

**Board of Education Meeting
March 26, 2007**

The Board of Education of the Findlay City Schools met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at Glenwood Middle 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 FHS musical was a fantastic production. Kyle Collette presented his winning essay on the 4-way test to the Rotary Club. Mr. Alvarado welcomed the board to Glenwood Middle School and celebrated the following: a therapy dog has been approved for Glenwood; Jerry Kindig and Savannah Stark were Optimist Essay winners; Art Teacher, Jason Wagner, presented at the National Art Conference in New York; Glenwood students participated in Hats On Day and raised money for the City Mission; Glenwood will once again have a summer library program; Right-to-Read week is ongoing; and Glenwood will have a Festival of Chocolate on Thursday.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FEA President Dee Groman acknowledged retirements, contract renewals and community gifts; announced that the Findlay Education Association will be supporting the levy with a variety of activities; noted that FEA supports the increase in employer and employee STRS contributions; stated she will attend the "Big Board" scheduling session on Thursday morning; inquired about the staff survey as directed by the negotiated agreement; and congratulated Glenwood on receiving the library grant. She also requested to have a place in future meeting agendas where public comments could be heard at the end of the meeting.

2007-03-011 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Rothey, seconded by Mrs. Dysinger to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 12, 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

Dr. Wittwer distributed a schedule of regional meetings from the Ohio Department of Education about creating a "World Class Education System."

2007-03-012 Executive Session

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Shrader to recess to executive session to discuss the employment of personnel at 7:25 p.m.

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

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 7:40 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

2007-03-013 Consent Items A-K

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

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

A. Retirements

The superintendent recommends that the following retirements be accepted:

Barbara Buttermore (FHS, Mathematics) Reason: Retirement	(37 years) Eff: 6/2/07
Linda Pochard (Glenwood, Grade 6) Reason: Retirement	(26 years) Eff: 6/1/07
Phyllis Schaffer (Northview, Grade 2) Reason: Retirement	(35 years) Eff: 6/11/07
Kathryn Summers (Washington, Grade 4) Reason: Retirement	(30 years) Eff: 6/30/07

B. Resignation

The superintendent recommends that the following resignation be accepted:

Ben Fry (FHS, Assistant Boys' Track Coach)
Reason: Other employment

Eff: 2/16/07

C. Leave of Absence

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

Denise Sheehe (Jacobs, Special Ed.)
Effective: 2007/2008 school year
Reason: 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. Camp Technology Stipends

Cheryl Corron – Cool Careers Coordinator & Asst. Director @ \$900.00
Julie Lane – Camp Director @ \$1,300.00
Craig Rennels – Engineering Camp Assistant Coordinator @ \$600.00
Bill Shoop – Engineering Camp Coordinator @ \$600.00
Kim Thiry – Medical Careers Camp Coordinator @ \$600.00

2. Adult Education Instructors

<u>Step 0 @ \$19.69/hour</u>	Michael J. Martin	Hilde Zeglen
<u>Step 2 @ \$20.22/hour</u>	Teresa Margraf	

3. Substitute Teacher @ \$82.00/day Addie Maas

4. Ryan Dulaney Workshop Stipend @ \$50.00 each

Lorie Bishop	Tracey Haygood	Nick Say
Lindsey Boes	Amanda Hodson	Julie Schneider
Chris Brooks	Danielle LaFountain	Steve Seagrave
Susan Davis	Kristen Lichtle	Kevin Veroneau
Julie Estep	Molly Mendenhall	Mike Wallace
Laura Finney	Julie Miller	Deb Wickerham
Kelee Garmong	Nicole Newlove	Anne Wilin
Karen Gerschutz	Jessica Puperi	Holly Wise
Dee Groman	Barbara Risser	Peter Zaras
Roseann Halliday	Lani Sapp	Megan Zivkovich

5. Supplemental Duty Assignment

Jack Marshall – FHS, assistant girls' track coach @ \$2,739.69

E. Certified Administrator Contracts (Renewals)

The superintendent recommends that the following certificated administrative contracts be renewed for the period noted below. This is based upon a positive evaluation of the performance of each administrator listed:

Contract Renewals

Chris Brooks	3 years (8/1/07 – 7/31/10)
Craig Kupferberg	3 years (8/1/07 – 7/31/10)
Rosemary Lugabihl	2 years (8/1/07 – 7/31/09)
Susan McGonnell	3 years (8/1/07 – 7/31/10)
Chris Renn	3 years (8/1/07 – 7/31/10)
Nicholas Say	3 years (8/1/07 – 7/31/10)
Amy Scherer	2 years (8/1/07 – 7/31/09)
Nathan Sorg	3 years (8/1/07 – 7/31/10)
Kathleen Young	3 years (8/1/07 – 7/31/10)

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL (F thru I)

F. Resignations

The superintendent recommends that the following resignations be accepted:

Jennifer Ruhe (Public Relations & HR Coordinator)	(4 years)
Reason: Other Employment	Eff: 6/30/07
April Sonnenberg (Transportation, Bus Driver)	(3 years)
Reason: Personal	Eff: 8/01/06

G. Leave of Absence

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

Norma Crates (Bigelow Hill, Food Service)
Effective: March 12, 2007 – June 8, 2007

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:

1. Substitute and/or Per Diem Employees
Sara Dulaney – substitute food service worker @ \$8.20/hour
2. Tech Department/Work Study Student @ \$7.50/hr. – Jake Downs

I. Classified Special Area Administrator Contracts (renewals)

The superintendent recommends that the following classified special area administrative contracts which expire 6/30/07, be renewed for the period listed below. This is based upon a positive evaluation of the performance of each administrator listed:

<u>Contract Renewals</u>	
Carolyn Clevenger	1 year (7/1/07 – 6/30/08)
Bill Haggerty	1 year (7/1/07 – 6/30/08)
Paulette Hartman	3 years (7/1/07 – 6/30/10)
Dewey Lee	2 years (7/1/07 – 6/30/09)
Jason Ludwig	2 years (7/1/07 – 6/30/09)
Jennifer Miller	3 years (7/1/07 – 6/30/10)
Jerry Snodgrass	3 years (7/1/07 – 6/30/10)

J. 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:	Sewing Machine (value \$699.99)
TO:	FHS Fashion and Construction Class
FROM:	Findlay Sewing Center
GIFT:	80 yards of Red Star fabric (retail value \$1,520.00) 103-3/4 yards of assorted fabrics (retail value \$881.94)
TO:	Family and Consumer Science Program at FHS
FROM:	The Ohio Farm House (Larry & Darlene Hammond)
GIFT:	4 – Digital cameras (valued at \$943.00)
TO:	Jacobs Primary School – First Grade classrooms
FROM:	Jacobs/Washington Schools PTO (Clint Baker, Treasurer)
GIFT:	\$250.00
TO:	Chamberlin Hill Land Lab
FROM:	Nature's Housekeeping Garden Club
GIFT:	\$250.00
TO:	Findlay High School Student Council
FROM:	Marathon Petroleum Company

K. Correction of January 22, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

The superintendent recommends the correction of the minutes for the January 22, 2007 board meeting to reflect the change in resignation date for Pam Bixler as noted below:

EFFECTIVE DATE FROM: June 19, 2007
EFFECTIVE DATE TO: June 8, 2007

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

ACTION ITEMS

2007-03-014 Acceptance of Community Foundation Grant to Glenwood Middle School

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Shrader to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Community Foundation Grant authorizing a six-month grant in the amount of \$1,300.00 which was awarded to Glenwood Middle School to partially support staff to keep the school library open during the summer (funding source: R & D Stober Fund), as explained in EXHIBIT A.

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

2007-03-015 Acceptance of Community Foundation Grant to Project NOW

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mrs. Dysinger to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Community Foundation Grant in the amount of \$14,139.00 for the use and benefit of the New Opportunities for Work Project (Project NOW) during 2007 (funding source: Secor Fund), as explained in EXHIBIT B.

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

2007-03-016 Acceptance of Community Foundation Grant to the Findlay School District

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Shrader to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Community Foundation Grant in the amount of \$4,038.00 to provide financial support during 2007 for the Findlay City School staff to pursue innovative program ideas that directly impact student learning (funding source: William and Martha Lape Fund), 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.

REPORTS

There was none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. AP European History Course of Study EXHIBIT D

Sandy White presented the AP European History Course of Study.

B. AP Calculus Course of Study EXHIBIT E

Sandy White presented the AP Calculus Course of Study.

C. AP Spanish Language Course of Study EXHIBIT F

Sandy White presented the AP Spanish Language Course of Study.

D. AP Biology Course of Study EXHIBIT G

Sandy White presented the AP Biology Course of Study.

E. AP Chemistry Course of Study EXHIBIT H

Sandy White presented the AP Chemistry Course of Study.

F. AP Environmental Science Course of Study EXHIBIT I

Sandy White presented the AP Environmental Science Course of Study.

G. AP US Government and Politics Course of Study EXHIBIT J

Sandy White presented the AP US Government and Politics Course of Study.

H. AP Latin Course of Study EXHIBIT K

Sandy White presented the AP Latin Course of Study.

I. AP German Language Course of Study EXHIBIT L

Sandy White presented the AP German Language Course of Study.

J. AP French Language Course of Study EXHIBIT M

Sandy White presented the AP French Language Course of Study.

K. Honors Algebra II Course of Study EXHIBIT N

Karen Ouwenga presented the Honors Algebra II Course of Study.

L. List of Textbooks EXHIBIT O

Sandy White presented the List of Textbooks.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr Wittwer asked the policy committee to set a date to review and update policies on student conduct, public records and physical education credit for high school students; and he noted that the curriculum council will be reviewing the new math curriculum at their next meeting.

BOARD'S COMMENTS

The Board thanked the Findlay Education Association for their support of the levy.

Mrs. Brown acknowledged the retirement of Kathy Summers and the extra work she has done to coordinate Clothe-A-Child, and she thanked the Findlay High School staff for the growth of AP classes over the past several years.

Dr. Browning thanked the Community Foundation and community members for their support of the schools.

Mrs. Rothery explained her position about why the Board does not support the increase in employer contributions for STRS.

Mr. Shrader thanked the FEA for inviting him to the roundtable discussion regarding the middle school schedule.

Mrs. Dysinger expressed her appreciation for the Chamberlin Hill "We The People" program.

2007-03-017 Executive Session

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mrs. Rothery to recess to executive session for the purpose of a student expulsion appeal at 8:10 p.m.

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

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

2007-03-018 Amend Expulsion of a Student

It was moved by Mrs. Dysinger, seconded by Dr. Browning to amend the expulsion of a student and return him/her to classes on April 10, 2007. This will allow time for a re-entry plan to be established which will include goal setting with his/her guidance counselor in regards to academic performance, personal behavior, and community service to be monitored throughout the rest of this school year. The "Days of Expulsion Placed in Abeyance" contract will still be in effect, and all of this is to occur under supervision of the appropriate administrators.

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

2007-03-019 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Shrader to adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

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

President

Treasurer

Read and Approved April 23, 2007.