

**Board of Education Meeting  
February 26, 2007**

The Board of Education of the Findlay City Schools met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium at Northview Primary 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.

**2007-02-009 Executive Session**

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mrs. Rothey to recess to executive session to discuss the evaluation of the superintendent and treasurer at 5:30 p.m.

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

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 7:05 p.m.

**CELEBRATIONS**

Ms. Lugabihl shared a video of the Northview goals assembly. The following teams were celebrated for their recent successes: mock trial team qualified for state competition; Engineering/CAD II students will compete at nationals; swimming, basketball and all winter sports teams were congratulated and wished luck with tournaments. Congratulations to the students inducted into the National Honor Society. Mr. Kupferberg was recently named President-elect of the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators. The Mentorship Program at Findlay High School is a valuable experience for students.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

FEA President Dee Groman welcomed the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in attendance who are studying government; invited board members to join FEA members for Lobby Day on May 1; congratulated the retirees; discussed a "Quality of Education" survey and the district's participation; noted class size and round table meetings have been scheduled; and thanked the community for supporting our schools with gifts.

Alexis Sink, FHS Senior, addressed the board with concerns about security in the high school parking lot.

**2007-02-010 Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Mrs. Rothey, seconded by Dr. Browning to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 12, 2007.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Dr. Wittwer shared a calendar of meetings which have been scheduled to discuss the constitutional amendment for school funding.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**2007-02-011 Consent Items A-N**

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

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

A. Retirements

The superintendent recommends that the following retirements be accepted:

Judy Hall (FHS, Music) Reason: Retirement	(30 years) Eff: 5/31/07
Patricia Needles (FHS, Science) Reason: Retirement	(36 years) Eff: 3/29/2007
Joel Wood (Donnell, Industrial Technology) Reason: Retirement	(35 years) Eff: 3/30/2007

**B. Appointments**

The superintendent recommends approval of the following appointments, at salaries in accordance with the adopted salary schedules; and 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:

1. Ohio Reads Tutor @ \$1,750.00 (from Ohio Reads Fund) – Norma Hottinger
2. LAMP, II Coordinator @ \$1,725.00 (from Ohio Reads Fund) – Susan Fisher
3. Substitute Teachers @ \$82.00/day  
     Victoria Nielsen                                  Ashley Sigurdson
4. Adult Education Instructors  
     Step 0 @ \$19.69/hour  
     Amanda Kocsis                                      Russell Krout                                  Shelly Simon  
     Step 2 @ \$20.22/hour  
     Lynette Diebert
5. Summer School Principal – Chris Renn @ \$6,000.00

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL (C thru F)**

**C. Retirement**

The superintendent recommends that the following retirement be accepted:

Susan Paul (Bigelow Hill, Library Aide)	(24 years)
Reason: Retirement	Eff: 5/29/07

**D. Resignation**

The superintendent recommends that the following resignation be accepted:

Rhonda Ferguson (Donnell, School Nurse)	(6 years)
Reason: Other Employment	Eff: 3/2/07

**E. Appointments**

The superintendent recommends approval of the following appointments, at salaries in accordance with the adopted salary schedules; and 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:

1. Substitute and/or Per Diem Employees  
     Mark Bishop – substitute bus driver @ \$11.79/hour
2. Substitute and/or Per Diem Employees  
     Rhonda Ferguson – substitute school nurse @ \$18.67/hour  
     Diane Kohl – substitute food service worker @ \$8.20/hour
3. Noon Hour Monitors @ \$8.25/hour  
     Francis Cunningham                                  Dan Hill    Ryan Shaffer  
     Hope Earlie

**F. Reclassification**

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

Mary Ann Clarke (FHS, Secretary)  
 FROM: 214 day work year  
 TO: 260 day work year  
 Effective: March 1, 2007

G. Correction of Minutes

The superintendent recommends the correction of the Sept. 25, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes to reflect the following:

B. Appointments

5. Ohio Reads Volunteer Coordinator @ \$1,725.00  
Please remove Norma Hottinger from this appointment.

H. Appropriation Modification

The superintendent recommends that the modification in the 2007 Appropriation Measure, as presented by the treasurer in EXHIBIT A, be adopted.

I. Adoption of 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Math (Special Education) Course of Study

The superintendent recommends adoption of the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Math (Special Education) Course of Study which was presented to the Board of Education at the February 12, 2007 board meeting as Exhibit F.

J. Adoption of 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Math (Special Education) Course of Study

The superintendent recommends adoption of the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Math (Special Education) Course of Study which was presented to the Board of Education at the February 12, 2007 board meeting as Exhibit G.

K. Adoption of Global Science Course of Study

The superintendent recommends adoption of the Global Science Course of Study which was presented to the Board of Education at the February 12, 2007 board meeting as Exhibit H.

L. Adoption of Developmental Reading Course of Study

The superintendent recommends adoption of the Developmental Reading Course of Study which was presented to the Board of Education at the February 12, 2007 board meeting as Exhibit I.

M. Adoption of Textbook List

The superintendent recommends adoption of the Textbook List which was presented to the Board of Education at the February 12, 2007 board meeting as Exhibit J.

N. Acceptance of Gifts

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

GIFT: \$60.00  
FROM: LCBA No. 1155  
TO: Special Education Low Incidence PTO  
(Hearing Impaired Program)

GIFT: \$400.00  
FROM: Marathon Petroleum Company  
TO: Camp Discovery and Camp READ

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

There was none.

**REPORTS**

There was none.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There was none.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

The district will be working with The University of Findlay to have security and safety audits conducted at Findlay High School and other buildings. The technology director and Washington principal positions will be posted on March 1, 2007. He discussed the advantages of implementing a 3-hour delay with extended day to avoid future school cancellations due to fog; staff and public input will be sought before a final recommendation is made to the Board. Dr.

Wittwer asked Sandy White to address the Board concerning the possibility of two waiver days for 2007-08 so that staff members may participate in teacher in-service opportunities for the new math curriculum and technology workshops.

#### **BOARD'S COMMENTS**

Mrs. Brown thanked Alexis Sink for sharing her concern with the board. Mrs. Brown shared her excitement about Challenge Day at Findlay High School.

Mrs. Dysinger thanked the staff for the strong relationships they form with students.

Dr. Browning asked that we consider surveying former students to see how well prepared they were for their next step in life upon graduation from Findlay High School. He offered his thanks to the retiring teachers: they will be deeply missed.

Mr. Shrader commended Findlay High School for scheduling Challenge Day to bring awareness to diversity issues.

Mrs. Rothey noted that the band concert would be held on Tuesday evening at Hemminger Auditorium. She distributed pending legislation and invited board members to participate in the OSBA "lobby day" on March 14.

#### **2007-02-012 Executive Session**

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Shrader to recess to executive session to discuss evaluation of personnel at 7:50 p.m.

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

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 8:20 p.m.

#### **2007-02-013 ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Shrader to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

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

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President

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Treasurer

Read and Approved March 12, 2007.