

**Board of Education Meeting
March 9, 2009**

The Board of Education of the Findlay City Schools met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at Findlay High School.

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

CELEBRATIONS

Dr. Wittwer announced that Eric Anderson and Ann Buis have agreed to co-chair the levy campaign! He also congratulated the staff and students of Findlay High School on the wonderful job they did representing the district during the Governor's visit.

Susan Chesebro celebrated the many accomplishments that have taken place at Whittier Primary School this year. They love all day every day kindergarten. The students and teachers are very proud of data binder nights that are held to allow students to share their data binders with their parents.

Mrs. Dysinger celebrated the wonderful job Dennis McPherson and the Findlay City Schools did once again in the face of flooding issues. She also informed everyone of the We the People night at Chamberlin Hill. She also announced that the Stately Raven bookstore was having an author visit that was co-sponsored by the Findlay High School social studies department on March 26.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FEA President Dee Groman wished all the retirees well; noted that she and Mr. Kapostasy attended the Governor's visit at Findlay High School; thanked the community for all the gifts they give the system – they make a real difference; congratulated the staff on all the hard work they do preparing the courses of study; said teachers are entering their prime teaching time with testing coming up soon; and said that she is proud of the joint effort that takes place between administration and staff.

2009-03-001 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mrs. Lockard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 23, 2009.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Wittwer shared letters he had written to the Governor regarding his proposed education reform bill. He also shared the roundtable notes.

CONSENT ITEMS

2009-03-002 Consent Items A-T

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

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

A. Retirement

The superintendent recommends that the following retirement be accepted:

Marcela Ritter (FHS, Foreign Language)	(22 years)
Reason: Retirement	Eff: May 29, 2009

B. Leaves of Absence – (will use paid sick leave, if available)

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

Barbara Foust (Wilson Vance, Grade 3)
Effective: Feb. 18 to April 17, 2009
Reason: FMLA

Rachael Hertel (Jacobs, Special Education)
Effective: Feb. 9 to March 22, 2009
Reason: FMLA

Nancy Scott (Chamberlin Hill, Grade 4)
Effective: March 10 to end of school year
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:

1. Noon Hour Monitor @ \$8.67/hour - Christy Caudill (Whittier)

2. Substitute and/or Per Diem Employee

Nick Evanoff - Substitute P.A.S.S. Security Officer @ \$15.00/hour

3. Volunteer Club Advisor/Helper (2008/2009 School Year)

Merv Schrock - FFE truck/equipment driver @ Volunteer
Denise Sheehe - SHOCKWAVE @ Volunteer

4. Supplemental Duty Assignment - 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 position, listed below, to the certificated employees of the district and have advertised the position to certificated personnel not employed by the district, and

WHEREAS, no qualified certificated individual has been found for this position,

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

Richard Mills - Donnell, assistant 7th/8th gr. girls' track coach @ \$1,745.86

5. Technologist

Jacob Downs (Initial Assignment – Technologist)
Salary: \$10.50/hour
Effective: March 1 - June 30, 2009

I. Monthly Financial Report

The Treasurer recommends that the Monthly Financial Report for February 2009, be accepted as presented. (see EXHIBIT A)

J. Acceptance of New Activity Fund and New Student Activity Budget

The treasurer recommends approval to open new activity fund #300-947 to accommodate funds for the Findlay Indoor Drum Line and new student activity budget for Findlay High School Indoor Drum Line, #300-947, all shown in EXHIBIT B.

K. Resolution Accepting Tax Rates (*Note: this exhibit was incorrect. A corrected exhibit was approved at the March 23, 2009 board of education meeting)

The superintendent recommends approval of 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, as shown in EXHIBIT C.

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 Toyota Camry (valued at \$500.00)
FROM: Ms. Laura Mercer
TO: Millstream CTC (for training and fund raising purposes)

GIFT: 1998 Chrysler Minivan (valued at \$500.00)
FROM: Ms. Mary Julien-Crew
TO: Millstream CTC (for training and fund raising purposes)

M. Approval of Essay Writing Course of Study

The superintendent recommends adoption of the Essay Writing Course of Study presented at the February 23, 2009 board meeting as Exhibit H.

N. Approval of AP English Grade 11 Course of Study

The superintendent recommends adoption of the AP English Grade 11 Course of Study presented at the February 23, 2009 board meeting as Exhibit I.

O. Approval of 2-D/3-D Design Course of Study

The superintendent recommends adoption of the 2-D/3-D Design Course of Study presented at the February 23, 2009 board meeting as Exhibit J.

P. Approval of Sculpture Course of Study

The superintendent recommends adoption of the Sculpture Course of Study presented at the February 23, 2009 board meeting as Exhibit K.

Q. Approval of Art III Course of Study

The superintendent recommends adoption of the Art III Course of Study presented at the February 23, 2009 board meeting as Exhibit L.

R. Approval of Jewelry Course of Study

The superintendent recommends adoption of the Jewelry Course of Study presented at the February 23, 2009 board meeting as Exhibit M.

S. Approval of Art Grades 6-8 Course of Study

The superintendent recommends adoption of the Art Grades 6-8 Course of Study presented at the February 23, 2009 board meeting as Exhibit N.

T. Approval of Textbook Adoption List

The superintendent recommends approval of the Textbook Adoption List which was presented to the Board of Education at the February 23, 2009 board meeting as Exhibit O.

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

ACTION ITEMS

2009-03-003 Five-Year Forecast

It was moved by Mr. Pochard, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the Treasurer's recommendation for approval of the Five-Year Forecast document as required by Section 5704.391 O.R.C. enacted as sub. HB. 412 and presented as EXHIBIT D.

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

REPORTS

A. Ohio Improvement Process (OIP) Update EXHIBIT E

Sandy White gave an Ohio Improvement Process (OIP) update.

B. Management Team Facilities Committee Report Update

Mr. Hoffman gave a management team facilities committee report update.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Board Meeting/Community Forum Date

Dr. Wittwer presented the board meeting/community forum date of March 23rd.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Wittwer thanked everyone for all their patience during this time of uncertain weather.

BOARD'S COMMENTS

Mr. Pochard said that he attended the Governor's visit at Findlay High School. It was a proud day for Findlay High School and the district.

2009-03-004 Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mrs. Lockard to go into executive session to discuss the purchase or sale of property and employment of personnel at 7:30 p.m.

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

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 9:22 p.m.

2009-03-005 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Dysinger, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to adjourn at 9:23 p.m.

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

President

Treasurer

Read and approved March 23, 2009.