

**Board of Education Meeting
April 28, 2008**

The Board of Education of the Findlay City Schools met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at Donnell Middle School.

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

CELEBRATIONS

Matt Alexander was recognized and presented with a Resolution of Commendation for being named the 2008 State Wrestling Champion.

Don Williams, Principal of Donnell Middle School, welcomed the Board, staff and community members to Donnell. Mr. Williams highlighted the student art work in the cafeteria, the success of the 25th annual Chicken BBQ to benefit athletics and the Ron Jenkins Scholarship Fund, the Excellent rating Donnell received last year, and the many projects students and staff are involved in this year. Teacher Nancy Sheaffer demonstrated, along with several students, the smart board they used to study for a recent Social Studies test. Teacher Shelly Gilbert demonstrated her Quia class page for teaching math at Donnell and the links and materials available to the students online, including their math book.

Board member, Mr. Hoffman, acknowledged his possession of The History of Europe book which he checked out from the Findlay High School library 23 years ago! He returned this book and donated two new Economics books he purchased for the library as his fine payment.

Congratulations to the Donnell boys and girls track teams for being city champs.

The first meeting of the Community Facilities Committee took place last week. Everyone is anxious to hear the recommendations of this committee in the upcoming months.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FEA President Dee Groman recognized the certificated staff on the reappointment list as well as the administrators receiving renewal contracts; thanked Marathon for the monetary gift as well as to the Community Foundation for their grants; thanked the Board members who participated in the recent negotiations; noted there is only 30 days left in the school year, and said testing is nearing completion with the upcoming testing of special needs students.

2008-04-018 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mrs. Lockard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 14, 2008.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Shrader received two emails – one from Joyce Wood and Robynn Drerup, kindergarten teachers at Jefferson, in support of all-day kindergarten, and the other from Sheri Hindall, kindergarten teacher at Northview, also in support of all-day kindergarten.

Mrs. Lockard received a letter from the Hancock Youth Leadership program asking for a solution to “smoker’s corner” across the street from Findlay High School. She also received a communication from Rachel Topel, kindergarten teacher at Northview, in support of all-day kindergarten citing the need for more teaching time with these students.

Dr. Wittwer recently received enrollment projections. He also received a communication from Jerry Murray, RCM Architects, regarding the need to review the work on the courtyard and possibly needing to postpone due to the short summer. This will be a discussion item.

CONSENT ITEMS

2008-04-019 Consent Items A-W

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

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

A. Reappointments – 2008/2009 school year (R. C. 3313.48)

The superintendent recommends that the certificated personnel, as shown in EXHIBIT A, be reappointed for the 2008/2009 school year – 184 days.

B. Reappointments – 2008/2009 school year (R. C. 3313.48)

The superintendent recommends that the certificated personnel, as shown in EXHIBIT B, be reappointed for Extended Service days for the 2008/2009 school year.

C. Continuing Contracts

The superintendent recommends that the following certificated personnel be granted continuing contracts, effective the 2008/2009 school year:

Lorie Bishop	Rebecca Ellerbrock	Mike Magnes
Tonya Bruni	Vicki Hartenstein	Scott Marcum
Becky Bucher	Melissa Heydinger	Jill Mathewson
Candace Bundren	Heather Howell	Shannon Moyer
Desra Dabney	Julie Lammers	Terri Nonnemaker
Angela Dittman	Jenalee Lentz	Jody Ward

D. Resignations

The superintendent recommends that the following resignations be accepted:

Jennifer Talladay (W. Vance, Grade 3 – from LOA)	(2 years)
Reason: Personal	Eff: 6/30/08
Emilee A. Whetstone (FHS, Spanish)	(1 year)
Reason: Personal	Eff: 8/16/08

E. Leave of Absence (will use paid sick time, if available)

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

Cortney Rapp (FHS, Math)
Effective: March 31, 2008 – May 22, 2008
Reason: FMLA – Maternity

F. Leaves of Absence (without pay)

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

Cortney Rapp (FHS, Math)
Effective: May 23, 2008 – end of 2007/08 school year
Reason: FMLA – Maternity

Jason Wagner (Glenwood, Art Teacher)
Effective: 2008/2009 School Year
Reason: Further Education

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. Curriculum Writing @ \$20.08/hour

Heather Howell	Jenelle Niceley	Tammy Spaeth
Lyndsey Kramer	Lara Nissley	Becky Wank
Ben Neff	Lani Sapp	Holly Wise

2. Curriculum Writing @ \$20.08

Linda Bash	Linda Laux	Lisa Snook
Brigette Hoff		

H. Administrator Contract (Renewal)

The superintendent recommends that the following administrative contract which expires 7/31/08, be renewed for one (1) year from 8/1/08 thru 7/31/09. This is based upon a positive evaluation of the performance of this administrator:

Paul Blaine – Assistant Superintendent

I. Administrator Contracts (Renewals)

The superintendent recommends that the following administrative contracts which expire 7/31/08, be renewed for two (2) years from 8/1/08 thru 7/31/10. This is based upon a positive evaluation of the performance of these administrators:

David Alvarado – Glenwood Middle School, Principal
Pam Hamlin – Central Middle School, Assistant Principal
Kelly Legg – Findlay High School, Assistant Principal
Nate Weihrauch – Donnell Middle School, Assistant Principal
Don Williams – Donnell Middle School, Principal
Greg Williamson – Findlay High School, Assistant Principal
*Janice Panuto – mistakenly omitted – approved 5/12/08 meeting

J. Administrator Contracts (Renewals)

The superintendent recommends that the following administrative contracts which expire 7/31/08, be renewed for three (3) years from 8/1/08 thru 7/31/11. This is based upon a positive evaluation of the performance of these administrators:

David Barnhill – Wilson Vance Intermediate School, Principal
Susan Chesebro – Whittier Primary School, Principal
Deborah Rollins – Glenwood Middle School, Assistant Principal
Mike Wallace – Jefferson Primary School, Principal
Edith Wannemacher – Assistant Director of Millstream Career & Technology Center
*Judy Withrow – mistakenly omitted – approved 5/12/08 meeting

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL (K thru N)

K. Resignations

The superintendent recommends that the following resignations be accepted:

Carol Reisinger (Central, Computer Lab Aide)	(1 year)
Reason: Relocation	Eff: 5/2/08
Jeanette Robeson (FHS, Food Service Worker)	(10 years)
Reason: Personal	Eff: 4/30/08

L. Classified Administrator Contracts (Renewals)

The superintendent recommends that the following classified administrative contracts which expire 6/30/08, be renewed for a period of one (1) year from 7/1/08 thru 6/30/09. This is based upon a positive evaluation of the performance of this administrator:

Carolyn Clevenger – Student Attendance Case Manager
Bill Haggerty – Coordinator of Adult Education

M. Classified Administrator Contracts (Renewals)

The superintendent recommends that the following classified administrative contracts which expire 6/30/08, be renewed for a period of two (2) years from 7/1/08 thru 6/30/10. This is based upon a positive evaluation of the performance of these administrators:

Erik Potteiger – Elementary Technology Support Coordinator
Julie Routson – Assistant Transportation Director
Teresa Welty – Assistant Food Service Director

N. Classified Administrator Contract (Renewal)

The superintendent recommends that the following classified administrative contract which expires 6/30/08, be renewed for a period of three (3) years from 7/1/08 thru 6/30/11. This is based upon a positive evaluation of the performance of this administrator:

Dennis McPheron – Director of Operations

O. 2008/2009 Breakfast/Lunch Price Increases

The superintendent recommends approval of the 2008/2009 breakfast/lunch price increases which are presented to the board in EXHIBIT C.

P. Acceptance of Gift

The superintendent recommends the acceptance and written expression of appreciation for the gift received, as listed below:

GIFT: \$250.00
FROM: Marathon Petroleum Company, LLC
TO: FHS Academic Team for National Tournament in Chicago on May 23-25, 2008

Q. Approval of College Prep Economics Course of Study

The superintendent recommends approval of the College Prep Economics Course of Study which was presented to the Board of Education at the April 14, 2008 board meeting as Exhibit D.

R. Approval of Communications II Course of Study

The superintendent recommends approval of the Communications II Course of Study which was presented to the Board of Education at the April 14, 2008 board meeting as Exhibit E.

S. Approval of Health & Wellness Course of Study

The superintendent recommends approval of the Health & Wellness Course of Study which was presented to the Board of Education at the April 14, 2008 board meeting as Exhibit F.

T. Approval of Honors Algebra I (Middle School) Course of Study

The superintendent recommends approval of the Honors Algebra I (Middle School) Course of Study which was presented to the Board of Education at the April 14, 2008 board meeting as Exhibit G.

U. Approval of the Pre-Algebra (Middle School) Course of Study

The superintendent recommends approval of the Pre-Algebra Course of Study which was presented to the Board of Education at the April 14, 2008 board meeting as Exhibit H.

V. Approval of New Textbooks

The superintendent recommends approval of the list of new textbooks which was presented to the Board of Education at the April 14, 2008 board meeting as Exhibit I.

W. Resolution of Commendation

The superintendent recommends adoption of the Resolution of Commendation for the classified employee who has been a faithful employee of the Findlay City Schools, as listed below:

Jeanette Robeson

EXHIBIT D

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

ACTION ITEMS

2008-04-020 Recommendation to Support Tuition Free All-Day Everyday Kindergarten

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the superintendent's recommendation that the Board of Education support Tuition Free All-Day Everyday Kindergarten for all students in all primary/elementary buildings beginning the 2008/2009 school year.

Discussion ensued about the cost and research on all-day everyday kindergarten. Mrs. Lockard expressed concerns about the continual cost of all-day everyday kindergarten and her preference to wait and pose the question to the community on the upcoming community survey. Mrs. Dysinger read an email from absent board member Dr. Browning regarding all-day everyday kindergarten.

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

2008-04-021 Recommendation for the Dual Enrollment Option for FHS Students at the University of Findlay

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mrs. Lockard to approve the superintendent's recommendation for approval of the recommendation for the Findlay City Schools to work collaboratively with the University of Findlay to pilot a Dual Enrollment option for FHS students in Physics 250 for the 2008/2009 school year which will help us address provisions of the Ohio CORE, as explained in EXHIBIT E.

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

2008-04-022 Acceptance of Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation Grants

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of \$1,500.00 from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation Grant (funding source: Hancock Education Fund) to the Findlay City Schools and Judy Withrow, Gifted Coordinator, to fully support ten \$150.00 camp scholarships for children who qualify for free and reduced lunches as explained in EXHIBIT F;

to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of \$1,691.00 from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation Grant (funding source: Hancock Education Fund) to Findlay High School and Debbie Reynolds, Librarian, to partially support books to foster an appreciation of different cultures through developing a book club for seventy-five plus high school students, as explained in EXHIBIT G;

to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of \$636.00 from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation Grant (funding source: Hancock Education Fund) to Central Middle School and Kate Winger, to partially support books to encourage sixty REACH students to engage in reading following Mr. Wagner's journey to Vermeer, as explained in EXHIBIT H;

to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of \$1,225.00 from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation Grant (funding source: Hancock Education Fund) to Judy Withrow, Gifted Coordinator, and the Findlay City Schools to partially support materials to teach Chinese II to twenty plus elementary students, as explained in EXHIBIT I;

to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of \$500.00 from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation Grant (funding source: Hancock Education Fund) to Kay Sidle, Chamberlin Hill Intermediate School, to partially support materials to engage 540 students in a multi-cultural literary area by housing literature about dogs from other countries that collaborates with the current therapy dogs, as explained in EXHIBIT J;

to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of \$1,708.00 from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation Grant (funding Source: Hancock Education Fund) to Rebecca Stocking and Whittier Primary School, to fully support reading materials to encourage and improve literacy skills of eighty special needs preschoolers through parent/child participation, as explained in EXHIBIT K;

to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of \$1,183.00 from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation Grant (funding source: Hancock Education Fund) to Ellen Mohr and Central Middle School, to partially support books for sixth through eighth grade students to learn about different cultures in countries through reading, as explained in EXHIBIT L;

to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of \$2,000.00 from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation Grant (funding source: Hancock Education Fund) to Becky Baratta and Donnell Middle School, to partially support musical instruments to encourage students to learn drumming techniques, sing songs with drumming accompaniment, and to understand African and Latin American rhythms by giving the students hands-on experience, as explained in EXHIBIT M.

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

REPORTS

There was none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2008/2009 Parent Student Handbooks

1. Findlay High School 2008/2009 Parent Student Handbook EXHIBIT N

Kelly Legg presented the Findlay High School 2008/2009 Parent Student Handbook.

2. Glenwood Middle School 2008/2009 Parent Student Handbook EXHIBIT O

Dr. Wittwer presented the Glenwood Middle School 2008/2009 Parent Student Handbook.

3. Donnell Middle School 2008/2009 Parent Student Handbook EXHIBIT P

Don Williams presented the Donnell Middle School 2008/2009 Parent Student Handbook.

4. Central Middle School 2008/2009 Parent Student Handbook EXHIBIT Q

Dr. Wittwer presented the Central Middle School 2008/2009 Parent Student Handbook.

5. District-wide Elementary School 2008/2009 Parent Student Handbook EXHIBIT R

Dr. Wittwer presented the District-wide Elementary School 2008/2009 Parent Student Handbook.

B. Policy Committee Dates

Dr. Wittwer discussed policy committee dates.

C. Summer Projects

Dennis McPheron updated the Board on the progress of summer projects. Jerry Murray from RCM Architects recommended postponement of the Findlay High School Courtyard project until summer of 2009.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Thank you to the Board for their support of all-day everyday kindergarten. He noted the school year is nearing an end but there is still much work to be done by all students, including high school students with final exams, graduation for seniors, etc. There have been some recent incidents of mischief by students and Dr. Wittwer requests the support of the Board when administration and faculty deal with the misbehavior.

BOARD'S COMMENTS

There was none.

2008-04-023 Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mrs. Lockard to recess to executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 8:30 p.m.

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

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 9:09 p.m.

2008-04-024 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Dysinger, seconded by Mr. Shrader to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

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

President

Treasurer

Read and approved May 12, 2008.