

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

The Board of Education of the Findlay City Schools met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Library at Chamberlin Hill Intermediate 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.

2007-03-003 Executive Session

It was moved by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Shrader to recess to executive session to discuss the evaluation of personnel at 6:31 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.

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

CELEBRATIONS

Jennings Grant recipients were recognized for their extra efforts. The mock trial team finished in the top 16 at state competition. Millstream students were recognized for their efforts on the downtown park design. Girls and boys' basketball teams were congratulated and wished luck on the tournament trail. The Drumline competition will be held this weekend. Challenge Day was an awesome experience. Congratulations to the orchestra on their recent competition successes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FEA President Dee Groman welcomed students from the 4th grade classes at Lincoln; announced that the FEA approved the change in life insurance carriers and the 3-hour delay/one hour extended day pilot option; congratulated retiring teachers and grant writers; thanked the community for supporting the schools through gifts; and congratulated the basketball teams on their victories.

Mrs. McGonnell welcomed the Board and guests to Chamberlin Hill and shared how the Chamberlin Hill staff is combining academics and other activities in an effort to educate the whole child.

Jackie Gray addressed the Board of Education with her concerns about the Out of School Suspension Policy and shared her excitement about the Challenge Day program at Findlay High School.

Lauara Marshall, a Vanguard Student, was in attendance for the meeting.

2007-03-004 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Rothey, seconded by Mrs. Dysinger to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 26, 2007 and the special meeting on March 5, 2007.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Brown distributed a letter received from Governor Strickland in response to the Board letter regarding increased retirement contributions.

Mr. Barnhart distributed copies of the letter that was sent to Governor Strickland regarding the board's position on increased retirement contributions. He also shared that the Findlay Digital Academy FY06 audit report has been received and it is a clean audit.

CONSENT ITEMS

2007-03-005 Consent Items A-K

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

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

A. Retirements

The superintendent recommends that the following retirements be accepted:

Debbie Bandy (Whittier, Art)
Reason: Retirement

(20 years)
Eff: 6/30/07

Rosemary Hurt (Northview, Grade 2)	(30 years)
Reason: Retirement	Eff: 5/31/07
 Jane Shadle (Northview, Grade 2)	 (30 years)
Reason: Retirement	Eff: 5/31/07

B. Resignations

The superintendent recommends that the following resignations be accepted:

Kerry Draper (Speech/Language Pathologist)	(2 years)
Reason: Relocation	Eff: 5/29/07

C. Leaves of Absence

The superintendent recommends that the following leaves of absence be granted to the following certificated personnel:

Rebecca Ellerbrock (Whittier, Grade 1)
 Effective: February 13 thru April 23, 2007
 Reason: FMLA Maternity

Andrea Kokensparger (Whittier, Counselor)
 Effective: January 17 thru March 9, 2007
 Reason: FMLA Maternity

D. 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. Mentor Stipend @ \$250.00 – Rhonda Simons
2. LAMP, II Coordinator @ \$1,725.00 – Kathy Conine
(Paid from Ohio Reads Fund – 459-9459)
3. Curriculum Writing @ \$19.69/hour

Francis Core	Maureen Gannon	Tim Opp
Mark Dickman	Mark Laux	Stephanie Stephan
4. Substitute Teachers @ \$82.00/day Jennie Engrissei Val Mikenas
5. Digital Academy – Instructional Coaches (as needed basis)
Step 0 @ \$19.69/hour

Lori Faeth	Karen Ouwenga	Stephanie Roth
Dan Matheny	Debbie Reynolds	
6. Adult Education Instructor @ Step 0, \$19.69/hour – Rolly Lutz
7. Entry Year Teacher Mentors
 - Shelly Gilbert – Lead Mentor @ \$1,000.00
 - Lindsey Boes @ \$250.00
 - Mark Dickman @ \$500.00
 - Lori Faeth @ \$500.00
 - Nancy Frankenfield @ \$250.00
 - Heather Howell @ \$500.00
 - Mary Beth Kennedy-Mowery @ \$500.00
 - Julie Miller @ \$500.00
 - Shannon Moyer @ \$500.00
 - Tim Opp @ \$500.00
 - Mark Pendleton @ \$500.00
 - Angela Ross @ \$500.00
 - Angi Schroeder @ \$500.00
 - Rhonda Simons @ \$250.00

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL (E thru H)

E. Retirement

The superintendent recommends that the following retirement be accepted:

Robin Rader (M. South/Floater, Custodian)	(7 years)
Reason: Retirement	Eff: 4/1/07

F. Resignations

The superintendent recommends that the following resignations be accepted:

Kimberly Hollenback (Substitute Custodian)	(1 year)
Reason: Personal	Eff: 2/23/07
Nancy VanAtta (FHS, Educational Aide)	(15 years)
Reason: Personal	Eff: 3/5/07

G. Leave of Absence

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

Marge Borsani (Central, Food Service Worker)
Effective: Feb. 26 thru May 26, 2007
Reason: FMLA

H. 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:

- LAMP, II Coordinators @ \$1,725.00 per school

Tonita Altvater – Central	Beth Rarey – Glenwood
Tonita Altvater – Donnell	Linda VanDerMolen – Chamberlin Hill
- Substitute and/or Per Diem Employees

Lori Kempfer – substitute custodian @ \$9.90/hour
Lori Kempfer – substitute food service worker @ \$8.20/hour
David Zellers – substitute custodian @ \$9.90/hour
- Lunch Hour Monitor @ \$8.25/hour – Mike Hough

I. Monthly Financial Report

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

J. Resolution Accepting Tax Rates

The superintendent recommends that the resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, be adopted, as shown in EXHIBIT B.

K. 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:	Three Cameras, two DVD/VCR's and 1-printer (value \$960.00)
FROM:	Jacobs/Washington Schools PTO
TO:	Jacobs Primary School

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

ACTION ITEMS

2007-03-006 Acceptance of Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Grant

It was moved by Mrs. Rothey, seconded by Dr. Browning, to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Grant in the amount of \$1,644.00 to the Findlay City School District and Mrs. Deb Wickerham, teacher at Chamberlin Hill Intermediate School, for her grant titled "Science Path Through Reading," which is explained in EXHIBIT C.

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

2007-03-007 Acceptance of Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Grant

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mrs. Dysinger to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 to the Findlay City School District, Gifted Services Department and Mrs. Kristin Woodhull for her grant titled "Academic Enrichment Clusters," which is explained in EXHIBIT D.

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

2007-03-008 Resolution to Support a Three-Hour Delay Pilot

It was moved by Mrs. Rothey, seconded by Mr. Shrader to approve the superintendent's recommendation that the board adopt a Resolution to Support a Three-hour Delay/One-hour Extended Day Pilot Program for the balance of the 2006/2007 School Year.

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

REPORTS

There was none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Levy

Dr. Wittwer and Jen Ruhe discussed the Levy.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

There was none.

BOARD'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Brown congratulated Craig Kupferberg and Sandy White on their recently published article on collaborative learning communities.

Dr. Browning thanked the Chamberlin Hill staff for setting the bar high for students; thanked the Findlay High School staff for organizing Challenge Day; thanked Mrs. Gray for sharing her concerns about the out of school suspension policy; thanked the grant writers for their extra efforts; and he discussed funding for all day kindergarten and asked that it become part of the legislative agenda.

2007-03-009 Executive Session

It was moved by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Shrader to recess to executive session to discuss the evaluation of personnel at 7:58 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.

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 9:44 p.m.

2007-03-010 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Shrader to adjourn at 9:45 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.

President

Treasurer

Read and Approved March 26, 2007.