

**Board of Education Meeting  
September 28, 2009**

The Board of Education of the Findlay City Schools met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at Findlay High School.

President Dysinger called the meeting to order. Present were: Mrs. Dysinger, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Lockard, Mr. Pochard, Mr. Shrader and Treasurer Barnhart. Absent was: Superintendent Wittwer. Assistant Superintendent Craig Kupferberg filled in for Dr. Wittwer.

**CELEBRATIONS**

Dr. Charlie Spragg gave an update of the levy committee efforts.

Thirteen students graduated from Findlay High School after completing requirements this summer. Two of those graduates were present and a brief commencement ceremony took place.

Deb Stall presented information about the North Central Accreditation External Quality Assurance Team (QAT) and then was presented with a Resolution of Commendation.

Mrs. Lockard celebrated Chamberlin Hill being an excellent school and Jefferson for preparing the students to go to Chamberlin Hill.

Mrs. Dysinger recognized the Blue and Gold staff members who received national honors.

Mr. Barnhart celebrated that the Findlay Schools have been awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. The award comes from the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) which has judged that the Findlay Schools' Comprehensive Annual Financial Report substantially conforms to principles and standards of ASBO's Certificate of Excellence Program. This is the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that Findlay Schools has been recognized by ASBO. Treasurer Mike Barnhart credited his predecessors for establishing such a long traditional of financial excellence in Findlay Schools, and he thanked his staff for their assistance in continuing that fine tradition. Mr. Barnhart stated, "As public servants we must continue to strive to make every taxpayer dollar go further and further and remain fiscally vigilant. We must also demonstrate to the public our good stewardship and our ability to meet high standards of accountability through the receipt of such awards and recognition. There are over 600 school districts in Ohio and I am not aware of any other Ohio school district that has such a long tradition of this award."

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

FEA President Gary Kapostasy congratulated Deb Stall and the staff at Findlay High School for their hard work and putting teaching and learning first; congratulated Mr. Barnhart and his staff for their continued excellence in financial reporting; congratulated Jim McGonnell and the Blue and Gold staff for their recent honors; thanked Dr. Spragg for his dedication and persistence in getting bond levy information out to the public; thanked curriculum committee members; and stated he is continually moved by the community gifts given to the school system from the Findlay community.

**2009-09-008 Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the minutes of the special meeting on August 17, 2009, the special meeting on August 19, 2009, the regular meeting on August 24, 2009, the regular meeting on September 14, 2009, the special meeting on September 18, 2009, and the special meeting on September 23, 2009.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. Lockard received emails from Mike Janton concerning an economics course at the high school. Mrs. Lockard urged the board to respond to his concerns. She also received an email from Jim Flechtner concerning the "Teaching Tolerance" program at the Southern Poverty Law Center.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**2009-09-009 Consent Items A-J**

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

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

A. Resignation

The Superintendent recommends that the following resignation be accepted:

Wendell Badertscher (Science Department Chair, grade 6-8 (1/3 time))  
Reason: Personal

Eff: 2009/2010 school year



**CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES (E - F)**

**E. Leave of Absence**

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

Christine Cooperrider (Student Services, Secretary)  
Effective: Aug. 24 - Oct. 6, 2009  
Reason: FMLA (will use paid sick, vacation, personal time if available)

**F. 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. Adult Education Instructor @ \$20.68/hour - Fred Ziegman

2. Building Block Grant Aide Substitute

Lisa Hord (Chamberlin Hill)  
Salary: Substitute Building Block Grant Aide @ \$9.41/hour  
Effective: Sept. 9, 2009 (for approximately six weeks)

3. 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, as listed below, to the certificated employees of the district and have advertised these 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:

Jeff Maroney - FHS, assistant boys' soccer coach (15% time) @ \$545.43  
Kristine Roberts - Central, 7th gr. girls' basketball coach @ \$2,117.09  
Wes Schroeder - Glenwood, 7th gr. girls' basketball coach @ \$2,117.09  
Pat Sudlow - FHS, secondary alternatives advisor @ \$969.66

4. Substitute and/or Per Diem Employees

Monica Boehler - substitute noon hour monitor @ \$8.91/hour  
Lisa Menz - substitute food service worker @ \$8.85/hour  
Nargis Morsfield - substitute noon hour monitor @ \$8.91/hour  
Susan Paul - substitute noon hour monitor @ \$8.91/hour  
Rebecca Yeo - substitute food service worker @ \$8.85/hour

5. Stimulus Aide

Deb Troyer (Lincoln, Stimulus Aide)  
Salary: \$9.41/hour (7.5 hours per week)  
Effective: Sept. 8, 2009

6. Volunteer Club Advisor/Helper (2009/2010 School Year)

Elizabeth Betts - FHS, VIP assistant @ Volunteer  
Jeremy Haselman - Glenwood, assistant basketball coach @ Volunteer  
Samantha Spradlin - FHS, fall play advisor @ Volunteer  
Zachary Thomas - FHS, VIP assistant @ Volunteer

**G. Monthly Financial Report**

The Treasurer recommends that the Monthly Financial Report for August 2009 be accepted as presented by the Treasurer. (EXHIBIT A)

**H. Acceptance of New Student Activity Account and Budget**

The Superintendent recommends that the new Student Activity Account and Budget be approved for Bigelow Hill Intermediate School for their Student Council as presented in EXHIBIT B.

I. 2009/2010 Student Activity Budget

The Superintendent recommends approval of the 2009/2010 Student Activity Budget for Washington Intermediate School for their Student Council as listed below:

Washington School - Student Council #200-4610-891-9701 EXHIBIT C

J. Acceptance of Gift

The Superintendent recommends the acceptance and written expression of appreciation for the gift, listed below, which has been given to the Findlay City School District:

GIFT: \$300.00 (to go toward the Reading Tutors Mentoring Program)  
TO: Jacobs Primary School  
FROM: College First Church of God

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2009-09-010 Acceptance of Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Grant**

It was moved by Mrs. Lockard, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the superintendent's recommendation for acceptance of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Grant to Mrs. Judy Withrow, Gifted Coordinator for Findlay City School District, in the amount of \$2,763.00 for the purchase of books to prepare our middle students for the assembly they will attend by Matt Tavares, Author and Illustrator, as explained in EXHIBIT D.

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

**2009-09-011 2010 Budget**

It was moved by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Shrader to approve the treasurer's recommendation for approval of the 2010 Budget as presented in EXHIBIT N.

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

**2009-09-012 FY10 Permanent Appropriation Measure**

It was moved by Mrs. Lockard, seconded by Mr. Shrader to approve the treasurer's recommendation for approval of the FY10 Permanent Appropriation Measure as presented in EXHIBIT O.

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

**2009-09-013 Five-Year Forecast**

It was moved by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Pochard to approve the treasurer'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 in EXHIBIT P.

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

**REPORTS**

A. **21<sup>st</sup> Century Academy Report**

Tami Wallace gave a report on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Academy.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Health & Wellness, Grade 7 - Revised EXHIBIT E

Nancy Allison presented Health & Wellness, Grade 7 – revised.

B. Health & Wellness, Grade 8 – Revised EXHIBIT F

Nancy Allison presented Health & Wellness, Grade 8 – revised.

C. TV Radio Productions I (#016) Course of Study EXHIBIT G

Jim McGonnell presented TV Radio Productions I (#016) Course of Study.

D. TV Productions/Video Yearbook II (#020), III (#018), and IV (#019) Courses of Study EXHIBIT H

Jim McGonnell presented TV Productions/Video Yearbook II (#020), III (#018), and IV (#019) Courses of Study.

E. Journalism I (#216) Course of Study EXHIBIT I

Jim McGonnell presented Journalism I (#216) Course of Study.

F. Journalism II (#316), Journalism III (#416), Journalism IV (#516) Courses of Study EXHIBIT J

Jim McGonnell presented Journalism II (#316), Journalism III (#416), and Journalism IV (#516) Courses of Study.

G. French IV College Prep (#482) Course of Study EXHIBIT K

Susan Davidson presented French IV College Prep (#482) Course of Study.

H. Spanish IV College Prep (#483) Course of Study EXHIBIT L

Lisa Snook presented Spanish IV College Prep (#483) Course of Study.

I. List of Proposed Textbooks EXHIBIT M

Nancy Allison presented the list of proposed textbooks.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Kupferberg thanked the principals and staff of the elementary and middle school buildings for welcoming him into their buildings. He stated he has made it a priority to visit these buildings on a frequent basis. He also thanked Deb Stall for her hard work on the North Central Accreditation. He applauded Findlay High School for their highly functional rating in teaching and learning.

**BOARD'S COMMENTS**

Mrs. Dysinger presented a list of frequently asked questions sent to Steve Dillon of the Courier. She also thanked the Courier for their assistance in getting accurate information out to their readers concerning the bond levy. She also reminded the board that they are to be at Glenwood at 4:30 p.m. for the Homecoming Parade on October 9<sup>th</sup>. She thanked Gary Kapostasy for inviting the board members to the round table meetings. Mr. Shrader will attend the first meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Shrader thanked Dr. Spragg for his commitment to the Findlay City Schools' bond levy. He also congratulated the 2009 summer graduates.

**2009-09-014 ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Shrader, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

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

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President

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Treasurer

Read and approved October 26, 2009.