FINNEYTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of Special Meeting, July 25, 2026
Brent Board Office Meeting Room
Special Meeting 9am-3pm

The Finneytown Board of Education met in special session on Saturday, July 25, 2026, in the Brent Board Meeting Room, 8791 Brent Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Ms. Catanzaro, Mr. Engleman, Ms. Laird, Mr. Plaut, and Mr. Reeb were present. The President called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

070-26 Mr Plaut moved, seconded by Ms. Catanzaro that the Board **Dispense with Opening Ceremonies, Waive the Reading of the Minutes, and Approve the Minutes from July 20, 2026.** By consensus, the motion passed.

Mr Smith introduced Laura Schneider as Director of Special Education. Ms. Schneider shared that she is looking forward to getting to know the community and is excited about this opportunity.

The Board's discussion topics aligned with the "Art of School Boarding" book chapters as follows:

Chapters 1,3,5

- "Board Basics"/ "Foundation Principles of School Governance"
- "Board Code of Conduct"
- Board Handbook (Updates/Add-on)

Chapter 8

- "Never Forget who Comes First"
- 25/26 year in Review

Chapter 9

- "Money Matters"
- FY26 & Forecasting
- Bi-monthly Payrolls

Chapter 10

- "Programs & Growth"
- Strategic Plan
  - Measurements
  - SMART Goals & Guardrails

Chapters 4 & 11

- "Board Roles & Superintendent Roles"/ "Relationships"

071-26 Mr. Reeb moved, seconded by Mr. Plaut that the Board enter **Executive Session** per ORC 121.22 to discuss "the employment of a public employee or official."

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

The Board entered Executive Session at 1:00 PM.
The Board exited Executive Session at 2:20 PM.

The Board decided to complete the remaining chapters of the book study at a later date.

072-26 There being no further business, Ms. Catanzaro moved, seconded by Mr. Reeb that the meeting be adjourned. By consensus the meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Seth Plaut, President

ATTEST:

Anita E. Ruffin, Treasurer