

**Board of Education Meeting
March 13, 2006**

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

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

CELEBRATIONS

Donnell is celebrating literacy and reading with special reading programs and an author visit. Findlay Fest was wonderful and it was announced that the average GPA of students in FFE is 3.71! Millstream was celebrated for their innovative programming. Whittier is celebrating Right-to-Read week with a rain forest theme. Central students raised \$1,500.00 for the St. Jude marathon. Seventh and eighth grade Power of the Pen teams won first place in their recent competitions.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FEA President Dee Groman mentioned that the Ohio Education Association is sponsoring a brunch with legislators; she offered congratulations to the Washington staff for their successful grant proposal; offered well wishes to retiring teachers; and acknowledged the gift in memory of Crystal Greiner.

Wilson Vance Principal Dave Barnhill welcomed the Board of Education to Wilson Vance School and gave an interactive demonstration on the Classroom Performance System (CPS). He discussed how teachers are using the system to pre-assess student learning.

2006-03-004 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mr. Cavallero to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 27, 2006.

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

2006-03-005 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mrs. Rothey to approve the minutes of the special meeting on March 6, 2006.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Browning received a letter from a teacher in a neighboring school district regarding special education students. Mr. Barnhart received a response from the Ohio Department of Education acknowledging receipt and acceptance of the district's financial plan.

CONSENT ITEMS

2006-03-006 Consent Items A-N

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

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

A. Retirements

The superintendent recommends that the following retirements be accepted:

Candace Colwell (Donnell, Social Studies) Reason: Retirement	(20 years) Eff: 7/1/06
Marsha Cramer (Northview, Grade Kindergarten) Reason: Retirement	(26 years) Eff: 7/1/06
Mike Root (FHS, Physical Education) Reason: Retirement	(33 Years) Eff: 3/27/06
Sheila Root (Glenwood, Grade 8) Reason: Retirement	(34 Years) Eff: 3/27/06
Katie Weary (Northview, Grade 2) Reason: Retirement	(30 years) Eff: 6/12/06

B. Resignations

The superintendent recommends that the following resignations be accepted:

Amber Brenamen (from Leave of Absence)	(2 years)
Reason: Personal	Eff: 7/1/06
Melissa Kreiling (Wilson Vance, Grade 3)	(2 years)
Reason: Relocation	Eff: 6/13/06

C. Leave of Absence

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

Jill Liebrecht (Northview, Grade 1)
Effective: 2006/2007 School Year
Reason: Maternity

D. Extension of Leave of Absence

The superintendent recommends approval of an extension of her leave of absence, without pay, be granted to the following certified personnel:

Theresa Foley-Reed (Northview, Grade 1)
Effective: 2006/2007 School Year
Reason: Maternity

E. 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 @ \$19.21/hour

Lori Anast	Kathy Copus	Jenna Potteiger
Candace Bundren	Kim Plesec	Anne Rodgers

2. Adult Education Instructor

Step 0 @ \$19.21/hour – Simone Logan-Phillips

3. Supplemental Duty Assignment

Benjamin Fry – FHS, assistant girls' track coach @ \$2,672.90

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL (F thru G)

F. Leave of Absence

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

Di Naiman (Lincoln, Secretary)
Effective: March 15, 16, & 17, 2006
Reason: Personal

G. 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. Substitute and/or Per Diem Employees

Noell Boyer – substitute educational aide @ \$9.00/hour
Brenda Roethlisberger – substitute clerical @ \$9.00/hour
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2. 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:

Sarah Heinfeld – FHS, assistant girls' track coach @ \$2,672.90

H. Correction to Minutes

The superintendent recommends the correction of the minutes of the January 23, 2006 board meeting minutes change the effective date of retirement for Cindy Shoupe-Parke as shown below:

Cindy Shoupe-Parke	(26 years)
Reason: Retirement	Eff: 2/25/06
	Change to: 3/24/06

I. Monthly Financial Report

The superintendent recommends that the Monthly Financial Report for February 2006 be accepted as presented by the treasurer. (see EXHIBIT A)

J. 2006 Millage Rate Resolution

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 Gift

The superintendent recommends the acceptance and written expression of appreciation for the gift, listed below, which has been given to the Findlay City School District:

GIFT:	\$25.00
FROM:	Jerry and Judy Gostnell
TO:	Millstream Technology Center – Multimedia Class (in memory of Crystal Greiner)

L. Adoption of Elementary Technology Support Coordinator Job Description

The superintendent recommends adoption of the job description for an Elementary Technology Support Coordinator which was presented to the Board of Education at the February 27, 2006 board meeting as Exhibit G.

M. Approval of the Special Area Compensation Plan, Page 6

The superintendent recommends approval of the Special Area Compensation Plan, Page 6, which was presented to the Board of Education at the January 23, 2006 board meeting, revised to go with the new job description and shown in EXHIBIT C.

N. Adoption of Board Policy 6.02a – F4 Hold Harmless Clause

The superintendent recommends approval of the Board Policy 6.02a – F4 Hold Harmless Clause which was presented to the Board of Education at the February 27, 2006 board meeting as Exhibit E.

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

ACTION ITEMS

2006-03-007 Acceptance of Community Foundation Grant

It was moved by Mr. Cavallero, seconded by Mr. Shrader to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the grant received by Washington Intermediate School from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation for \$28,800.00 for equipment to enact the Classroom Performance System for their students, as explained in EXHIBIT D.

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

REPORTS

There was none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Board Policy 7.13 F2 – Professional Meeting Form

EXHIBIT E

Mr. Barnhart presented Board Policy 7.13 F2 – Professional Meeting Form.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Wittwer thanked teachers and parents for their support of children during testing. He has been presenting the financial health plan to service clubs. He noted a meeting to discuss plans for the permanent improvement levy campaign will be held on Thursday at 7 p.m.

BOARD'S COMMENTS

Mr. Shrader thanked Mr. Barnhill for the demonstration on CPS. He also congratulated the girls' basketball team on a successful season.

Dr. Browning congratulated the Washington staff on their grant award and thanked them for their dedication to students.

Mrs. Rothey thanked Dr. Wittwer for writing to legislators regarding educational issues.

Mr. Cavallero thanked the administrative team for coordinating the permanent improvement levy and encouraged Board members to help get the word out.

2006-03-008 Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mrs. Rothey to recess to executive session for the purpose of hearing an athletic suspension appeal and discussing negotiations at 7:55 p.m.

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

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 10:05 p.m.

President Brown made the following statement regarding the athletic suspension appeal: "The Board finds this a particularly difficult case and we are exercising our right to call a recess and reconvene later to determine our action on this matter. We intend to reconvene in Executive Session after the March 27, 2006, 7:00 p.m. board meeting. We ask that neither party should draw any conclusions about the ultimate resolution from our decision to recess this evening."

2006-03-009 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Shrader to adjourn at 10:07 p.m.

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

President

Treasurer

Read and Approved March 27, 2006.