

**Board of Education Meeting  
December 17, 2008**

The Board of Education of the Findlay City Schools met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. in the Library at Washington Intermediate School.

President Dysinger called the meeting to order. Present were: Mrs. Dysinger, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Lockard, Mr. Pochard, Superintendent Wittwer and Treasurer Barnhart. Absent was: Mr. Shrader.

**2008-12-001 Executive Session**

It was moved by Mrs. Dysinger, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to go into executive session to discuss employment of personnel at 5.00 p.m.

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

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 5:35 p.m.

**CELEBRATIONS**

Andrea King, Washington Principal, gave a presentation on the successes and challenges at Washington.

The district celebrated the Community Foundation and accepted many grants given to Findlay City School programs.

Mr. Pochard attended the high school choir concert and was very impressed and stated it was very well done.

Mrs. Lockard congratulated Glenwood on the article about Hayden, their therapy dog, in The Courier.

Mrs. Dysinger celebrated the wonderful job Scott Grant, Findlay High School teacher and golf coach, is doing.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Gary Kapostasy addressed the Board on behalf of the FEA. He thanked Andrea King and the Washington staff for all the great things happening at Washington; thanked the Community Foundation for their continued support of the Findlay City School programs; thanked the Curriculum Council for all their hard work; and wished everyone a safe and restful holiday.

**2008-12-002 Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Mrs. Lockard, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 17, 2008 and the regular meeting on November 25, 2008.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. Dysinger shared the many letters she received from Scott Grant, Findlay High School golf coach, and the golf teams. She also shared the Parent Mentor Newsletter she received.

Mr. Pochard shared the letters he received regarding the crossing guard issue and appreciated the community support. He also mentioned the article in the Blue & Gold regarding "smoker's corner" and he's glad to see it getting negative publicity.

Dr. Wittwer shared some information about the Washington property.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**2008-12-003 Consent Items A-P**

It was moved by Mr. Pochard, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve Consent Items A-P as follows:

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

A. Leaves of Absence

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

Kathy Beier (Wilson Vance, Grade 4)  
Effective: December 6 - December 19, 2008  
Reason: FMLA Extended (will use paid sick time, if available)





J. 403(b) Plan Document

The Treasurer recommends adoption of the 403(b) Plan Document, as presented in EXHIBIT C.

K. Adoption of Board Policies

The superintendent recommends approval of the Board Policies and Procedures that were presented to the Board of Education at the November 17, 2008 meeting as Exhibits D thru G, revised and shown here in:

Policy and Procedures 8.13 - Field Trips and Excursions	<u>EXHIBIT D-1 &amp; 2</u>
Policy 8.14 - Student Performance/Travel	<u>EXHIBIT D-3</u>
Procedure 8.14 - Student Foreign and Domestic Travel Program	<u>EXHIBIT D-4</u>
Procedure 8.32 - Resource Speakers	<u>EXHIBIT D-5</u>

L. 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:	1993 GMC Passenger Van (approximate value of \$300.00)
FROM:	Mrs. Patricia S. Steiner
TO:	Millstream Career & Technology Center Auction
GIFT:	\$540.00 (to purchase tools for student use)
FROM:	Mr. Barry Simmons
TO:	Millstream Construction Tech Program
GIFT:	Cadillac DeVille, 4-door sedan (approximate value \$1,150.00)
FROM:	Mr. John E. Newman
TO:	Millstream Career & I Technology Center Auction
GIFT:	2-1/2 Gallons Exterior Water-based Stain (valued at \$52.00)
FROM:	Ms. Anne Velikoff
TO:	Findlay High School - Buildings & Grounds Class

M. Adoption of Dates & Locations of Board Meetings

The superintendent recommends adoption of the list of dates and locations of the 2009 Board of Education Meetings as presented to the Board at the November 17, 2008 meeting as Exhibit C, revised and shown here as EXHIBIT E.

N. Revised FABSS Child Care Aide, Head Aide, & Summer Aide Salary Schedules

The superintendent recommends approval of the revised FABSS Child Care Aide, Head Aide, and Summer Aide Salary Schedules shown in EXHIBIT E, which will be Effective: June 1, 2009.

O. Correction of August 18, 2008 Minutes

The superintendent recommends the correction of the August 18, 2008 minutes to reflect that the people appointed in #14 - Grant Special Projects @ \$20.62/hour for the 2008/09 school year be paid from 499-9218 purchased services and not from Gifted Supplemental ID Grant Funds.

P. Correction of September 22, 2008 Minutes

The superintendent recommends the correction of the September 11, 2008 minutes to reflect that the people appointed in #6 - Grant Special Projects @ Step 0 be paid \$20.62/hour NOT \$20.68/hour for the 2008/09 school year and that the funds be paid from 499-9218 purchased services and not from Gifted Supplemental ID Grant Funds.

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2008-12-004 Establishment of Annual Organizational Meeting**

WHEREAS, the Treasurer is directed by Ohio Revised Code 3313.14 to canvas the members of the Board not later than December 31 to establish the date, time and location of the organizational meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code 3313.14 the Board of Education shall hold its organizational meeting as indicated below,

*January 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Bigelow Hill Intermediate School in Library*

It was moved by Mr. Pochard, seconded by Mrs. Lockard that the meeting be held on January 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at Bigelow Hill Intermediate School.

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

**2008-12-005 Presiding Officer for Organizational Meeting**

It was moved by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Pochard that the Board of Education name Barbara Dysinger to preside at the Annual Organizational Meeting on January 12, 2009 as President Pro Tem.

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

**2008-12-006 Approval of Board of Education Goals for 2009**

It was moved by Mrs. Lockard, seconded by Mr. Pochard that the Board of Education of the Findlay City School District has developed their goals for 2009 which they would now like to approve as explained in EXHIBIT GG.

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

**2008-12-007 Acceptance of Agreement between The Findlay City School District Board of Education and Local #010 of the Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE) AFSCME/AFL-CIO**

It was moved by Mrs. Lockard, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Agreement between the Findlay City School District Board of Education and Local #010 of the Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE) AFSCME/AFL-CIO as presented to the Board in EXHIBIT G.

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

**2008-12-008 Approval of Language Arts K - 5 Course of Study and Purchase of StoryTown Lang. Art Series**

It was moved by Mr. Pochard, seconded by Mrs. Lockard to approve the superintendent's recommendation for approval of the Language Arts Grades K thru 5 Course of Study as shown in EXHIBIT H and approval of the adoption and purchase of StoryTown language arts series published by Harcourt School Publishers.

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

**2008-12-009 Acceptance of Community Foundation Grants**

It was moved by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Pochard to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Community Foundation Grant, Funding Source: ECLIPSe Youth Grantmaking Council Fund, to the Findlay High School - Junior Statesman of America, volunteer advisor Judy Withrow, in the amount of \$174.40 to provide supplies, as explained in EXHIBIT I;

To approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Community Foundation Grant, Funding Source: Hancock Education Fund, to the Findlay City School District in the amount of \$792.00 to partially support reading materials for 29 middle school ESL students to build reading fluency and comprehension about their culture and cultures of other ESL students, as explained in EXHIBIT J;

To approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Community Foundation Grant, Funding Source: Hancock Education Fund, to the Findlay City Schools in the amount of \$935.00 to support assembly fees and supporting materials for two-hundred sixty (260) students to learn the harmful effects by attending a Bully Buster assembly, as explained in EXHIBIT K;

To approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Community Foundation Grant, Funding Source: Hancock Education Fund, to the Findlay City School District in the amount of \$2,000.00 to support speaker fees for 2,000 FHS and REACH students to deepen their understanding of genocide and its crimes against humanity by attending a presentation from Loung Ung, a native Cambodian speaker, who speaks about her childhood experiences as a victim of the Khmer Rouge, as explained in EXHIBIT L;

To approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Community Foundation Grant, Funding Source: Hancock Education Fund, to the Findlay City School District in the amount of \$1,538.00 to partially support science materials for third through fifth grade students throughout the district's five Intermediate buildings to be invited to learn the applications for engineering knowledge around the world, in different fields, and from local professional engineers, as explained in EXHIBIT M;

To approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Community Foundation Grant, Funding Source: Hancock Education Fund, to the Findlay City Schools in the amount of \$878.00 to fully support copies of the book Marley and Me to 550 students to they can learn about dogs and the relationship people have with them and appreciate the 208 CommunityREAD presentation, as explained in EXHIBIT N;

To approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Community Foundation Grant, Funding Source: Hancock Education Fund, to the Findlay City Schools in the amount of \$1,500.00 to fully support teachers' supplies which will allow 120 students in grades 1-5 to attend Camp Discovery and experience hands-on activities related to various types of engineering, as explained in EXHIBIT O;

To approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Community Foundation Grant, Funding Source: Hancock Education Fund, to the Findlay City Schools in the amount of \$2,000.00 to partially support speaker fees for one-thousand fifth graders in Hancock County to learn the importance of bullying by attending an assembly by Karen Erickson who will be presenting different bullying scenarios, as explained in EXHIBIT P;

To approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Community Foundation Grant, Funding Source: HancockREADS Fund, to Jacobs Primary and Washington Intermediate Schools in the amount of \$825.00 to increase parent involvement, proficiency reading scores and love of literacy for 350 students through family literacy nights, as explained in EXHIBIT Q;

And, to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Community Foundation Grant, Funding Source: HancockREADS Fund, to Chamberlin Hill Intermediate School in the amount of \$600.00 to partially support the purchase of book sets to support the Newbery Book Club, as explained in EXHIBIT R.

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

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Tax Budget for 2010 EXHIBIT S

Mr. Barnhart presented the Tax Budget for 2010.

B. AP Statistics Course of Study EXHIBIT T

Stephanie Roth presented the AP Statistics Course of Study.

C. Scope and Sequence for Teacher Mentorship Pilot Course of Study EXHIBIT U

Edith Wannemacher presented the Scope and Sequence for Teacher Mentorship Pilot Course of Study.

D. Principles of Finance Application for Pilot Course of Study EXHIBIT V

Edith Wannemacher presented the Principles of Finance Application for Pilot Course of Study.

E. Principles of Marketing Application for Pilot Course of Study EXHIBIT W

Edith Wannemacher presented the Principles of Marketing Application for Pilot Course of Study.

F. Modification of Engineering Drafting & Design #292 Course of Study EXHIBIT X

Edith Wannemacher presented the Modification of Engineering Drafting & Design #292 Course of Study.

G. Modification of Architectural Drafting & Design #392 Course of Study EXHIBIT Y

Edith Wannemacher presented the Modification of Architectural Drafting & Design #392 Course of Study.

H. Revision of Introduction to CAD #297 Course of Study EXHIBIT Z

Edith Wannemacher presented the Revision of Introduction to CAD #297 Course of Study.

I. Textbook Approval List EXHIBIT AA

Stephanie Roth presented the Textbook Approval List.

### **REPORTS**

A. Policy Committee

Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Lockard, and Dr. Wittwer presented the following board policies:

- 1) Board Policy 7.04 - Staff Gifts and Solicitation EXHIBIT BB
- 2) Board Policy 7.08 - Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities  
EXHIBIT CC
- 3) Board Policy 7.09 - Staff Ethics and Conduct EXHIBIT DD
- 4) Board Procedure 7.09a - Tutoring for Pay EXHIBIT EE
- 5) Board Policy and Procedure 10.12 - Complaints About School Personnel EXHIBIT FF

B. Appraisal of Washington Intermediate School (701 N. Main St.)

Dennis McPherson discussed the appraisal of Washington Intermediate School.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Dr. Wittwer reported on the design team progress. He also discussed the crossing guard issue and the importance of the safety of the students. He reminded everyone to be careful with the winter weather upon us.

Jerry Murray from RCM gave an update on input gathered from staff concerning the potential OSFC project.

**BOARD'S COMMENTS**

There was none.

**2008-12-010 Executive Session**

It was moved by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Pochard to go into excess session to discuss employment of personnel at 7:23 p.m.

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

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 8:11 p.m.

**2008-12-011 ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mrs. Dysinger, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

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

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President

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Treasurer

Read and approved January 12, 2009.