

**Board of Education Meeting
May 14, 2007**

The Board of Education of the Findlay City Schools met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium at Lincoln Elementary 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.

2007-05-001 Executive Session

It was moved by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Shrader to recess to executive session to discuss employment and evaluation of personnel at 6:00 p.m.

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

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 7:05 p.m.

CELEBRATIONS

The Donnell Environmental Science Club received a grant from ECLIPSe. Donnell "Reaching Higher" students presented their "two voices, one poem" project. Dick Dillon shared information about the PCA/CITE Partnership grant that will support a reading program for Lincoln and Whittier kindergarten students.

REPORTS

A. All-Day Every Day Kindergarten Pilot

Stephanie Roth discussed the all-day every day kindergarten pilot at Lincoln and Jacobs planned for 2007-08.

B. Middle School Task Force

Chris Renn, Don Williams, David Alvarado and Adam Gillespie discussed the middle school task force and how they developed the new middle school schedule for next year.

C. Central Middle School Roof

Dennis McPherson talked about the Central Middle School roof.

D. Waiver Days

Sandy White presented an update on the district's application for waiver days in 2007-08.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FEA President Dee Groman thanked the community for their support of the levy; congratulated the class of 2007; acknowledged retirements and reclassifications; shared that Findlay City Schools had an 88% completion rate for the Ohio Department of Education Survey; noted the Findlay Education Association is supporting the petition drive for the school funding ballot initiative; thanked the community for supporting the schools through gifts; and updated the Board on the status of the elementary task force.

2007-05-002 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Rothey, seconded by Mrs. Dysinger to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 23, 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 summary of the Ohio school election results; overall 44% of school issues were approved. Dr. Wittwer thanked the staff, volunteers and community for their support of the levy. He also reflected on the school year and commended the staff for all that we have been able to accomplish.

CONSENT ITEMS

2007-05-003 Consent Items A-Z

It was moved by Mrs. Rothey, seconded by Dr. Browning to approve Consent Items A-Z as follows with the exception of Item U, which was tabled until the next board meeting.

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

A. Reappointments – 2007/2008 school year (R.C. 3313.48)

The superintendent recommends that the certificated personnel, as shown in EXHIBIT A, be reappointed for Extended Service days for the 2007/2008 school year.

B. Retirements

The superintendent recommends that the following retirements be accepted:

Laurel Beutler (FHS, Communications)	(34 years)
Reason: Retirement	Eff: 6/30/07
Jennie Ryan (Jefferson, Grade 1)	(20 years)
Reason: Retirement	Eff: 7/1/07

C. Leaves of Absence

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

Tonya Bruni (Glenwood, Special Ed.)
Effective: April 30 thru June 11, 2007
Reason: FMLA, Maternity

Elaine Carr (Whittier, Kindergarten)
Effective: April 11 thru June 8, 2007
Reason: FMLA, Extended Maternity

Jenalee Lentz (Glenwood, Special Ed.)
Effective: May 1 thru June 11, 2007
Reason: FMLA, Maternity

Elizabeth McIntosh (FHS, Science)
Effective: May 7 thru June 11, 2007
Reason: FMLA, Maternity

Elizabeth McIntosh (FHS, Science)
Effective: 2007/2008 school year
Reason: Maternity

Jennifer Talladay (Wilson Vance, Grade 3)
Effective: April 13 thru May 24, 2007
Reason: FMLA, Maternity

Alison Schnipke (Washington, Grade 4)
Effective: March 19 thru May 25, 2007
Reason: FMLA, Maternity

D. Appointments

The superintendent recommends approval of the following appointments, 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, at salaries in accordance with the adopted salary schedules:

1. Classroom Teachers (Eff: August 27, 2007)
 - Stephanie Berndt (Speech/Language Pathologist)
Salary: MA, Step 5 @ \$42,150.00
 - Roseann Halliday (Central, Special Education)
Salary: MA, Step 10 @ \$50,793.00
 - Jaimee Jenkins (TBA, Special Education)
Salary: BA, Step 0 @ \$30,541.00
 - Jessica Loomis (FHS, English)
Salary: MA, Step 1 @ \$35,235.00
 - James C. Orr, III (FHS, English)
Salary: BA, Step 0 @ \$30,541.00
 - Anthony DeRose, Jr. (Jacobs, Grade 2)
Salary: BA, Step 0 @ \$30,541.00

Steve Ryerson (Bus Driver)
Reason: Personal

(7 years)
Eff: 5/16/07

G. Leaves of Absence

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

Pam Leass (Northview, Educational Aide)
Effective: April 16 thru June 8, 2007
Reason: FMLA

Betsy Ann Moyer (Donnell, Food Service Worker)
Effective: May 17 thru June 8, 2007
Reason: FMLA, Maternity

H. Appointments

The superintendent recommends approval of the following appointments, at salaries in accordance with the adopted salary schedules:

1. Noon Hour Monitor @ \$8.25/hour – Ruth Haggerty
2. Substitute and/or Per Diem Employees

Faith Hanners – substitute custodian @ \$9.90/hour
Brandon Stauffer – substitute custodian @ \$9.90/hour
3. Glenwood Summer Lunch Program

Pat Okuly (Food Service Worker)
Salary: Step 7 @ \$11.77/hour
Effective: June 11 – July 31, 2007 (4 hours/day)
4. Supplemental Duty Assignments – Non-Certificated Personnel
(2007/2008 school year)

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 position 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:

Traci Dunn – FHS, head gymnastics coach @ \$4,138.31
Connie Lyon – FHS, head girls' basketball coach @ \$6,719.02
Dan St. Jean – FHS, head hockey coach @ \$4,046.68
Jeff Wobser – FHS, head boys'/girls' swimming coach @ \$4,657.50

I. Monthly Financial Report

The superintendent recommends that the Monthly Financial Report for April 2007, be accepted as presented by the treasurer. (EXHIBIT B)

J. Resolutions of Commendation

The superintendent recommends adoption of the Resolutions of Commendation for the following certificated and classified employees, who will soon retire:

<u>Laurel L. Beutler</u>	<u>EXHIBIT C</u>
<u>Mary J. Mason</u>	<u>EXHIBIT D</u>

K. Approval of AP English 11 Course of Study

The superintendent recommends approval of the AP English 11 Course of Study, which was presented to the Board of Education at the April 23, 2007 Board Meeting as Exhibit K.

L. Approval of Mathematics, Grades K – 5 Course of Study

The superintendent recommends approval of the Mathematics, Grades K – 5 Course of Study, which was presented to the Board of Education at the April 23, 2007 Board Meeting as Exhibit L.

M. Approval of Mathematics, Grades 6 – 8 Course of Study

The superintendent recommends approval of the Mathematics, Grades 6 – 8 Course of Study which was presented to the Board of Education at the April 23, 2007 Board Meeting as Exhibit M.

N. Approval of American Political Systems Course of Study

The superintendent recommends approval of the American Political Systems Course of Study, which was presented to the Board of Education at the April 23, 2007 Board Meeting as Exhibit N.

O. Approval of Chemistry CP Courses of Study

The superintendent recommends approval of the Chemistry CP Courses of Study which were presented to the Board of Education at the April 23, 2007 Board Meeting as Exhibit O.

P. Approval of Anatomy Course of Study

The superintendent recommends approval of the Anatomy Course of Study which was presented to the Board of Education at the April 23, 2007 Board Meeting as Exhibit P.

Q. Employability Foundations Course of Study

The superintendent recommends approval of the Employability Foundations Course of Study which was presented to the Board of Education at the April 23, 2007 Board Meeting as Exhibit Q.

R. Transitional Career Experience Course of Study

The superintendent recommends approval of the Transitional Career Experience Course of Study which was presented to the Board of Education at the April 23, 2007 Board Meeting as Exhibit R.

S. Approval of Textbook Adoption List

The superintendent recommends approval of the Textbook Adoption List which was presented to the Board of Education at the April 23, 2007 Board Meeting as Exhibit S.

T. 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:	\$10,000.00
TO:	Eunice Doebel Scholarship Fund
FROM:	Eunice Doebel Estate
GIFT:	\$10.00
TO:	Eunice Doebel Scholarship Fund
FROM:	Ruth I. Smith
GIFT:	\$20.00
TO:	Eunice Doebel Scholarship Fund
FROM:	Richard & Marilyn Hemker
GIFT:	\$25.00
TO:	Eunice Doebel Scholarship Fund
FROM:	Dell & Patricia Schell
GIFT:	\$30.00
TO:	Eunice Doebel Scholarship Fund
FROM:	Max & Kathleen McDuffie
GIFT:	\$50.00
TO:	Eunice Doebel Scholarship Fund
FROM:	Wayne & Ruth Baltzell
GIFT:	\$50.00
TO:	Eunice Doebel Scholarship Fund
FROM:	O'Hara Catholic School, Eugene, Oregon
GIFT:	\$100.00
TO:	Eunice Doebel Scholarship Fund
FROM:	Mary C. Stewart
GIFT:	1998 Ford Escort ZX2 (valued at \$2,125.00)
TO:	Millstream CTC Automotive Program
FROM:	Sally Brzozka

GIFT: \$1,000.00
TO: Findlay City School District
FROM: Friends of Findlay

U. FABSS Salary Schedule (item was tabled until the next board meeting)

V. Ohio High School Athletic Association Membership

The superintendent recommends continued membership for grades 7 – 12 of the Findlay City School District in the Ohio High School Athletic Association in accordance with the Constitution, By Laws, Regulations, Interpretations and Decisions of the OHSAA for the 2007/2008 school year, as shown in EXHIBIT F.

W. Class of 2007

The superintendent recommends that the list of students, as shown in EXHIBIT G be approved for graduation in the Class of 2007, provided they have completed all requirements for graduation established by the Findlay Board of Education and the State Department of Education.

X. Advancement of Funds

The superintendent recommends approval for the Treasurer to advance funds of \$500,000 from the general fund (001-7410-920) to the Donnell Stadium fund (007-5210-9080). The Donnell fund will pay this advance in its entirety back to the general fund.

Y. Transfer of Funds

The superintendent recommends approval for the Treasurer to transfer funds of \$75,000 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.

Z. Appropriation Modification

The superintendent recommends that the modification to the 2007 Appropriation Measure, as presented by the Treasurer, be adopted as shown in EXHIBIT H.

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

ACTION ITEMS

2007-05-004 Acceptance of ECLIPSe Grant

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mrs. Dysinger to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the ECLIPSe Grant in the amount of \$800.00 to Mr. Bryan Miller and the Donnell Middle School Environmental Science Club of the Findlay City School District to educate students and the general public about native flora and fauna by installing an interpretive sign trail at Van Buren State Park, as explained in EXHIBIT I.

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

2007-05-005 Acceptance of Partnerships for Community Action through BGSU

It was moved by Mrs. Rothey, seconded by Dr. Browning to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Partnerships for Community Action/Center for Innovative & Transformative Education (PCA/CITE) Support Grant Program from BGSU to Mr. Dick Dillon and Lincoln Elementary School for their Summer Program for Enhancing Language and Literacy (SPELL) for at-risk first grade children, as explained in EXHIBIT J.

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

2007-05-006 Jefferson Re-Roofing Bid

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mrs. Rothey to approve the superintendent's recommendation that the bid for the Jefferson Primary School Re-Roofing submitted by New Tech Roofing, Inc., Lima, Ohio, in the amount of \$186,485.00 be accepted as explained in EXHIBIT K.

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

2007-05-007 Five-Year Forecast

It was moved by Mrs. Rothey, seconded by Mr. Shrader to approve the superintendent's recommendation for approval of the Five-Year Forecast document as required by Section 5704.391 O.R.C. enacted as sub. H.B. 412 and presented by the Treasurer in EXHIBIT L.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2008 Budget EXHIBIT M

Mr. Barnhart presented the 2008 Budget.

B. Board Policy Proposals

Dr. Wittwer presented the following Board Policy Proposals.

1. Board Policy 6.02a – F1, F2, F3, and F4 Applications for Use of School Facility and Hold Harmless Clause EXHIBIT N
2. Board Policy 8.15 – Graduation Requirements EXHIBIT O
3. Board Policy 9.06 – Student Conduct Policy EXHIBIT P
4. Board Policy 7.16 – Network Privacy and Acceptable Use Policy for Staff Members EXHIBIT Q
5. Board Policy 9.27 – Student Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy for the Computer Network of the Findlay City School District EXHIBIT R
6. Acceptance of the Findlay City Schools Training Rules and Eligibility, Grades 7-12 EXHIBIT S

Jerry Snodgrass presented the acceptance of the Findlay City Schools Training Rules and Eligibility, Grades 7-12.

7. Board Policy 4.03 – Appropriation Implementation EXHIBIT T

C. 2007/2008 Parent/Student Handbooks

Dr Wittwer presented the following 2007/2008 Parent/Student Handbooks.

1. Elementary School Parent and Student Handbook EXHIBIT U
2. Central Middle School Student Handbook EXHIBIT V
3. Donnell Middle School Student Handbook EXHIBIT W
4. Glenwood Middle School Student Handbook EXHIBIT X
5. Findlay High School Student Handbook EXHIBIT Y

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Wittwer thanked everyone who worked on the levy and the task forces.

BOARD'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Rothey noted that Cabaret and the orchestra performance were wonderful; thanked the community for their support of the levy; and offered congratulations to the staff of the Blue & Gold for their awards.

2007-05-008 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Shrader to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

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

President

Treasurer

Read and Approved May 29, 2007.