FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting- June 15, 2026
Brent Board Office Meeting Room
8791 Brent Dr
Cincinnati, OH 45231
Open Forum 6:00 PM
Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

The Finneytown Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 15, 2026, in the Brent Board Meeting Room, 8791 Brent Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Ms. Catanzaro, Ms. Laird, Mr. Plaut, and Mr. Reeb were present. Mr. Chad Engleman was absent. The President called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

052-26 Mr. Plaut moved, seconded by Ms. Laird that the Board approve the **Agenda as amended to include Item 8.3 Approval of Transfer- General Fund to the Termination Benefit Fund FY 26** to the Treasurer's Consent Calendar. With all Ayes, the motion passed.

053-26 Mr. Reeb moved, seconded by Ms. Catanzaro that the **Board Waive the Reading of the Minutes and Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2026.** With all Ayes, the motion passed.

Administrative Report

Facilities Update

Mr. Grant Anderson shared that the district is preparing to launch Phase Two of its construction projects- building new baseball and softball fields and partnering with Finneytown Alumni Network to renovate the Performing Arts Center (PAC) and gym. Elevar Design Group has been selected as the architect for these initiatives. The PAC renovation will focus on expanding the lobby, improving accessibility, and refreshing interior components, while the gym project involves a lobby redesign and repurposing storage areas into functional spaces like locker rooms. New baseball and softball fields will be constructed to serve multiple sports. The overall project timeline is primarily dictated by the eleven-month PAC renovation, supported by significant financial contributions and ongoing fundraising from the alumni association.

Public Address

Katrina and Lee Harrill, expressed concerns regarding the district's compliance with IDEA and Ohio Administrative Code, specifically citing procedural violations in ESY eligibility and potential breaches of student-to-staff ratios in autism and resource classrooms. They highlighted that current staffing levels at Finneytown Elementary appear to violate state-mandated caps for students with autism and other disabilities, while also noting that ESY decisions are being made without required parental participation. The speakers urged the board to investigate these potential non-compliance issues and clarify whether the district operated under a legal waiver last year or is currently in violation of state requirements.

Board Coordination Matters

Ms. Catanzaro shared that the Elementary PTA is on hiatus for the summer. She also relayed the organization's thanks for providing graduation banners for students.

Ms. Laird shared that the secondary PTA has elected new leadership for 2026-2027 and is considering incorporating the theater program, while the FAA is preparing for fall sports and hosting a July volleyball camp. Springfield Township has announced a series of upcoming community events, including concerts, an academy for infants, a job fair, and a back-to-school bash. Additionally, the local police department is increasing community engagement by expanding their bike patrol unit to eight officers.

Mr. Reeb reported that graduation at City Gate Church was great. He indicated that due to personal reasons he would be unable to attend OSBA Capital Conference.

Mr. Plaut reported that the board retreat is scheduled for July 25th from 9 AM to 3 PM. The agenda will include discussion of the strategic plan, finances, policies, and a book study. A meeting led by Michael Steele and Jeff was held to discuss restructuring FAM to address the issue of the same people leading multiple overlapping organizations. They are exploring a potential merger to reduce the number of meetings and committees. As part of this, an endowment fund has been established, and each sport organization will receive a significant amount of money to start the 2026-2027 school year.

054-26 Ms. Catanzaro moved, seconded by Mr. Plaut that the Board adopt 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 May 31, 2026*

U.S. Bank	0.08873%	$ 584,509.28
STAR Ohio (construction #1)	3.0000%	$ 4,144,205.85
STAR Ohio	3.0000%	$ 26,472,884.79
STAR Ohio (construction #2)	3.0000%	$ 3,377,053.28
STAR Ohio (OFCC local share)	3.0000%	$ 156,940.87
STAR Ohio (OFCC state share)	3.0000%	$ 2,405,451.93

c) Interest Earned on Depository and Investment Accounts as of May 31, 2026*

General Fund 001	$ 86,536.10
Construction Fund 004	$ 24,434.32
Classroom Facilities Fund 010	$ 8,863.46

d) Monthly Bond Project Spending and Commitment Report*

e) Approval of the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources*

It is recommended that the Board approve adjustments to the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources through June 30, 2026 to meet statutory requirements.

f) Approval of Permanent Appropriations Adjustments for the 2025-26 School Year*

The Board approved the following Permanent Appropriation resolution for fiscal year ending 2026:

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, 2026, 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:

GENERAL FUND		
001	General Fund	20,072,640
Total General Fund		20,072,640
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
018	Public School Support	18,152
019	Other Grants	452,872
34	Classroom Facilities Maintenance	1,382
035	Termination Benefit Obligations	113,615
300	Student Activity	136,167
401	Auxiliary Services	313,266
451	Data Communications for Schools	2,969
507	Elementary & Secondary Emergency	763,540
516	Special Education, Part B	737,586
551	English Language Learners	13,428
572	Title I	328,687
584	Student Support & Academic Enrichment	14,183
587	Special Education, Early Childhood	7,423
590	Supporting Effective Instruction	61,580
599	Miscellaneous Federal Grants	5,109
Total Special Revenue Funds		2,969,959

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	
002 Bond Retirement	1,766,108
Total Debt Service Funds	1,766,108
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	
003 Permanent Improvement	587,679
004 Construction Fund	1,529,799
010 Classroom Facilities Fund	11,365,279
070 Capital Projects Fund	49,531
Total Capital Projects Fund	13,532,288
ENTERPRISE FUNDS	
006 Food Service	3,783
009 Uniform School Supplies	21,924
Total Enterprise Funds	25,707
FIDUCIARY FUNDS	
200 Student Managed Activity Funds	16,686
Total Fiduciary Funds	16,686
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	**38,383,388**

g) Approval of Year End Adjustments for the 2025-26 School Year*

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Treasurer to utilize the USAS system program that adjusts FYTD Balance Receivable (Revenue) or FYTD Unencumbered Balance (Budget) accounts to zero so that the budgeted amounts are exactly equal to the actual revenues/expenditures plus current encumbrances at 2026 fiscal year end as needed. Changes made to the accounts will be recorded in the USAS AUDITS file.

h) Adoption of Resolution – Temporary Appropriations FY27*

The Board approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Finneytown Local School District Board of Education adopts a Temporary Budget for the 2027 fiscal year, not to exceed one-fourth of the 2025 Budget for each fund, effective July 1, 2026 and to extend for a period not to exceed three months, by which time a Permanent Appropriations measure must be adopted.

8.2 Resolution Requesting the County Auditor to Make Advance Payments of Taxes Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §321.34*

The Board approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code allows a taxing authority to request payment from the County Auditor funds derived from taxes or other sources to the County Treasurer, which may be held on account of a local subdivision;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Finneytown Local School District, Ohio:

Section 1: That the Auditor and the Treasurer of Hamilton County in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34, be requested to draw and pay to the Finneytown Local School District Board of Education upon the written request of Anita E. Ruffin, Treasurer, to the County Auditor, funds due in any settlement of collection year 2026 derived from taxes or other sources, payable to the County Treasurer, to the account of the Finneytown Local School District, and lawfully applicable for the purposes of the 2027 fiscal year.

The County Auditor is further requested to determine and separately identify that portion of the total amount requested which is payable to the general fund, bond retirement fund (by authorizing bond issue), permanent improvement fund and classroom facilities maintenance fund on the payment advice.

Section 2: That the Treasurer of the Finneytown Local School District shall forward to the County Auditor a certified copy of this Resolution.

8.3 Approval of Transfer- General Fund to the Termination Benefit Fund FY26*

The Finneytown Board of Education approved the following transfer made from the General Fund (001) into the Termination Benefits Fund (035) for the purpose of funding termination benefit obligations in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13(c):

001-7200-910-035	General Fund	NTE $100,000.00
035-5100-9026	Termination Benefit Fund	NTE $100,000.00

RC: Ms. Catanzaro, Yes; Ms. Laird, Yes; Mr. Plaut, Yes; and, Mr. Reeb, Yes. With all Ayes, motion passes.

055-26 Ms. Catanzaro moved, seconded by Mr. Reeb that the Board adopt 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:

Calista Flores	Math Teacher effective June 30, 2026	(personal)
Josh Hargrove	Special Education Aide effective June 30, 2026	(personal)
Melissa Hawkins	English Teacher effective June 30, 2026	(personal)
Elizabeth Pinto	ELA Teacher effective June 30, 2026	(personal)

b) Approval of Payment- Certified Staff Member*

The Board approved payment to the following certified staff members who will perform duties outside of the regular work schedule, effective August 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026:

Kerry Finley	HS ACT/SAT Testing Advisor	$739.00

c) Approval of Contracts – Continuing Certified*

The Board approved continuing contracts for the following returning certified staff members, effective July 1, 2026:

Thomas Budday
Bradley Delaney
Elijah F. Sanders

d) **Approval of Exempt Contract Revision***

Melissa Read	EMIS Specialist

e) 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, 2025 through July 31, 2026:

Shannon Backer	PD-PBL	$26.00/hr.
Carrie Hamsher	PD-PBL	$26.00/hr.
Lauren Woodward	PD-PBL	$26.00/hr.

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, 2025 through July 31, 2026:

Angela Creutzinger	LPDC Meetings	$35.00/hr.
Sarah Diaz	LPDC Meetings	$35.00/hr.
Catherine Wilde	LPDC Meetings	$35.00/hr.
Brendan Arndt	ESY	$26.00/hr.
Sarah Diaz	ESY	$26.00/hr.
Kelley Fitzpatrick	ESY	$26.00/hr.
Deborah Hartlaub	ESY	$26.00/hr.

g) 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, 2025 through July 31, 2026:

Jennifer Bayless	5 Extended Days
Tammy Dietz	5 Extended Days
Mike Kennedy	5 Extended Days
Janelle Sowders	5 Extended Days
Madeline Matson	3 Extended Days

h) Approval of Payment- Technology Support*

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

Al Bolton Technology Support $25/ hour (Not to exceed 10 hrs per week)

i) Adoption of New / Revised Policies*

The Board adopted the following new/revised policies, which were presented for consideration at the regular meeting of the Board on May 18, 2026:

0148.1	**Board Staff Communications**
0168	**MINUTES**
1422	**NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, AND ANTI-HARASSMENT**
1613	**STUDENT SUPERVISION AND WELFARE**
1623	**SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT**
2260	**NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**
2260.01	**SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION BASED ON DISABILITY**
2266	**NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES**
2430.02	**PARTICIPATION OF COMMUNITY/STEM SCHOOL STUDENTS IN EXTRACURRICULAREXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**
2431	**INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**
3122	**NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, AND ANTI- HARASSMENT**
3123	**SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT**

RC: Ms. Laird, Yes; Mr. Plaut, Yes; and, Mr. Reeb, Yes; and, Ms. Catanzaro, Yes. With all Ayes, motion passes.

056-26 Mr. Plaut moved, seconded by Ms. Laird that the Board **Adopt the OHSAA Membership Resolution**

The Board adopted the following resolution, authorizing 2026-2027 membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association:

Whereas, **FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,** District IRN number: **047332** of 8791 Brent Drive, Hamilton County, Ohio has satisfied all the requirements for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association, a voluntary unincorporated association not-for-profit; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education/Governing Board ("Board") and its Administration desire for the schools with one or more grades at the 7-12 grade level under their jurisdiction to be voluntary members of the OHSAA;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION/GOVERNING BOARD that all schools listed on the reverse side of this card do hereby voluntarily renew membership in the OHSAA and that in doing so, the Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations and Business Rules of the OHSAA are hereby adopted by this Board as and for its own minimum requirements as it pertains to, but not limited to, student-eligibility, coaching requirements, and administrative responsibility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board reserves the right to raise the minimum standards as it deems appropriate for the schools and students under its jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the schools under this Board's jurisdiction agree to conduct their athletics programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations, Business Rules, interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and cooperate fully and timely with the Executive Director's office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic programs of the schools. Furthermore, the schools under this Board's jurisdiction shall be the primary enforcers of the OHSAA Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations, Business Rules and the interpretations and rulings rendered by the Executive Director's office. The administrative heads of these schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension from membership and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.

RC: Mr. Plaut, Yes; Mr. Reeb, Yes; and, Ms. Catanzaro, Yes; and, Ms. Laird, Yes. Motion passes.

057-26 Mr. Reeb moved, seconded by Ms. Catanzaro that the Board **approve the Non-renewal of 2025-2026 supplemental and personnel services contracts***

The Board non-renewed the following 2025-2026 supplemental and personnel services contracts.

Johnson, Koury	Football-Var
Robinson Brandon	Basketball-Var-B
William, Charles	Basketball-Var-G
Hauck, Samantha	Soccer-Var-G
Schmuck, Stephen	Soccer-Var-B
Coffey, Adam	Wrestling-Var-B
Plaut, Grace	Wrestling-Var-G
Wagenor, Melanee	Basketball-Var Asst-G
Davis, Greg	Basketball-Var Asst-B
Heinlein, Aubrey	Volleyball Var-G
Millar, Sierra	Volleyball Var-B
Weiler, Mike	Baseball-Var
Wolferst, David	Softball-Var
Traubert, Margaret	Soccer-Var Asst-G
Burlew, Jonathan	Soccer-Res-B
Crepage, Julie	Soccer-Res-G
Warmack, Gerald	Track - Var - B
Warmack, Gerald	Track - Var - G
Kathman, Jeffrey	Golf-Var
Fuller, Blake	Basketball-9th-B
Jones, Gregory	Baseball-Var. Asst
Alcorn, Brionna	Basketball-8th-G
Kassem, Derrick	Basketball-8th-B
Webley, Montorius	Basketball-7th-G
Harris, Chevy	Basketball-7th-B
Fenwick- Sanders	Cross Country
Pruski, Braden	Softball-Var Asst
Deuitch, Nathan	Tennis-Var-B
Heinlein, Aubrey	Volleyball-Res
Volz, Lynn	Wrestling (new winter '20)
Gaines, Queylah	Cheer Football-Varsity
Fenwick- Sanders	Cross Country-MS
Gaines, Queylah	Cheer Basketball-Varsity
Williams, Gerri	Cheer Football-Reserve
Bethel, Da'juan	Football-Asst Var Adjunct
Butler, Ethan	Football-Asst Var Adjunct
Dunn, Timothy	Football-Asst Var Adjunct
Pass, Vincent	Football-Asst Var Adjunct
Jones, Gregory	Football-Asst Var Adjunct
Watson, Daniel	Football-Asst Var Adjunct
Mincy, Matthew	Football- Head MS Adjunct

Howard, LeMichael	Football-Asst Var Adjunct
Bighams, Machari	Football-Asst Var Adjunct
Engel, James	Varsity-Asst
Moragne, Brian	MS Track Coach
Flores, Calista	Varsity-Asst
Weiler, Mike	Athletic Supervisor
Tatum, Armand	Athletic Supervisor
Delaney, Bradley	Band Director(incl band camp)
Fronk, Samuel	Band Director-asst
Geisel, Daniel	Orchestra Dir
Fields, Kayla	Chorus - grades 3-6
Fronk, Samuel	Marching Band Asst
Jung, Zach	Musical - Director
Crepage, Julia	Musical - Tech. Dir
Dirr, Doug	Student Council gr K-6 (Co)
Deters, Marina	Student Council gr K-6 (Co)
Farr, Phil	Academic Team
Jung, Zach	Musical - Producer
McCoy, Ariel	Musical - Voc Director
Delaney, Bradley	Co-Pep Band Director
Fronk, Samuel	Co-Pep Band Director
Fronk, Samuel	Band Camp - Asst
Mueller, Angela	Flag Corp-Advisor
Mueller, Angela	Flag Corp Choreography
McCoy, Ariel	Musical-Choreographer
F.-Sanders, Elijah	NHS Advisor
Finley, Kerry	ACT/SAT Testing Advisor
Ginn, Sarah	Memory Book -FE. Advisor
Long, Sophia	Musical Pit Director
Kneven, Melissa	English Department Head
Crawley, Charles	Social Studies Department Head
Cobb, Kelly	Science Department Head
Delaney, Bradley	Music Department Head
Ficke, Julie	Art Department Head
Backer, David	Math Department Head
Styles, Emily	Counseling Department Head
Garner, Sonya	Co-Special Education Department Head
Finley, Kerry	Co-Special Education Department Head
Proctor, Elizabeth	Foreign Language Department Head
Howard, Heather	P.E.& Health Department Head
Howard, Heather	House Advisor Fundraiser
F.-Sanders, Elijah	co-DEAN Clark
Miller, Breanna	co-DEAN Clark
Cleghorn, Sharon	DEAN Ebenezer
Proctor, Elizabeth	DEAN Kopke
Walker, Lara	DEAN PEM

Knueven, Melissa	Co- DEAN Pringle
Bruner, Macy	Co- DEAN Pringle
Pinto (Florea), Elizabeth	DEAN Telford
Howard, Heather	Assist DEAN Kopke

RC: Mr. Reeb, Yes; and, Ms. Catanzaro, Yes; Ms. Laird, Yes; and Mr. Plaut, Abstain. Motion passes.

The next regular meeting of the Finneytown Board of Education will take Place on Monday, July 20, 2026 in the Brent Board Office Meeting Room, 8791 Brent Drive Cincinnati, OH 45231. Open forum will begin at 6:00pm.

058-26 There being no further business, Ms. Laird moved and Ms. Catanzaro seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Seth Plaut, President

ATTEST:

Anita E. Ruffin, Treasurer

FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of Special Meeting- June 22, 2026
Brent Board Office Meeting Room
Special Meeting 8:00am

The Finneytown Board of Education met in special session on Monday, June 22, 2026, in the Brent Board Meeting Room, 8791 Brent Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Ms. Catanzaro, Ms. Laird, and Mr. Plaut were present. The President called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

059-26 Mr Plaut moved, seconded by Ms. Catanzaro that the Board **Dispense with Opening Ceremony and Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2026.** By consensus, the motion passed.

Retire/Rehire

Mr. Plaut reported that the Board received notice that Jen Dinan and Michelle Yauss- both recently retired from employment in positions covered by STRS- were being considered for re-employment with the District as Assistant Superintendent and Intervention Specialist (St. Xavier) respectively. He noted that public notice of this public meeting was provided as in accordance with legal requirements. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public of the proposed re-employment and to provide opportunity for public comment prior to Board action at the next regular meeting.

Ms. Ruffin stated that the proposed re-employment would reinstate Ms. Dinan in the role of Assistant Superintendent effective August 1 and Ms. Yauss in the role of Intervention Specialist (St Xavier) effective August 17. The anticipated compensation is $120,000 for Jen Dinan and $39,518 for Michelle Yauss. The District has determined that rehiring these retirees is in the best interest of the District based on their qualifications, experience, and the operational needs of the District.

The Board allowed for public comment.
No public comment was offered.

060-26 There being no further business, Ms. Catanzaro moved, seconded by Ms. Laird that the meeting be adjourned. By consensus the meeting adjourned at 8:04 am.

Seth Plaut, President

ATTEST:

Anita E. Ruffin, Treasurer