

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

The Board of Education of the Findlay City Schools met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium at Jefferson Primary School.

President Brown called the meeting to order. Present were: Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Dysinger, Mrs. Rothery, Mr. Shrader, Assistant Superintendent Blaine and Treasurer Barnhart.

CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to Sauder Furniture for their donation of furniture and shipping costs to furnish Administrative offices. Congratulations to FHS Quiz Bowl team for being 16-0! Congratulations to the freshman football team on a successful season. An outstanding job by FHS teachers and students – 45 AP Scholars. Congratulations to the boys' cross-country team for going to regionals.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FEA President Dee Groman thanked *The Courier* for their coverage of school events; acknowledged Lincoln school has been named a School of Promise, which is the only school in the area to be named; noted the end of the grading period will end on November 2; offered appreciation and thanks to those who have generously donated gifts to district; and said the first roundtable for teachers and administration will be held on October 30.

Gary Kapostasy, Vice-President of FEA, spoke to the board regarding HB 315, STRS Health Care. He requested the board's support of this bill.

Brenda VanDeKoppel, parent of two high school seniors, indicated she had received a letter from Dr. Wittwer regarding her past questions about add-on credits but still has some unanswered questions. She would like to see a document that answers all of the questions parents may have about the add-on credits.

Mike Wallace, Principal of Jefferson Primary School, welcomed board members, school employees and community members to Jefferson. The school has recently moved to grade levels except for one multi-age classroom. Mr. Wallace spoke highly of the involvement and dedication of Jefferson's teaching staff, highlighting their individual accomplishments. Kay Sidle and Rebecca Wank introduced Jefferson and Chamberlin Hill Schools' new therapy dog, Jewels. They also thanked the board for their support of applying for and receiving Jewels.

2007-10-004 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mrs. Rothery to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 8, 2007 and the work session on October 10, 2007.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Barnhart presented an article to the board from a recent STRS newsletter that spoke about House Bill 315. If passed, this legislation will lead to additional contributions by the board and employees to the retirement system to pay for its health care costs for retirees. The cost to the Board would amount to over \$812,500 per year if House Bill 315 passes. Mr. Barnhart suggested that the board send a letter to the 15 sponsors of the bill explaining that the bill will cost too much. A similar letter was sent to local legislators and the governor in February.

CONSENT ITEMS

2007-10-005 Consent Items A-K

It was moved by Mrs. Rothery, seconded by Mr. Shrader to approve Consent Items A-K as follows:

F. 2007/2008 First Quarter Fringe Benefit Report, Financial Report and Investment Reports

The superintendent recommends that the 2007/2008 First Quarter Fringe Benefit Report, Financial Report, and Investment Report presented by the Treasurer be accepted, as shown in EXHIBIT A.

G. Division of Liquor Control Permit Transfer

The superintendent recommends that the Board of Education request the Division of Liquor Control document show our objection to the issuance of this permit but we will not request a hearing, as shown in EXHIBIT B.

H. 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: Jack and Elaine Crates
TO: Wilson Vance Intermediate School Library in memory of Janet Berner

GIFT: \$1,750.00
FROM: New Life Assembly of God Church
TO: Findlay City School District

GIFT: \$500.00
FROM: Mary Beth Hammond and Tony Iriti
TO: FHS, Challenge Day

I. Student Activity Budget Amendment

The superintendent recommends approval of the amended student activity budget for X9960 – Interactive Multimedia BPA Account, as shown in EXHIBIT C.

J. Contract for Special Education and Related Services

The superintendent recommends approval of the contract between the Findlay City School District and the Wood County Educational Service Center for multi-handicapped, shown in EXHIBIT D.

K. Declaration of Urgent Necessity

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

WHEREAS, the flood August 2007 was a cause of urgent necessity, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of August 27, 2007 this board approved Resolution 2007-08-011 to appropriate \$1.8 million to pay for repairs and restoration work resulting from flood damage at Central Middle School, including payment to Harris Fire and Water Cleaning Specialists and TTL Associations, the board authorizes that the treasurer was to forego the usual procedures for advertising and competitive bidding in order to make Central Middle School habitable for students as soon as possible.

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

ACTION ITEMS

2007-10-006 Resolution of Commendation for Jerri Banks

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mrs. Dysinger to acknowledge a Resolution of Commendation for Jerri Banks.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was none.

REPORTS

A. Official Enrollment Report – October 5, 2007

EXHIBIT E

Dr. Blaine presented the official enrollment report – October 5, 2007.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Blaine spoke on behalf of Dr. Wittwer: appreciative of furniture donation from Sauder Furniture, Sauder will furnish all administrative offices; also appreciative of all cubicles donated by Blanchard Valley Hospital and NOACSC; target date for administrative offices move is November 5; copying of flooded documents from administrative offices is still in progress; and offered congratulations to Lincoln for once again being named a School of Promise: great accomplishments by teachers, staff, and students!

BOARD'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Rothey appreciated David Coolidge returning to Findlay for the Alumni Concert; offered congratulations to Peggy Kirk Bell who was honored as a Distinguished Alumni; thanked administration for creativity in request submission to the Emergency Assistance Fund; appreciated Mr. Kapostasy's comments regarding House Bill 315, however wishes to resend February 2007 letter to sponsors of this bill asking them to reconsider their support.

Mrs. Dysinger asked the board to create tribute or resolution for all of the staff's hard work during the flood.

Mr. Shrader said the FEMA application is in but we still need to present documents; the process of determining what needs to be replaced and what can be salvaged continues; thanked Mr. Kapostasy for his comments related to STRS but said we have to look at costs from a school board perspective; noted Veteran's Day programs at schools in upcoming weeks – challenge board to attend; and thanked those who have donated monetary gifts as well as furniture and furnishings.

Mrs. Brown noted Challenge Day is coming up and encouraged all to attend and she would like to see it fully integrated and funded by the district.

2007-10-007 A Letter of Opposition

Mrs. Rothey moved, Mrs. Dysinger seconded that Mr. Barnhart re-draft a letter of opposition to HB 315.

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

2007-10-008 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Dysinger, seconded by Mr. Shrader to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

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

President

Treasurer

Read and approved November 19, 2007.