

**Board of Education Meeting
February 12, 2007**

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

CELEBRATIONS

The following groups and teams were celebrated for their excellent performances: Findlay First Edition, boys and girls basketball teams, We The People, Power of the Pen, girls and boys swimming teams, quiz bowl team and the mock trial team. The Board welcomed Dr. Blaine back after his successful neck surgery. The Rotary students and staff of the month were recognized. Washington staff members were commended for the way they handled the gas leak. Community volunteers were thanked for assisting students through mentoring. The Findlay Education Association and administration were applauded for putting together the personal finance meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FEA President Dee Groman congratulated the grant writers on their successful grant proposals; acknowledged the teachers for accepting supplemental contracts; thanked the district for providing laptops to the elementary teachers; acknowledged the attendance rates at each of the schools; and announced that results from the staff survey would be shared with Dr. Wittwer and Dr. Blaine and with the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Chesebro welcomed the Board and guests to Whittier Primary and shared examples of student data binders. She shared that students have been tracking both academic and behavioral goals.

2007-02-002 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Rothey, seconded by Mr. Shrader to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 22, 2007 and the special meeting on February 5, 2007.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Browning asked about the editorial in the Blue & Gold regarding the switch to PCs at Findlay High School.

Mr. Barnhart distributed the OSBA legislative platform for 2007.

Dr. Wittwer distributed copies of the press release regarding the gas leak at Washington, and a letter of thanks from the 100 Best Communities committee. He also offered his congratulations to Mrs. Rothey for the article in the OSBA Journal magazine.

CONSENT ITEMS

2007-02-003 Consent Items A-H

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Shrader to approve Consent Items A-H as follows:

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

A. Resignations

The superintendent recommends that the following resignations be accepted:

Christie Lammers (School Psychologist)	(2 years)
Reason: Relocation	Eff: 2/23/07

Jason Wagner (Glenwood, asst. 7 th /8 th gr. girls track coach)	
Reason: New Position	Eff: 2/2/07

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. Curriculum Writing @ \$19.69/hour

Cheryl Corron
John Ewing

Rob Heinze
Jill Mathewson

Ann Pumphrey
Craig Rennels

2. Adult Education Instructors

Step 0 @ \$19.69/hour

Laura Davis

Mary Beth Kennedy-Mowrey

3. Substitute Teachers @ \$82.00/day

Belinda Buchanan
Steve Froelich

Rebecca Gilliland
Tiffany Hord

Corey McMullin
Daniel Wilson

4. Supplemental Duty Assignments

Bill Barbarree – FHS, J.V. (assistant) baseball coach @ \$2,739.69
Ben Fry – FHS, assistant boys' track coach @ \$2,739.69
Mark Gleason – FHS, head girls' track coach @ \$4,057.14
Ryan Headley – FHS, assistant baseball coach @ Volunteer
Scott Kimmett – Glenwood, asst. 7th/8th gr. girls' track coach @ \$1,661.78
Danielle LaFontaine – FHS, head girls' softball coach @ Volunteer
Mike Magnes – FHS, freshman baseball coach @ \$2,739.69
Andrew Schroeder – FHS, assistant baseball coach @ Volunteer
Jeff Stutzman – FHS, head baseball coach @ \$4,057.14
Jason Wagner – Glenwood, head track coach @ \$1,961.20
Mike Wilson – Central, 7th gr. girls' basketball coach @ \$2,560.04

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL (C thru E)

C. Resignations

The superintendent recommends that the following resignations be accepted:

Bob Moran (FHS, assistant boys' track coach)
Reason: Personal

Eff: 2/12/07

Amanda Williams (FABSS Director, Liberty Benton)
Reason: Relocation

(4 years)
Eff: 2/19/07

D. Retirement

The superintendent recommends that the following retirement be accepted:

Donna Harpst (Food Service Worker)
Reason: Retirement

(28 years)
Eff: 5/1/07

E. Leave of Absence

The superintendent recommends that a leave of absence be granted to the following classified personnel:

Norma Crates (Food Service Worker)
Effective: Dec. 18, 2006 – Jan. 8, 2007 (intermittent)
and Jan. 29 thru Feb. 2, 2007
Reason: FMLA

F. 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. FABSS Director

Mary Alice Imke – FABSS Director, Liberty Benton
Salary: \$14,852.00
Effective: Feb. 20, 2007

2. Substitute and/or Per Diem Employees

Arden Endrek – substitute bus driver @ \$11.79/hour
Doug Messinger – substitute custodian @ \$9.90/hour
Jeanne VanGunten – substitute noon hour monitor @ \$8.25/hour

3. Supplemental Duty Assignments – Non-Certificated Personnel

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provision of the Ohio Revised Code 3313.53, the duly appointed representatives of the Findlay Board of Education have offered the following extra-duty positions, listed below, to the certificated employees of the district and have advertised the positions to certificated personnel not employed by the district, and

WHEREAS, no qualified certificated individuals have been found for these positions,

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

Blanchard Valley Hospital – FHS, asst. athletic trainer @ \$3,892.46
Anni Collette – FHS, assistant boys' tennis coach @ Volunteer
K. C. Collette – FHS, assistant boys' tennis coach @ Volunteer
Sarah Heinfeld – FHS, asst. girls' track coach @ \$2,739.69
Kylene Maroon – FHS, choreographer @ \$883.29

G. Monthly Financial Report

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

H. Acceptance of Gift

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

GIFT: Apple eMac Computer (valued at \$200.00)
FROM: Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Moody
TO: Whittier Primary School

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

ACTION ITEMS

2007-02-004 Levy

It was moved by Mrs. Rothey, seconded by Mr. Shrader to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Resolution Declaring Intent to Proceed with Election on the Question of a Replacement of a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation, as explained in EXHIBIT B.

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

2007-02-005 Acceptance of Martha Holden Jennings Grant

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Shrader to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of \$2,995.00 from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Grant for Central Middle School teacher, Mike Wilson, for his grant titled "Outdoor Education and Leadership Training," as explained in EXHIBIT C.

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

2007-02-006 Acceptance of Martha Holden Jennings Grant

It was moved by Mrs. Dysinger, seconded by Mrs. Rothey to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of \$2,430.00 from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Grant for Whittier Primary School teacher, Terri Kempher, for her grant titled "Involved Families Make a Difference," as explained in EXHIBIT D.

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

REPORTS

A. Legislative Advocacy

Mrs. Rothey and Mrs. Brown discussed Legislative Advocacy.

B. Technology Committee

Mrs. Dysinger reported on the technology committee.

C. Investment Report EXHIBIT K

Mr. Barnhart presented the investment report.

D. Update on Summer Projects

Dennis McPheron gave an update on summer projects.

E. Enrollment Report – End of First Semester EXHIBIT E

Dr. Wittwer presented the enrollment report for the end of the first semester.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 9th Grade Special Education Math Course of Study EXHIBIT F

Greg Williamson presented the 9th grade special education math course of study.

B. 10th Grade Special Education Math Course of Study EXHIBIT G

Greg Williamson presented the 10th grade special education math course of study.

C. Global Science Course of Study EXHIBIT H

Greg Williamson presented the global science course of study.

D. Developmental Reading Course of Study EXHIBIT I

Greg Williamson presented the developmental reading course of study.

E. List of Textbooks for Adoption EXHIBIT J

Greg Williamson presented the list of textbooks for adoption.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Wittwer noted that kindergarten registration would be held during the week of February 12-16 at all primary buildings; count week was scheduled for the week of February 5, but since we had cancellations, the new count week was determined to be the week of January 22; and currently two task forces are working to find solutions to district challenges: a middle school task force and elementary task force have been working very hard and deserve appreciation for their time.

BOARD'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Brown acknowledged that another levy campaign is underway and thanked those who are working on levy preparations for their time.

Mrs. Dysinger thanked Dr. Wittwer for the opportunity to attend the NOACSC open house. She was impressed with the operation.

Dr. Browning expressed his appreciation to the staff for recognizing needs in the classroom and going above and beyond to make additional programming available to students.

2007-02-007 EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mrs. Rothey to recess to executive session to discuss evaluation and compensation of personnel at 8:45 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 9:44 p.m.

2007-02-008 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Rothey to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

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

President

Read and Approved February 26, 2007.

Treasurer