

**Board of Education Meeting
April 26, 2010**

The Board of Education of the Findlay City Schools met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium at Jefferson Primary School.

President Hoffman called the meeting to order. Present were: Mrs. Dysinger, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Lockard, Mr. Pochard, Mr. Shrader (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Superintendent Wittwer, and Treasurer Barnhart.

CELEBRATIONS

Principal Mike Wallace celebrated his students and their caring for others at Jefferson Primary School. He said they recently participated in the Life Line Missions peanut butter drive and collected 431 jars of peanut butter. They also collected stuffed animals for their Stuff for Love project and donated the animals to Open Arms and other local agencies. He celebrated the students and their academic achievements as well.

Mrs. Dysinger celebrated the Rotary Golden Apple winners: Linda VanDerMolen from Donnell and Susan Davidson from Findlay High School. She stated Findlay has a long history of Golden Apple winners; she congratulated them all. She also celebrated the recent licensed cosmetologists.

Mrs. Lockard celebrated the National Latinist exam performances by Findlay High School students.

The Board recognized the National Merit Scholarship finalists: Jessica Braddock, Cole Lautermilch, Emily Rivest, and Commended Students: Amanda Gerardi, Maggie Gilliland and Nick Taylor.

The Board also recognized grant writers Courtney Roush, Jacobs Primary School for her Project Ball and Nutrition grant in the amount \$1,030.00, and Judy Withrow, Gifted Coordinator for her Pre-School Literacy grant in the amount of \$2,000.00.

2010-04-009 Acceptance of Grants

It was moved by Mrs. Lockard, seconded by Mrs. Dysinger to approve the superintendent's recommendation for approval of the two Grants the Findlay City School Board is being awarded by The Community Foundation in the amounts indicated above to the teachers listed above for reasons noted in EXHIBIT A. Both grants are funded from the Hancock Education Fund.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Betsy Bowe of Malcolm Pirnie gave an update on the progress of the North Middle School Revitalization grant and the public had an opportunity to make comments. The final public meeting will take place on July 22 in City Council Chambers.

Brian Hurt, City Engineer, gave an update on the Safe Routes to Schools grant and indicated there would be a public meeting on May 4.

FEA past president Dee Groman recognized the hard work of the National Merit Scholarship participants; celebrated the teachers who would be receiving continuing contracts; and thanked the administration for the training and support during OAA testing time: she noted elementary is two-thirds of the way through.

Hannah Gephart read a statement from Krystan Krucki about Ryan Shifley, Findlay High School volleyball coach. Parents of volleyball players: Kathy and Tim Krucki, Ed Romatowski, and Earl Streaker all spoke to support Ryan. Ryan also spoke about his work as a volleyball coach.

2010-04-010 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Dysinger, seconded by Mr. Shrader to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 12, 2010.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Wittwer shared a packet of information from Touchstone and Bruce Miller.

CONSENT ITEMS

2010-04-011 Consent Items A-N

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

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

A. Leaves of Absence (will use sick time until no longer available)

The superintendent recommends that a leave of absence, with pay, be granted to the following certificated personnel:

Barbara Bormuth (FHS, English)
Effective: 4/16/10 – 5/9/10
Reason: FMLA

John Ewing (Millstream, Integrated Computer Systems)
Effective: 4/6/10 – end of the 2009/2010 school year
Reason: FMLA

Kelly Ruhe (Lincoln, Grade 3)
Effective: 4/6/10 – 5/23/10
Reason: FMLA

B. Leave of Absence (unpaid)

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

Kelly Ruhe (Lincoln, Grade 3)
Effective: 5/24/10 – end of the 2009/2010 school year
Reason: Extended FMLA

C. 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 B.C.I. which is not inconsistent with the applicant's answers on the employment application:

1. Visual and Performing Arts Evaluations @ \$21.25/hour – Amanda Kocsis
(Funded by Gifted State Identification Funds)

D. Reclassification

Alyssa Cummins
FROM: Substitute Teacher (FHS, Spanish) @ \$85.00/day
TO: FHS, Spanish (full time), BA, Step 0 @ \$32,968.00
Effective: 2010/2011 School Year

E. Certified Reappointments – 2010-2011 School Year (R.C. 3313.48)

The superintendent recommends that the certificated personnel, as shown in EXHIBIT B, be reappointed for the 2010-2011 school year – 184 days.

F. Reappointments – Extended Service – 2010-2011 School Year (R.C. 3313.48)

The superintendent recommends that the certificated personnel, as shown in EXHIBIT C, be reappointed for Extended Service Days for the 2010-2011 school year.

G. Continuing Contracts – Teachers

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| Gina Allen | Kristin Hudok | Courtney Roush |
| Bill Barberree | Brooke Imke | Kelly Ruhe |
| Kim Betts | Leigh Kuenzli | Denise Ryan |
| Becky Biesiada | Mark Laux | Wendy Shively |
| Leah Brant | Kristen Lichtle | Teresa Simons |
| Laura Briggs | Nicole Metzger | Becky Solomon |
| Mary Burget | Bryan Miller | Kevin Swan |
| Linda Dangelo | Lara Nissely | Paul Waldman |
| Angie Emans | Tammy O'Brien | Chris Wetz |
| Jill Erford | Karen Ouwenga | Kate Winger |

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| Laura Finney | Anne Potteiger | Diana Sanders-Wisely |
| Angie Goeller | Jenna Potteiger | Renee Zimmerly |
| Scott Grant | Lana Roth | |

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

H. Leaves of Absence (will use sick, vacation and personal time until no longer available)

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

Susan Blasius (FHS, Attendance Aide)
Effective: 5/7/10 – 5/25/10
Reason: FMLA

Judith Krantz (FHS, Aide)
Effective: 4/8/10 – 5/7/10
Reason: FMLA

I. Leave of Absence (unpaid)

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

Betsy Moyer (Donnell, Food Service)
Effective: 3/21/10 – end of 2009/2010 school year
Reason: Personal

J. 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 B.C.I. which is not inconsistent with the applicant's answers on the employment application:

1. Substitute and/or Per Diem Employees

Jennifer Howard – substitute monitor @ \$8.91/hr.
Lori Kempfer – substitute food service worker @ \$8.85/hr.
Jane Koch – substitute food service worker @ \$8.85/hr.

K. Resignation

The superintendent recommends that the following resignation be accepted:

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| Richard Weems (FHS, Aide) | (7 months) |
| Reason: Personal | Eff: 4/15/10 |

L. Salary Schedules for Cafeteria, Clerical, Technical Aide, Bus Mechanic, School Nurse, and Adult Education, Summer School, Home Instructors, P.A.S.S. Instructors, etc.

The superintendent recommends approval of the Salary Schedules for Cafeteria, Clerical, Technical Aide, Bus Mechanic, School Nurse, Adult Education, Summer School, Home Instructors, and P.A.S.S. Instructors, etc., as presented to the Board in EXHIBIT D.

M. FY10 Appropriations Amendment #3

The treasurer recommends that the FY10 Appropriations Amendment #3 be accepted as presented in EXHIBIT E.

N. Transfer of Funds

The treasurer recommends the transfer of \$75,000.00 from the general fund (001-7200-910) to the EMIS fund (432-5100-9004). The State requires the District to track EMIS costs in a separate fund and as a result the District must periodically transfer funds from the general fund to cover the EMIS costs that are not covered by state funding.

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

ACTION ITEMS

2010-04-012 Reduction-in-Force

It was moved by Mrs. Lockard, seconded by Mrs. Dysinger to approve the superintendent's recommendation for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the District has complied with the provisions of Article IV (F) of its agreement with the Findlay Education Association;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Findlay City School District Board of Education, effective at the end of the 2009/2010 school year, hereby intends to suspend the teaching contract of the following teacher because of decreased enrollment of pupils and lack of financial resources:

Herb Franks

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board directs the Treasurer to provide written notice to the affected teacher.

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

2010-04-013 Program of Requirements (POR) Design Phase Resolution

It was moved by Mrs. Dysinger, seconded by Mr. Pochard to approve the superintendent's recommendation for the acceptance of the Program of Requirements (POR) Design Phase Resolution as explained in EXHIBIT F.

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

2010-04-014 Five Year Forecast

It was moved by Mr. Pochard, seconded by Mr. Shrader to approve the treasurer's recommendation that the Five Year Forecast be accepted as presented in EXHIBIT G.

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

REPORT TO THE BOARD

A. iObservation Tools

Stephanie Roth presented iObservation Tools.

B. Donnell Neighborhood Meeting

Mrs. Dysinger, Dr. Wittwer, Mr. Jerry Murray and Mr. Brett Giess discussed the Donnell neighborhood meeting.

C. Questions and Answers for Design Team

Julie Sabourin from Garmann Miller discussed questions and answers for the design team.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

A. Policy Committee Meeting

Mrs. Lockard discussed the Policy Committee Meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Findlay High School 2010-2011 Student/Parent Handbook EXHIBIT H

Kelly Glick presented the Findlay High School 2010-2011 Student/Parent Handbook.

B. Board of Education Meeting Time (Summer)

The Board of Education meeting time for summer will change from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for the May, June, July and August meetings.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Wittwer stated he was extremely disappointed in the five year forecast due to state funding cuts. He stated that the district has worked very hard and has been fiscally responsible and with the state's budget cuts to the schools we will still be put in a difficult situation in 2012. He also informed everyone that new transition teams were being put into place now that the big decision was made on where the students will attend during the construction phase of the building project. These teams will be deciding things such as extra-curricular activities, staffing and many other parts of this transition from three middle schools to two.

BOARD'S COMMENTS

Mr. Shrader thanked the volleyball parents and players for addressing the board. He also stated with prom coming up he wanted to remind everyone to be safe. He noted there were 24 teaching days left until this school year comes to a close.

Mrs. Lockard shared that May 3-7 is Teacher Appreciation week. Remember to thank a teacher.

Mrs. Dysinger stated the new email addresses for the board would be active soon. Each board member has been given a new email address. Please check the website for these addresses.

2010-04-015 EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mr. Pochard to go into executive session to discuss employment of personnel at 7:58 p.m.

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

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 8:59 p.m.

2010-04-016 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mrs. Lockard to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

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

President

Treasurer

Read and approved May 24, 2010.