:

Amann, Michael
Ayler, Charles
Baker, Tyler
Baldock, Jason
Barton, NaDeera
Besl-Ali, Carley
Binford, Cornelia
Blanks, Earl
Blyberg, Zachary
Bonifas, Elizabeth
Braswell, Keith
Brewer, Valeri
Brinkman, Rosa
Buskirk, Delores
Campbell, Emily
Campbell-Goodman, Steven
Casada, Abigail
Chaffer, La'shawntay
Chamlagai, Tanka
Champion-Hughes, Bianca
Chandler, Cyndi
Chapple, Keariah
Chebure, Andrew
Clark, Sterling
Collins, Marecka
Cook, Gary
Copeland, David
Davis, Brandon
Davis, Rollins
Demus, Clemon
Dunigan, Janee
Earhart, Olivia
Falhaber, Leslie
Fisk, Summer
Fowler, Niah
Fromme, Ashley
Gentry, Jennifer
Giffin, David
Gorby, Lily
Gray, Kiara
Green, Keaira
Grevas, Leslie
Haarlammert, Stephanie
Hall, Dennis
Hardy, Diane
Hartman, Ronald
Haugan, Andrea
Hawkins-Hyde, Kellie
Hoeffer, Kathy
Horton, Renee
Howard, Elaine
Hubbard, Latoya
Hunter, Toccara
Jaccobs, Corey
Jackson, Shirley
Jarrell, Max
Johnson, Andrew
Jones, Brianna
Jones, Trevor
Kahle, Anna
Karle, Gail
Kaufman, Fletcher
Kelley-Gerton, Lisa

Kennedy, Angel
Lalley, Teresa
Le, Morgan
Lyons, Dayonna
Madriz, Gabriela
Madry, Thomas
Martin, Artis
Mason, Ebony
Maxam, William
Meier, Paulette
Miles, Linda
Miller, Kayla
Miller, Savannah
Mock, Taylor
Morris, Alexia
Namenyi, Tytus
Nashid, Wadeeah
Nienaber, Jennifer
Page, Candace
Pass, Vincent
Periferaki, Despina
Phipps, Marilyn
Pickett, Jonathan
Pittman, Felicia
Pollington, Connie
Potensky, Chris
Powell, Christina
Price, Tanya
Redburn, Jalen
Reeb, Rebecca
Reppart, Jackson
Reyna, Luzelena
Rice, Alisha
Richey, Sheila
Robinson, Marilyn
Ruffner, Sara
Schnur, Bethany
Schuster, Jason
Sfarnas, Jim
Shaw, Phyllis
Sheridan, Elissa
Simpson, Estacia
Simpson, Gracie
Smith, Alexander
Smith, Kimberly
Stevenson, Alisha
Still, Cameryn
Tennyson, Emma
Thomas, Nyla
Thompson, Saige
Tigert, Aaron
Tubbs, Quinetta
Turner, Alisha
Walker, Kimberly
Walton, Ronald
Ward, Nicole
Warren-Calligan, Sebrena
Washington, Autumn
Watkins, Aimee
Watson, Kendall
Weiler, Michael
Weirich, Helen
Wesley, Kate
White, Destiny
Wilson, Celina
Wilson, Makayla
Wilson, Max
Winter, Stephany
Wise, Donnise
Witcher, Diana
Yisrael, Nesyah

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

Review of Action Steps

1) Board Retreat planning – Mr. Plaut will coordinate date and agenda for Board Retreat for current members, new members, and administrative team.
2) Superintendent and Treasurer to review criterion for Consultant Contracts to be added to Board Agenda.
3) Include information on how Mentor Specialists are selected and compensated.

136-25 Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Mr. Reeb, to enter executive session pursuant to ORC Section 121.22 (G)(1) for the purposes of appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

RC: Mr. Plaut, Yes; Mr. Rea, Yes; Mr. Reeb, Yes; Ms. Lee, Yes; Ms. McMullen, Yes. The president declared t motion passed.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:25 pm.
The Board returned to regular session at 8:25 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Finneytown Board of Education will take Place on Monday, September 15, 2025 in the Brent Board Office Meeting Room, 8791 Brent Drive Cincinnati, OH 45231. Open forum will begin at 6:00pm.

137-25 There being no further business, Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Mr. Reeb, that the meeting be adjourned. The president declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Jelicia McMullen, President

ATTEST: Anita E. Ruffin, Treasurer