

**Board of Education Meeting
January 22, 2007**

The Board of Education of the Findlay City Schools met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at Donnell Middle School.

President Brown called the meeting to order. Present were: Mrs. Brown, Dr. Browning, Mrs. Dysinger, Mrs. Rothey, Mr. Shrader, Superintendent Wittwer and Treasurer Barnhart.

CELEBRATIONS

The winter athletic teams are doing a fantastic job and are enjoyable to watch! Congratulations to Grant McKinnis for his second place finish in the National Punt, Pass and Kick competition. Thanks to all of the Findlay High School football players who helped Grant prepare! Congratulations and thank you to the teachers of Findlay City Schools for meeting 100% highly qualified status. Congratulations to Anthony Baratta on receiving a Secor Scholarship through United Way.

STAFF RECOGNITION

Kimberly Bash from ECLIPSe presented a check to Judy Withrow for \$850.00 for the Findlay High School Junior Statesman of America Program; a check to Pam Hamlin for \$410.00 for the Girls Just Wanna Have Fun project; and a check for \$400.00 to Gene Damon of Findlay High School for the Johnson's Island Preservation project.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FEA President Dee Groman asked the Board to consider moving staff comments to the end of the agenda so they can have input on items discussed at the meeting; thanked the community for supporting the schools through gifts and grants; acknowledged the staff members who have announced retirements and resignations; and highlighted the fact that 100% of Findlay City School teachers are highly qualified in the areas they teach.

Sue McGonnell and two students from Chamberlin Hill expressed their thanks to the Board of Education members by presenting each board member with a customized apron and baked goods. Mrs. McGonnell called them our "Master Chefs" of the district.

Don Williams welcomed everyone to Donnell Middle School and talked about various programs and projects that the students are engaged in.

2007-01-007 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mrs. Rothey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 18, 2006, the special meeting on December 22, 2006, the organizational meeting on January 8, 2007 and the special meeting (work session) on January 15, 2007.

Roll call: Dr. Browning, aye; Mrs. Rothey, aye; Mrs. Brown, aye; Mrs. Dysinger, aye; Mr. Shrader, aye. President Brown declared the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

CONSENT ITEMS

2007-01-008 Consent Items A-N

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Dr. Browning to approve Consent Items A-N as follows:

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

A. Retirements

The superintendent recommends that the following retirements be accepted:

Nancy Janton (Millstream East, Childhood Education and Care) Reason: Retirement	(30 years) Eff: 6/1/07
Mary J. Mason (FHS, English) Reason: Retirement	(30 years) Eff: 3/23/07
Jeanette Mathern (FHS, English) Reason: Retirement	(30 years) Eff: 4/2/07
Kathy Nusbaum (Central, TESOL) Reason: Retirement	(30 years) Eff: 3/2/07

B. Resignation

The superintendent recommends that the following resignation be accepted:

Brittany Mussell (Glenwood, Head M. S. Track Coach)
Reason: Personal

Eff: 1/11/07

C. Leaves of Absence

The superintendent recommends that a leave of absence be granted to the following certificated personnel:

Amy Mack (Whittier, Grade 1)
Effective: December 18, 2006 thru March 16, 2007
Reason: FMLA

Terri Nonnemaker (Glenwood, Special Education)
Effective: January 22 thru March 2, 2007
Reason: FMLA

Jenna Potteiger (Washington, Grade 3)
Effective: December 12, 2006 thru February 22, 2007
Reason: FMLA

Katrina Pritchett (Millstream North, Career Assessment)
Effective: December 11, 2006 thru January 18, 2007 (intermittently)
January 18 thru March 4, 2007 (full leave)
Reason: FMLA

D. Appointments

The superintendent recommends approval of the following appointments, contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of a report from B.C.I. which is not inconsistent with the applicant's answers on the employment application, at salaries in accordance with the adopted salary schedules:

1. Substitute Teachers @ \$82.00/day

Ken Bahler
Barbara Biery
Kathy Burris
Joseph DeVaul
Andrea Distel
Jill Erford

Kristina Herning
Danielle LaFountain
Beth Schnipke
Stephanie Schumann
Adam Shoop
Amber Tesnow

Sara Tomlinson
Patricia Tremayne
Anna Welker
Heather Wickard
Erica Wills

2. LAPE Grant Stipend @ \$12.50/hour (20 hours) - Teresa Lambert

3. Adult Education Instructors

Step 0 @ \$19.69/hour

Katherine Dues
Yumiko Kobari

Greg Lishawa

Kathy Lishawa

Step 1 @ \$19.94/hour -

Marvin Miller

4. Saturday School Instructors @ \$19.69/hour - Rob Fox

5. Supplemental Duty Assignments

Debbie Benson – FHS, asst. director of musical (3/4 time) @ \$1,920.03
Joann Chase – FHS, director of musical @ \$2,739.69
Nancy Frankenfield – FHS, scenery @ \$883.29
Tim Mattis – FHS, musical orchestral director @ \$883.29
Marvin Miller – FHS, light/sound @ \$1,482.13
Marvin Miller – FHS, asst. director of musical (1/4 time) @ \$490.30
Krista Tomaselli – FHS, secondary alternative advisor @ \$898.26
Craig VanRenterghem – FHS, musical vocal director @ \$883.29

6. Bookstore Supervisor - Linda Savieo (not to exceed \$200.00)

7. Ohio Reads Tutor – Step 0 @ \$19.69/hour - Loretta Wolfe

E. Reclassification

The superintendent recommends that the following employee be reclassified on the salary schedule, as indicated:

Polly Miller (Bigelow/Northview, Music)
FROM: MA, Step 10 - full time
TO: MA, Step 10 - 3/5 time
Effective: January 22, 2007

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL (F thru K)

F. Disability Retirement

The superintendent recommends that the following disability retirement be accepted:

Terri Lauck (FHS, Custodian, 2nd shift) (5 years)
Reason: Disability Retirement Eff: 1/1/07

G. Resignations

The superintendent recommends that the following resignations be accepted:

Pam Bixler (Secretary, Student Services) (7 years)
Reason: Relocation Eff: 6/19/07

Nicki Rice (FABSS, Head Aide) (6 months)
Reason: Personal Eff: 12/22/06

Cathy Riker (FHS, Food Service Worker) (10 years)
Reason: Personal Eff: 12/22/06

Linda Shaheen (Bus Driver) (11 years)
Reason: Personal Eff: 1/17/07

H. Leave of Absence

The superintendent recommends that a leave of absence, without pay, be granted to the following classified personnel:

Valerie Lovelace (Food Service Worker)
Effective: January 5 thru January 15, 2007
Reason: Personal

I. Leaves of Absence

The superintendent recommends that a leave of absence be granted to the following classified personnel:

Norma Crates (Food Service Worker)
Effective: November 6 thru December 18, 2006
Reason: FMLA

Gerald Ice (Food Service Worker)
Effective: January 18 thru April 18, 2007
Reason: Medical

Diane Launder (Food Service Worker)
Effective: January 4 thru February 2, 2007
Reason: FMLA

J. Appointments

The superintendent recommends approval of the following appointments, contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of a report from B.C.I. which is not inconsistent with the applicant's answers on the employment application, at salaries in accordance with the adopted salary schedule:

1. Noon Hour Monitors @ \$8.25/hour

David Cusick Angela Franks

2. FABSS, Head Aide

Michele Prater (FABSS, Head Aide)
Salary: \$8.74/hour
Effective: January 16, 2007

3. FABSS, Aide

Emily Rice (FABSS, Aide)
Salary: \$6.85/hour
Effective: January 17, 2007

4. Substitute and/or Per Diem Employees

Darlene Beuschlein – substitute educational aide @ \$9.23/hour
Diane Hale – substitute custodial @ \$9.90/hour
William Hooks – substitute bus driver @ \$11.79/hour
Dawn Johnson – substitute educational aide @ \$9.23/hour
Robert Lovelace – substitute educational aide @ \$9.23/hour
Kevin McFarland – substitute educational aide @ \$9.23/hour
Amy Neely – substitute educational aide @ \$9.23/hour
Amy Rackley – substitute educational aide @ \$9.23/hour
Fred Schmitts – substitute bus driver @ \$11.79/hour
Linda Shaheen – substitute bus driver @ \$11.79/hour
Janet Shenefield – substitute clerical @ \$9.23/hour
Janet Shenefield – substitute educational aide @ \$9.23/hour

K. Reclassifications

The superintendent recommends that the following employees be reclassified on the salary schedule, as indicated:

Darlene Beuschlein
FROM: FABSS, Director @ \$15,372.00
TO: FABSS, Aide @ \$7.15/hour
Effective: January 16, 2007

Connie Fagan
FROM: Substitute Food Service Worker @ \$8.20/hour
TO: Food Service Worker @ \$9.16/hour, Step 1
Effective: January 22, 2007

L. Monthly Financial Report

The superintendent recommends approval of the Monthly Financial Report for December 2006, be accepted as presented by the Treasurer in EXHIBIT A.

M. 2006/2007 Second Quarter Insurance and Fringe Benefit Report, Investment Report and General Fund FY07 Appropriations Report presented by the Treasurer to be accepted, as shown in EXHIBIT B.

N. Acceptance of Gifts

The superintendent recommends the acceptance and written expression of appreciation for the gifts, listed below, which were given to the Findlay City School District:

GIFT: \$100.00
FROM: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Cosiano
TO: Chamberlin Hill Library

GIFT: \$75.00
FROM: Sign of the Bell – Cheryl McNish
TO: Chamberlin Hill Sing and Sign Choir

Roll call: Mr. Shrader, aye; Dr. Browning, aye; Mrs. Brown, aye; Mrs. Dysinger, aye; Mrs. Rothey, aye. President Brown declared the motion carried.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Levy

Dr. Wittwer presented Levy information.

2007-01-009 Replacement Levy

It was moved by Mrs. Rothey, seconded by Mrs. Dysinger to pass a resolution of necessity per EXHIBIT D to levy a 4.9 mill, 5 year replacement tax for the May 8, 2007 ballot.

Roll call: Mrs. Rothey, aye; Mrs. Dysinger, aye; Mrs. Brown, aye; Dr. Browning, aye; Mr. Shrader, aye. President Brown declared the motion carried.

B. Property

Dr. Wittwer discussed the property at the corner of Trenton Avenue and North Main Street [and adjacent to the Glenwood Middle School property].

2007-01-010 Purchase of Property

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mrs. Dysinger to approve the superintendent's recommendation to purchase the property at the corner of Trenton Avenue and North Main Street [and adjacent to the Glenwood Middle School property] as per the agreement shown in EXHIBIT C.

Roll call: Mr. Shrader, aye; Mrs. Dysinger, aye; Mrs. Brown, aye; Dr. Browning, aye; Mrs. Rothey, aye. President Brown declared the motion carried.

REPORTS

There was none.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Wittwer presented information about the Ohio Core requirements and discussed that some curricular changes may be necessary for Findlay City Schools to prepare our students to meet these new requirements.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Brown thanked Mr. Shrader for his assistance in the property negotiations; and she expressed her concerns with the Ohio Core requirements and the impact it will have on all students. She gave her thoughts to Dr. Blaine, who was recently injured.

Mrs. Dysinger thanked Dr. Wittwer and Mr. Barnhart for thoroughly explaining the levy issues and purchase of property agreement; and also thanked them for their prep work on these issues.

Dr. Browning expressed his concern with the Ohio Core Graduation requirements and encouraged our district to look at "massaging" the requirements to ensure they are beneficial for Findlay City School students.

2007-01-011 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Dysinger, seconded by Dr. Browning to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Roll call: Mrs. Dysinger, aye; Dr. Browning, aye; Mrs. Brown, aye; Mrs. Rothey, aye; Mr. Shrader, aye. President Brown declared the motion carried.

President

Treasurer

Read and Approved February 12, 2007.