

**Board of Education Meeting  
September 10, 2007**

The Board of Education of the Findlay City Schools met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at Wilson Vance Intermediate School.

President Brown called the meeting to order. Present were: Dr. Browning, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Dysinger, Mrs. Rothery, Mr. Shrader, Superintendent Wittwer and Treasurer Barnhart.

**CELEBRATIONS**

Mrs. Dysinger celebrated the use of Owens Community College and Evangelical Free Church as a temporary placement for Central Middle School students.

Dr. Crates, Dee Groman and Judy Withrow applauded recent volunteer efforts to assist flood victims.

Mr. Shrader recognized the community for volunteer efforts.

There has been a smooth transition to the start of school, especially with the alternate locations for the Central Middle School students.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

FEA President Dee Groman noted that the school calendar is a reflection of the FEA and Administration working together, and added that any additional school days needing to be made up will be added to the end of the school year before impacting spring break. She commended Central and Washington staff for assisting in the community and taking time on their weekends to get their classrooms ready.

Principal Dave Barnhill welcomed everyone to Wilson Vance for the meeting while celebrating the return of students, the hiring of a new music teacher, great work done by the custodians in getting the buildings ready for the students, and an "excellent" grade card report for Wilson Vance. He also thanked the Board for their wisdom and support.

Tom and Brenda Vandekoppel and Christina Lishawa, parents of Findlay High School seniors, addressed the Board regarding the DASL system and not being able to obtain their student's class rank and weighted GPA from the system, which is necessary for college applications. It was also requested that the credit hour for science labs/classes be researched as to why only 1 credit hour is given when 2 hours are spent each week in lab and class. Dr. Wittwer indicated he will speak with the state along with our IT Director, Martin White, to see how this issue can be resolved with the state's program.

**2007-09-001 Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Mrs. Dysinger, seconded by Mrs. Rothery to approve the minutes of the special meeting on August 25, 2007 and the regular meeting on August 27, 2007.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. Rothery received information regarding the Prudential Spirit of Community Award; this award honors young people in middle and high schools for outstanding volunteer service to their communities.

Mr. Barnhart noted that the OSBA meeting will be coming up and the Capital Conference will be held in November.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**2007-09-002 Consent Items A-F**

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Dr. Browning to approve Consent Items A-F as follows:

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

A. 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. P.A.S.S. Staff – (Effective: 2007/2008 School Year)

Step 0 @ \$20.08/hour

Michelle Lucas

Chuck Mitchell

Marla Stacey

Step 2 @ \$20.62/hour

Carolyn Clevenger                      Lori Hunt

2. Home Instructors – (Effective: 2007/2008 School Year)

Step 0 @ \$20.08/hour

Gina Allen	Susan Davis	Lori Martin
Lisa Baer	Janet Greiner	Jill Mathewson
Deb Beachler	Roseann Halliday	Beth Ann Nissen
Heather Bibler	Tracey Haygood	Linda Pochard
Becky Bucher	Carol Jastel	Sharon Smith
Angela Buck	Terri Kempfer	Judi Storer
Linda Coleman	Julia Lewis	

Step 1 @ \$20.34/hour

Laurie Adler	Cheryl Corron	Chad Mathewson
Mary Burget		

Step 2 @ \$20.62/hour

Laura Davis-McMaster	Steve Haughn	Steve McAdoo
Mark Gleason	Roberta Lyon	

3. Supplemental Duty Assignments

Bill Barberree – Donnell, assistant football coach @ Volunteer  
Mike Eier – Glenwood, team leader @ \$1,603.40  
Angie Emans – Glenwood, intramural director @ \$916.23  
Sue Keller – Glenwood, team leader @ \$992.58  
Jenalee Lentz – Glenwood, spirit club advisor @ \$900.96  
Greg Philip – Glenwood, team leader @ \$1,603.40

4. Classroom Teacher

April Buss (initial assignment – Glenwood, Math/Language Arts)  
Salary: BA, Step 0 @ \$30,541.00  
Eff: September 7, 2007

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL**

B. Resignations

The superintendent recommends that the following classified resignations be accepted:

Karen King (Glenwood, Food Service Worker)	(6 years)
Reason: Personal	Eff: 8/20/07

Sue Taylor (Wilson Vance, Food Service Worker)	(1 year)
Reason: Relocation	Eff: 8/31/07

C. 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 schedule:

1. Educational Aides

Carol Reisinger (initial assignment – Central, Computer Lab Aide)  
Salary: Step 5 @ \$12.83/hour  
Eff: August 31, 2007

Kelly Wolfe (initial assignment – Millstream East, Culinary Aide)  
Salary: Step 1 @ \$11.33/hour  
Eff: September 4, 2007

2. Substitute and/or Per Diem Employees

H. Dean Glick – substitute bus driver @ \$12.03/hour  
Cathylynn Maziers – substitute noon hour monitor @ \$8.42/hour

3. Transportation Personnel

Michael Crawford (initial assignment – bus driver)

Salary: Step 1 @ \$13.61/hour

Eff: September 6, 2007

William Hooks (initial assignment – bus driver)

Salary: Step 1 @ \$13.61/hour

Eff: September 7, 2007

Matthew Neuman (initial assignment – bus driver)

Salary: Step 1 @ \$13.61/hour

Eff: September 5, 2007

4. Supplemental Duty Assignments – 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 positions, listed below, to the certificated employees of the district and have advertised the positions 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:

Liz Byczynski – Glenwood, secondary alternatives advisor @ \$916.23

Tiffany Hord – FHS, assistant debate/forensics coach @ Volunteer

Jeanne VanGunten – Glenwood, school publications advisor @ \$916.23

D. Reclassifications

The superintendent recommends that the following employees be reclassified on the salary schedule, as indicated:

Carol Agerter

FROM: Substitute, Educational Aide @ \$9.41/hour

TO: Donnell, Educational Aide, Step 2 @ \$11.71/hour

Eff: September 4, 2007

Brenda Binner

FROM: Substitute, Educational Aide @ \$9.41/hour

TO: Bigelow Hill, Educational Aide, Step 1 @ \$11.33/hour

Eff: September 4, 2007

Kimberlee Blake

FROM: Substitute, Educational Aide @ \$9.41/hour

TO: Bigelow Hill, Educational Aide, Step 1 @ \$11.33/hour

Eff: September 4, 2007

Jane Callihan

FROM: Substitute, Educational Aide @ \$9.41/hour

TO: Jefferson, Educational Aide, Step 2 @ \$11.71/hour

Eff: September 4, 2007

Denise Cowden

FROM: Substitute, Educational Aide @ \$9.41/hour

TO: Northview, Educational Aide, Step 4 @ \$12.45/hour

Eff: September 4, 2007

Debra Martens

FROM: Substitute, Educational Aide @ \$9.41/hour

TO: Lincoln, Educational Aide, Step 1 @ \$11.33/hour

Eff: September 4, 2007

Anthony Nugeness

FROM: Substitute Educational Aide @ \$9.41/hour

TO: Jacobs, Educational Aide, Step 3 @ \$12.08/hour

Eff: September 4, 2007

Cindy Ostheimer

FROM: Substitute, Educational Aide @ \$9.41

TO: Northview, Educational Aide, Step 6 @ \$13.20

Eff: September 4, 2007

Lynn Parsell  
FROM: Substitute Educational Aide @ \$9.41/hour  
TO: Whittier, Educational Aide, Step 1 @ \$11.33/hour  
Eff: September 4, 2007

Karen Town  
FROM: Student Services, Substitute Clerical @ \$9.41/hour  
TO: Student Services, Ed. Aide (6 hrs./day), Step 9 @ \$14.31/hour  
Eff: August 13, 2007

E. Monthly Financial Report

The superintendent recommends that the Monthly Financial Report for August 2007, be accepted as presented by the Treasurer. (EXHIBIT A)

F. 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: \$1,000.00  
FROM: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Roach  
TO: FHS, Challenge Day

GIFT: \$3,500.00  
FROM: Friends of Findlay  
TO: Findlay City Schools for the recovery from the flood

GIFT: \$1,000.00  
FROM: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Orr  
TO: Findlay Enrichment Programs (Reach Class)

GIFT: \$1,500.00  
FROM: Mr. Thomas B. Donnell  
TO: Mural Restoration Project at Findlay High School

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2007-09-003 Revised 2007/2008 School Calendar**

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mrs. Dysinger to approve the superintendent's recommendation for approval of the revised 2007/2008 school calendar which has been adjusted to accommodate the change in the start of school, as shown in EXHIBIT B.

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

**2007-09-004 Resolution of Commendation for Beavercreek City School District**

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mrs. Rothey to approve the superintendent's recommendation for a resolution of commendation for Beavercreek City School District for the bus full of school supplies donated to Findlay City School students who were affected by the flood.

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

**REPORTS**

A. In-Service Update

Sandy White and Stephanie Roth gave an in-service update.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Flood Overview

Dr. Wittwer and Dennis McPheron gave a flood overview.

B. Meeting with Ohio School Facilities Commission

Dr. Wittwer updated the Board on a recent meeting with OSFC officials.

C. Temporary District Office Location

Dr. Wittwer discussed the temporary district office location.

**ACTION ITEM**

**2007-09-005 Approve Search for Long-Term Space for the Administration Offices**

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mrs. Dysinger to approve the superintendent's recommendation for approval to continue the search for long-term space for the administration offices.

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED**

D. Financial

Mr. Barnhart updated the Board on financial matters related to the flood.

E. Topic for October 15<sup>th</sup> Community Forum

Mrs. Brown recommended that the topic of discussion for this forum be related to our school facilities.

F. Graduation Rate

Craig Kupferberg discussed the graduation rate.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Dr. Wittwer commended the staff on their hard work in assisting the community, supporting each other and starting the school year in a positive manner for our students. He is proud of the district for achieving an Effective Status on the District Report Card. Staff pulled together in the midst of unbelievable challenges, communications with parents, served the community and most importantly embraced our students. Goals are being developed and building principals are responsible for implementation (Intervention, Relationships, and Goal Setting). Dwight Anstaett from ODE Career Tech will be at the next meeting.

**BOARD'S COMMENTS**

Mrs. Rothey thanked Dr. Wittwer for pulling everyone together during this difficult time.

**2007-09-006 ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Dr. Browning to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

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

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President

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Treasurer

Read and approved September 24, 2007.