

**Board of Education Meeting
May 9, 2011**

The Board of Education of the Findlay City Schools met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Library at Wilson Vance Intermediate School.

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

CELEBRATIONS

David Barnhill welcomed the board to Wilson Vance Intermediate School and stated that with 14 days of school left, it was a busy time of year. They were happy to have the testing completed and he congratulated the students on their hard work.

The Board celebrated the new addition to Mr. Barnhart's family.

Mrs. Dysinger celebrated the Blue and Gold and the Ohio Academic Team Competition participants.

Mrs. Lockard celebrated Dean Kirian, Findlay High School teacher on his recent award as an Educator in Distinction.

The Rotary Golden Apple Award Winners were recognized:

Amy Eller – Grade 1, Jefferson Primary School
Bryan Miller – Grade 6, Donnell Middle School

The following grant writers were recognized:

Candace Bundren, Grade 3 Teacher – Wilson Vance Intermediate School @ \$704.00
Laura Davis, Social Studies Teacher – Findlay High School @ \$365.00
Jill Erford and Kristen Lichtle, Kindergarten Teachers – Lincoln Elementary School @ \$1,200.00
Debbie Reynolds, Librarian – Findlay High School @ \$1,000.00
Jason Wagner, Art Teacher – Whittier Primary School @ \$846.00
Deb Wickerham, Grade 5 Teacher (and student, Jon Brumbaugh) – Findlay City Schools @ \$2,900.00
Anne Wilin, Grade 2 Teacher – Findlay City Schools @ \$2,780.00
Judy Withrow, Gifted Coordinator – Findlay City Schools @ \$3,000.00
Judy Withrow, Gifted Coordinator – Findlay City Schools @ \$1,500.00

2011-05-001 Approval of Grants

It was moved by Mrs. Dysinger, seconded by Mrs. Lockard to approve the superintendent's recommendation for approval of the nine (9) grants the Findlay City School Board of Education is being awarded by The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation in the amounts indicated above to the teachers listed above for various reasons (as noted in EXHIBIT A). Eight (8) of the grants are funded by the Hancock Education Fund and one (1) is funded by the ECLIPSe Grants Fund.

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

Mr. Barnhart thanked The Community Foundation for their continued support.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FEA President Gary Kapostasy congratulated the Golden Apple winners and thanked them for all their dedication and hard work; thanked the grant writers for their hard work and recognized the importance of seeking out grants; thanked the community for their generous donations; and stated that negotiations started Monday and it was a good and productive day.

2011-05-002 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mr. Pochard to approve the minutes of the special meeting on April 25, 2011.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

CONSENT ITEMS

2011-05-003 Consent Items A-J

It was moved by Mrs. Dysinger, seconded by Mr. Pochard to approve Consent Items A-J, excluding Items G1 and G2 as follows:

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

A. Leaves of Absence (unpaid)

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

Mindy Radabaugh (Whittier, Kindergarten)
Effective: 5/9/2011 – 5/13/2011
Reason: FMLA

Candice Korkos (Wilson Vance, Reading Intervention)
Effective: 2011/2012 school year
Reason: Maternity

B. Reclassifications

The superintendent recommends the following reclassifications be accepted:

Allison Behm-Kemmere (Lincoln)
FROM: Grade 1 (full time)
TO: Title I (half time)
Eff: 2011/2012 School Year
***salary yet to be determined based on upcoming negotiations**
***no amounts approved for board meeting**

Amy Kelly (Lincoln)
FROM: Title I (half time)
TO: Grade 1 (full time)
Eff: 2011/2012 School Year
***salary yet to be determined based on upcoming negotiations**
***no amounts approved for board meeting**

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. 7th Grade Spanish Exploratory Wheel Curriculum Writing @ \$21.25/hour not to exceed 40 hours
(Acct# 001-1100-111-16)

Cesar Ruiz

2. 21st Century PD work on June 2, 2011 @ \$21.25/hour not to exceed 6 hours each
(Acct# 001-1100-111-16)

Kimberlee Balko
Angel Buck
Candace Bundren
Mary Goshe

Kristen Lichtle
Lisa Rutter
Jennifer Suermann

Tonya Thorbahn
Rebecca Wank
Kate Winger

3. Decision Framework Meeting on June 1, 2011 @ \$21.25/hour not to exceed 6 hours each (RTTT funds)
(Acct# 506-1100-111-9011)

Brynn Baumgartner
Tricia Brinkman
Lindsey Boes
Sara Cleary

Anthony DeRose
Monica Gearig
Shannon Moyer
Anne Potteiger

4. Elementary Engineers for 2nd semester @ \$21.25/hour not to exceed 30 hours (Acct# 001-1210-113)

Deb Wickerham

5. Home Instructor – Step 0 @ \$21.25/hour

Kim Balko

6. Summer Intervention Teacher @ \$21.25/hour (Acct# 001-1100-111-16)

Jennifer Belza

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

D. Leave of Absence (unpaid)

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

David Cusick (Transportation, Bus Driver)
Effective: 3/25/2011 – 6/30/2011
Reason: Leave of Absence - Medical

E. Resignations

The superintendent recommends the following resignations be accepted:

Becky Bern (Chamberlin Hill, Nurse) (12 years)
Reason: Other Employment Eff: May 27, 2011

Rebecca Shardo (MSE, Culinary Arts Aide) (3 years)
Reason: Personal Eff: August 8, 2011

F. Retirement

The superintendent recommends the following retirement be accepted:

Carolyn Clevenger (FHS, Attendance Officer) (14 years)
Reason: Retirement Eff: October 31, 2011

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. Removed from appointments.
2. Removed from appointments.
3. FABSS Summer Aides @ \$7.45/hr. (Effective 6/1/11 – 8/12/11)

Barb Ebersole	Alice Sayer
Angie Lerma	Alison Wirt
Alyson Reese	India Wirt

H. 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: \$250.00 for Ground Breaking Ceremonies
TO: Findlay City Schools
FROM: Dr. Mark and Amy Fox

GIFT: \$150.00
TO: Chamberlin Hill Intermediate School Land Lab
FROM: Nature's Housekeepers

I. Monthly Financial Report

The treasurer recommends that the monthly financial report for April 2011 be accepted as presented by the treasurer as shown in EXHIBIT B.

J. Class of 2011

The superintendent recommends the list of students, as shown in EXHIBIT C, be approved for graduation in the Class of 2011, provided they have completed all requirements for graduation established by the Findlay Board of Education and the State Department of Education.

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

ACTION ITEMS

2011-05-004 Acceptance of Donnell Asbestos Abatement Bid

It was moved by Mrs. Lockard, seconded by Mr. Pochard to approve the superintendent's recommendation for the acceptance of the low bid as referenced in EXHIBIT D from Total Environmental Services, LLC in the amount of \$28,158.00.

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

REPORTS

A. Groundbreaking Activities

Mrs. Dysinger reported on the activities of the Groundbreaking Committee for Glenwood, Donnell and Millstream.

B. ARCADIS Presentation

Betsy Bowe and Dan Bremer reported on the progress of the soil remediation work near Glenwood.

C. Race to the Top Update

Gary Kapostasy gave a report on the Race to the Top.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Findlay High School 2011-2012 Student/Parent Handbook – EXHIBIT E

Kelly Glick discussed the changes to the Findlay High School 2011-2012 Student/Parent Handbook.

B. Board Meeting Date for Donnell Bids

The board meeting for the Donnell bids will be at 7:30 a.m. on May 13th. (Note: subsequently changed to 8:00 p.m. on May 12th)

C. Extra-Curricular Drug Testing at FHS

Vickie Swartz and Nate Weihrauch gave an update on the development of a draft policy. The Board then discussed in an open forum the extra-curricular drug testing at Findlay High School. Three public participants spoke in support of the policy. There was no opposition to the testing from the public.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Wittwer brought next year's calendar to the board's attention. He congratulated the Golden Apple winners and thanked the grant writers and The Community Foundation for their support.

BOARD'S COMMENTS

Mr. Shrader reminded everyone to be safe with prom and graduation parties beginning soon. He stated this is a time of celebration for both parents and students. He also congratulated all the graduating seniors.

2011-05-005 Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Pochard, seconded by Mrs. Dysinger to go into executive session to discuss employment of personnel and negotiations at 7:12 p.m.

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

The Board of Education returned to regular session at 8:15 pm.

2011-05-006 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mrs. Lockard to adjourn at 8:16 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 23, 2011.