

**Board of Education Meeting  
October 8, 2007**

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.

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

**CELEBRATIONS**

Congratulations to Jim McGonnell for receiving the 2007 National Journalism Teacher of the Year Award. The Blue & Gold and 2A Today will also be 2 of 100 student achievements highlighted at the OSBA Convention. Loveda VanDerMolen, 2007 FHS graduate, was one of four students chosen in northwest Ohio to receive the OSBA Book Award. Congratulations to the Findlay High School Trojan Marching Band for qualifying for state!

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Nick Say, Jacobs Primary School Principal, welcomed board members, school employees and community members to Jacobs. He noted the school's theme this year is Journey through Learning. All day kindergarten is going well with 5 sections totaling 111 students in all. There are also 87 first graders and 91 second graders. They are conducting student/parent/teacher conferences where the student leads the conference explaining the routine.

FEA President Dee Groman thanked teachers for picking up supplementals; expressed concerns regarding the lease agreement – cost and location; and expressed concerns regarding communication and difficulty in reaching administration.

Brenda VanDeKoppel, parent of two high school seniors, thanked the Board and administration for their work on obtaining correct GPAs for the senior class. She also asked for clarification regarding credits for AP online classes and whether students can take any class to receive the add-on credits.

**2007-10-001 Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Mrs. Rothey, seconded by Dr. Browning to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 24, 2007

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Invitations to the DECA Officer Installation on October 25, 2007 were distributed. Rotary is currently accepting nominations for the Golden Apple Award. Survey company information was distributed to board members including one company used in 2003.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**2007-10-002 Consent Items A-I**

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mrs. Rothey to approve Consent Items A-I as follows:

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

A. 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. Gifted Services Testing Professionals

Step 2 @ \$20.62/hour

Kim Cosiano

Patty Majors

Cheryl McNish

2. Adult Ed. Instructors (Effective: 2007/2008)

Step 2 @ \$20.62/hour – Vickie Essinger

3. Weekday After School Instructors at \$20.08/hour  
(formerly Saturday School)

Becky Bucher – Donnell  
Angie Emans – Glenwood  
Ryan Headley – Central  
Mike Janton – FHS

Gregg Lang – Donnell  
Scott Marcum – Glenwood  
Eric VanRenterghem – FHS



NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Findlay Board of Education hereby deems it appropriate to employ non-certificated personnel for the specified position for a period not to exceed one (1) year and that the compensation shall be according to the adopted salary schedule for said position:

Charles Henry – FHS, color guard advisor @ \$1,267.45

E. Reclassification

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

Ruth Robinson  
FROM: Washington, lunch monitor @ \$8.42/hour  
TO: Washington, food service worker, step 1 @ \$9.34/hour  
Effective: October 8, 2007

F. Monthly Financial Report

The superintendent recommends that the Monthly Financial Report for September 2007, be accepted as presented by the Treasurer. (see EXHIBIT A)

G. Resolution to Establish New Fund/Student Activity Budget

The superintendent recommends approval of the Resolution to establish a new fund and student activity budget for FHS, We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution, Fund #200-9415 as shown in EXHIBIT B.

H. Approval of Lease Agreement

The superintendent recommends approval of the Lease Agreement between the Findlay City School District and Marcyn Corporation for the lease of property at 1219 W. Main Cross Street as shown in EXHIBIT C.

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

I. Approval of Findlay Digital Academy Annual Report

The superintendent recommends approval of the Findlay Digital Academy 2006-07 Annual Report which was presented to the Board of Education on September 24, 2007.

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

There was none.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Flood Overview

Dean Wittwer gave an overview of flood matters such as Regency Construction assessing Central, assessing the Washington building, moving transportation back to their offices and moving administration offices to their new location. Dennis McPherson updated the board regarding Central and the status of the various rooms within the building.

**REPORTS**

A. Priority Presentation

Dean Wittwer provided a high level overview of the 2007-08 priorities.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Dr. Wittwer appreciated the concerns raised by the FEA and will continue to work on improving communication between administration and staff. He said that nine locations were toured/reviewed for the administrative offices. Negotiations took several weeks in order to obtain satisfactory pricing: lease includes utilities and custodial support. He noted that the Marcyn Center did not have any water during the recent flood.

**BOARD'S COMMENTS**

Mrs. Rothey thanked the Blanchard Valley Hospital for lending office cubicles and furniture. She said the Education Forum will be held at Winebrenner on October 10. She noted that Dr. Browning will serve as the representative for the National School Boards Association's Federal Relations Network (FRN).

Dr. Browning requested improvement in communication between administration and staff. He inquired about workers' compensation claims and if they are current due to the position vacancy.

Mr. Shrader addressed concerns regarding lease for the administration offices indicating the district is trying to use money wisely.

**2007-10-003 ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mrs. Rothey, seconded by Dr. Browning to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

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

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President

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Treasurer

Read and approved October 22, 2007.