

Findlay Digital Academy

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 2, 2021

12:00 PM

The Board of Directors of the Findlay Digital Academy met in a regular session at 12:00 PM at Findlay Digital Academy, 1219 West Main Cross, Findlay, Ohio. 45840.

President, Ms. Bash called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

Board members present were as follows: President Ms. Bash, Vice-President Dr. Wannemacher (Arrived at 12:34), Mr. Galbraith, Ms. LaRocco (Arrived at 12:36), Mr. Miller, Rev. Miller, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Rooker (FDA Executive Director), Mr. Earnest (School Treasurer) via phone, Mr. Roth (Findlay City Schools Superintendent), Mr. DeSantis (School Lawyer) and Michael Brand (Secretary/FDA Principal)

Absent Board members were as follows:

Visitors: none

2021-12-001 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Galbraith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 7, 2021.

Roll call: Mr. Miller, Aye; Mr. Galbraith, Aye; Mr. Miller, Aye; Rev. Miller, Aye; Ms. Bash, Aye; Dr. Wannamacher and Mrs. LaRocco are absent at this time.

Motion passed.

Public Participation: Nothing shared.

Correspondence:

Board Members – Nothing shared.

Superintendent, Rosemary Rooker

HB 123 Email – Rosemary shared that FDA received notice from the Ohio Department of Education that FDA could qualify for approximately \$166,000.00 here due to HB 123. However, FDA only needed \$146,000.00. This is good news, with the promise of two more years.

Summary of High Stakes Review Letter from FCS – This is completed annually as per sponsor contract. The results are sent in a letter to the FTA board. Overall it was a very positive high-stakes review.

Treasurer, Stephen Earnest – Stephen reviewed the monthly financial report with the Board.

2021-12-002 Consent Items

- A. Monthly Financial Report
The Treasurer recommends that the September Monthly Financial Report be approved as presented in Exhibit A
- B. Monthly Financial Report
The Treasurer recommends that the October Monthly Financial Report be approved as presented in Exhibit B
- C. 2021-2022 Findlay Digital Academy Board Meeting Dates
The Superintendent recommends that the 2022 Board Meeting Dates be approved as presented in Exhibit C
- D. 2020-2021 Sponsor Annual Report
The Executive Director recommends the 2019-2020 Annual Report be accepted as presented in Exhibit D
- E. Findlay Digital Academy 2020-2021 Report Card
The Superintendent recommends the acceptance of the 2020-2021 Findlay Digital Academy Report Card as presented in Exhibit E
- F. Agreement with Findlay City Schools for Millstream Career Center Students
The Superintendent recommends the acceptance of the agreement with the Findlay City Schools for Millstream Career Center excess costs associated with Non-Findlay City Schools students as presented in Exhibit F
- G. FDA Equipment Inventory Removal List
The Superintendent recommends acceptance of the Equipment Inventory Removal List as presented in Exhibit G
- H. Memorandum of Understanding with Hancock County Job & Family Services
The Superintendent recommends that the Memorandum of Understanding with Hancock County Job & Family Services for Ohio Means Jobs Employment Resources be approved as presented in Exhibit H.
- I. Memorandum of Understanding with Hancock Public Health Help Me Grow
The Superintendent recommends that the Memorandum of Understanding with Hancock Public Health for initiatives targeting FDA students be approved as presented in Exhibit I.
- J. Review and Re-Adopt Policy IN Academic/Prevention Intervention Services
The Superintendent recommends the review and re-adoption of Policy IN Academic/Prevention and intervention Services as presented in exhibit J

- K. Resolution for Providing Notification of Course Curriculum Requirements and Consequences to Parents, Guardians, and Custodians
The superintendent recommends a resolution for providing Notification of Course Curriculum Requirements and Consequences to Parents, Guardians and Custodians as presented in exhibit K.
- L. Resolution for Compensation of Board of Education Members
The superintendent recommends a Resolution for Compensation of Board of Education Members of Findlay Digital Academy to follow past practice of waiving compensation for Board of Education service be approved.
- M. Hiring of Instructional Coaches for an Extended Learning Opportunities Program
The Superintendent recommends engagement of Brenda Boster, Susan Busey, Linda Darnall, Barb Ebersole, Lori Faeth, Erin Gondor, Linda Huffman, Dorothy La Fontaine, Gregg Lang, Maria Little, Steve McAdoo, Kathy Rayle, Deb Rollins, Ann Spiller, David Vass, Jane VanRenterghen, Gary Wilson as instructional coaches for the 2021 - 2022 School year Extended Learning Program to be purchased through Findlay City School's at the cost of \$33.65 per hour on an as needed basis, contingent upon approval of the Findlay City Board of Education
- N. Stipend for Extended Learning Coordinator
The Executive Director recommends a stipend for Wendy Farrow of \$7,200.00 for 36 additional days of service to coordinate the Findlay Digital Academy Extended Learning Opportunities Program.
- O. E Sports Coach
The Superintendent recommends engagement of Nicholas Donaldson as an E Sports Coach for the 2021- 2022 school year for up to 120 hours to be purchased through Findlay City School at a rate of \$22.43 per hour on an as needed basis, contingent upon approval of the Findlay City Board of Education.

It was moved by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Rev. Miller to approve the Consent Items A-G and I-O. (Item H was pulled to be voted on individually.)

Roll call: Mr. Thomas, Aye; Rev. Miller, Aye; Mr. Galbraith, Aye; Mr. Miller, Aye; Ms. Bash, Aye.

Dr. Wannamacher and Mrs. LaRocco are absent at this time.

Motion passed.

It was moved by Rev. Miller and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve Consent Item H.

Roll Call: Rev. Miller, Aye; Mr. Miller, Aye; Mr. Galbraith, Abstain; Mr. Thomas, Aye.
Dr. Wannamacher and Mrs. LaRocco are absent at this time.

Motion passed.

Discussion Items:

- Findlay Digital Academy Fiscal year 2021 Audit
- Extended Tutoring Plan - Federal funds are being used to increase the hours and days of the week for tutoring.
- Enrollment Numbers – Currently enrollment numbers are at 161 students which matches the end of last year's first quarter numbers.
- Millstream /CCP Numbers – We currently have 11 Millstream students and 9 students are enrolled in CCP.
- Climate Date for First Quarter (Exhibit L) - Michael has reviewed progress reports for first quarter and sent out watching warning letters and good job letters. We've had one graduate during the first quarter. We are very pleased with the number of credits earned. This continues to be a benefit for us because of HB 123. We are seeing a lot of virtual tutoring going on. The number of lab visits are coming up slowly. Rob Fox continues to do a great job making home visits when we can't reach students or their parents.
- HB 123 Pilot Program Update – We are continuing in this pilot program. It definitely provided a safety net for us during the 2020-21 school year.
- Credentialing Programs Update - We've had multiple meetings with stakeholders in the community related to offering short term credentialing programs for our students. The students need the credentials not only to earn graduation points but also for some training. We are continuing to investigate on our own other options through Northwest State University and also through an online credentialing program being used in Wapakoneta (ACE Academy)— Rise Up! More to come.
- FDA E Sports Team – Nick will start this team in January.
- CCIP/OIP – Work continues between the superintendent and treasurer to budget and to account for these funds.
- Update on 22+ Program - We're getting ready for our first graduate in 22+ for this school year. Mark Willeke and Barb Ebersole are working closely with these students. We have people on a waiting list.... always hoping for additional funding from the Ohio Department of Education.
- Update on FDA Data Management System – We continue to weigh options and discuss issues as we determine a long-term plan in this area for FDA. It appears that the state DASL system, which is free, may be our best option. It is important that we have solid professional development and support during this change.
- COVID Update – The Hancock Health Department continues to report still another “surge” in positive cases of COVID-19. Our medical community continues to strongly encourage to wear masks, practice social distancing and to wash our hand frequently.
- State EOC Tests Update - State testing began December 1 and will run up until Christmas. We're very excited to be using our new testing center with the new laptops that were purchased this year.
- Update on DOPR Rules Changes - The State Board of Education's performance and impact committee voted in mid-November to support the DOPR rules as “no changes”.

VIII. Sponsor Update

- OSBA Capital Conference Update
- Will be attending Community School Legal Update December 3, 2021 and will present update to FDA Governing Board at the February, 2022 meeting.

IX. Open Meeting and Public Records Training
Brian DeSantis, Esq.


2021-12-003 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Rev. Miller to adjourn the regular meeting on December 2, 2021 at 1:39 PM.

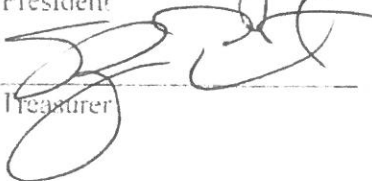
Roll call: Mr. Miller, Aye; Rev. Miller, Aye; Dr. Wannemacher, Aye; Mr. Galbraith, Aye; Ms. LaRocco, Aye; Mr. Thomas, Aye; Ms. Bash, Aye.

Meeting Concluded

Next Findlay Digital Academy Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 12:00 PM at the FDA Conference Room.



President



Treasurer

Read and Approved

