

**Board of Education Meeting
May 12, 2008**

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

President Dysinger called the meeting to order. Present were: Mrs. Dysinger, Mr. Hoffman arrived at 7:01 p.m., Mrs. Lockard, Mr. Shrader, Superintendent Wittwer and Treasurer Barnhart. Absent was: Dr. Browning.

CELEBRATIONS

Nick Say, Jacobs Principal, highlighted events taking place at Jacobs Primary School. Mrs. Dysinger celebrated the Jacobs second graders. Dr. Wittwer noted that Teacher Appreciation Week recently took place.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FEA President Dee Groman celebrated the tentative agreement to be voted on this Thursday, grants that were received, completion of testing and Right to Read Week at Lincoln.

2008-05-002 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 28, 2008 and the special meeting on May 7, 2008.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

CONSENT ITEMS

2008-05-003 Consent Items A-R

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

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

A. Resignation

The superintendent recommends that the following resignation be accepted:

Barb Tardibuono (FHS, assistant boys' track coach)
Reason: Sharing position

B. Leave of Absence

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

Paul Blaine (Assistant Superintendent)
Effective: March 28, 2008 – April 28, 2008 (will use sick time until no longer available)
Reason: FMLA – Medical

C. Leaves of Absence

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

Amy Kelly (Lincoln, Title I)
Effective: April 3, 2008 – May 1, 2008
Reason: Extension of FMLA – Maternity

Melinda Valentine (Bigelow Hill, Grade 4)
Effective: May 12, 2008 – May 23, 2008
Reason: Extension of FMLA – Maternity

I. 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. Reading Intervention (Grant) @ \$9.41/hour – Maura Craig @ Chamberlin Hill

2. Substitute and/or Per Diem Employees

Christopher Bradley – substitute bus driver @ \$12.03/hour
April Sonnenberg – substitute bus driver @ \$12.03/hour

3. Computer Lab Aide

Sandra Garrick (initial assignment – Central Middle School)
Salary: Step 1 @ \$11.33/hour
Effective: May 16, 2008

J. Monthly Financial Report

The superintendent recommends that the Monthly Financial Report for April 2008, be accepted as presented by the Treasurer. (see EXHIBIT A)

K. Fiscal Year '08 Amended Appropriation No. 2

The superintendent recommends that the Amendment No. 2 of the 2008 Appropriations, as presented by the Treasurer, be adopted as shown in EXHIBIT B.

L. Ohio High School Athletic Association Membership

The superintendent recommends continued membership for grades 7 – 12 of the Findlay City School District in the Ohio High School Athletic Association in accordance with the Constitution, By Laws, Regulations, Interpretations and Decisions of the OHSAA for the 2008/2009 school year. (EXHIBIT C)

M. Advancement of Funds

The superintendent recommends approval for the Treasurer to advance funds of \$2,050,000.00 from the general fund (001-7200-910) to the August 2007 Flood fund (014-5210-9140). The Flood fund will pay this advance in its entirety back to the general fund as FEMA and State EMA funds are received.

N. Transfer of Funds

The superintendent recommends approval for the Treasurer to transfer funds of \$75,000.00 from the general fund (001-7200-910) to the EMIS fund (432-5100-9004). The State requires the District to track EMIS costs in a separate fund and as a result the District must periodically transfer funds from the general fund to cover the EMIS costs that are not covered by state funding.

O. Acceptance of Gifts

The superintendent recommends the acceptance and written expression of appreciation for the gifts received, as listed below:

GIFT: Meade Telescope (valued at \$3,000.00)
FROM: Mr. Fred Martin
TO: Findlay High School, Science Department

GIFT: \$1,000.00
FROM: Friends of Findlay
TO: Findlay City Schools

GIFT: \$100.00 (in memory of Mary Weaver Pelphrey Laird)
FROM: Ms. Judy Pelphrey
TO: Wilson Vance Library

P. Correction of April 14, 2008 Minutes

The superintendent recommends a correction of the April 14, 2008 minutes of the Board of Education to change the date of retirement for Mrs. Jeannette Miller, as shown below:

Jeannette Miller (FHS, Science)
Reason: Retirement

(32 years)
Eff: 5/30/08

Q. Resolutions of Commendation

The superintendent recommends adoption of the Resolutions of Commendation for the following certificated/classified employees who will soon retire:

Certificated:

<u>Cynthia Beucler</u>	<u>EXHIBIT D</u>
<u>W. Christian Brooks</u>	<u>EXHIBIT E</u>
<u>Cynthia Habegger</u>	<u>EXHIBIT F</u>
<u>Linda Laux</u>	<u>EXHIBIT G</u>
<u>Barbara Matheny</u>	<u>EXHIBIT H</u>
<u>Jeanette Miller</u>	<u>EXHIBIT I</u>
<u>Linda Mummert</u>	<u>EXHIBIT J</u>
<u>Deborah Pattyn-Craun</u>	<u>EXHIBIT K</u>
<u>Mark Pendleton</u>	<u>EXHIBIT L</u>
<u>Jerrene Stahl</u>	<u>EXHIBIT M</u>
<u>Joyce Wood</u>	<u>EXHIBIT N</u>

Classified:

<u>Nancy Newcomer</u>	<u>EXHIBIT O</u>
<u>Donald Rayle</u>	<u>EXHIBIT P</u>
<u>Janet Routzon</u>	<u>EXHIBIT Q</u>

R. Parent/Student Handbooks

The superintendent recommends adoption of the Parent/Student Handbooks which were presented to the Board at the April 28, 2008 board meeting as Exhibits N thru R, as revised.

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

ACTION ITEMS

2008-05-004 Acceptance of Grants

It was moved by Mrs. Lockard, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of \$1,186.00 from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation Grant (funding source: Hancock Education Fund) to the Findlay City Schools and Denise Ryan, Bigelow Hill Teacher, to fully support books to encourage reading to two-hundred and seventy students from a book closet that would provide students and teachers with leveled reading books, as explained in EXHIBIT R;

to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of \$1,197.00 from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation (funding source: Hancock Education Fund) to the Findlay City Schools and Terri Kempher, Whittier Primary School, to partially support materials for one-hundred and thirty first grade Whittier students to spend all year learning about cultures of countries around the world, as explained in EXHIBIT S;

to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of \$1,100.00 from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation (funding source: Hancock Education Fund) to the Findlay City Schools and Laura Davis, Findlay High School, for partial support of materials to engage five-hundred students in a freshman mentoring program that will support them through their first year of high school, as explained in EXHIBIT T;

to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of \$400.00 from the ECLIPSe Youth Grantmaking Council to the Findlay High School, Junior Statesman of America, African Project for Camp Read, as explained in EXHIBIT U;

to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of \$969.00 from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation to the Findlay City Schools and Kelly Ruhe, Lincoln Elementary School, to help support her "Learning With Centers" Grant, as explained in EXHIBIT V.

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

REPORTS

A. Band Trip

Tim Mattis reported on the high school band's invitation to attend the Waikiki Holiday parade in Honolulu in late November 2009.

B. Ohio School Facilities Commission Update

Dr. Wittwer gave an Ohio School Facilities Commission update.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board discussed the possibility of bringing the same two architectural firms interviewed last week in again next week to ask some follow-up questions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

There was none.

BOARD'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Dysinger spoke about the letters referencing “smoker’s corner” across from Findlay High School. The group will address the Board in June.

2008-05-005 Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mrs. Lockard to recess to executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 8:50 p.m.

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

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 9:34 p.m.

2008-05-006 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Dysinger, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

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

President

Treasurer

Read and approved May 27, 2008.