

Findlay Digital Academy

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 6, 2023

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 12:00 PM.

Board members present were as follows: President: Ms. Bash, Vice-President: Dr. Wannamacher, Mr. Galbraith, Ms. LaRocco, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Thomas. Also, Mrs. Rooker, FDA Executive Director was in attendance.

Absent Board members were as follows: None.

Visitors: There were no visitors to the meeting.

2023-04-001 Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on March 1, 2023

It was moved by Dr. Wannamacher and seconded by Mr. Thomas that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as presented.

Roll Call: Dr. Wannamacher, Aye; Mr Thomas, Aye; Mr. Galbraith, Aye; Ms. LaRocco, Aye; Mr. Miller, Aye; Ms. Bash, Aye.

Motion Passed

Public Participation:

There was no public participation during this meeting.

Correspondence:

Board Members – Nothing shared.

Superintendent, Rosemary Rooker – The superintendent shared the following information:

- Findlay Digital Academy Treasurer, Stephen Earnest has again earned the Auditor of State Award for FY'22.

Treasurer, Stephen Earnest – Did not attend the meeting.

2023-04-002 Consent Items (A-M)

- A. Acceptance of February Financial Report
The Treasurer recommends that the February Monthly Financial Report be accepted as presented in Exhibit A.
- B. Acceptance of Spring 5 Year Forecast
The Treasurer recommends that the 5 Year Forecast be accepted as presented in Exhibit B.
- C. Acceptance of List of Prospective Graduates for the class of 2023
The Executive Director recommends that the 2023 Graduation List be accepted as presented in Exhibit C provided students meet the graduation requirements.
- D. Employment of Executive Director/Superintendent Findlay Digital Academy
The President of the Board of Directors recommends the approval of the reemployment of Rosemary Rooker as Executive Director/Superintendent for the 2023-2024 school year as stated in the Findlay Digital Academy contract where all salary and benefits will be purchased through the Hancock County ESC effective August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024 as presented in Exhibit D.
- E. Joint Agreement with the Hancock County Educational Service Center
The President of the Board of Directors recommends the approval of the Joint Agreement with the Hancock County Educational Service center regarding the employment of Rosemary Rooker as Superintendent for the Findlay Digital Academy as presented in Exhibit E.
- F. Employment of Principal
The Superintendent recommends the approval of employment of Michael Brand as Principal for the 2023-2024 school year where all salary and benefits will be purchased through the Hancock County ESC effective August 1, 2023 through June 28, 2024, contingent upon the approval of the Hancock County Educational Service Center as presented in Exhibit F.
- G. Employment of Administrative Assistant
The Superintendent recommends the approval of employment of Michele Cassidy as Administrative Assistant from August 7, 2023 to June 6, 2024

where all salary and benefits will be purchased through the Hancock County ESC, contingent upon the approval of the Hancock County Education Service Center as presented in Exhibit G.

- H. Employment of 22+ Adult High School Diploma Program Coordinator
The Superintendent recommends the approval of employment of Mark Willeke as 22+ Adult High School Diploma Program Coordinator from August 7, 2023 to June 6, 2024 where all salary and benefits will be purchased through the Hancock County ESC, contingent upon the approval of the Hancock County Education Service Center as presented in Exhibit H.
- I. Agreement with Findlay City Schools for Millstream Career Center Students
The Superintendent recommends the acceptance of the agreement with the FCS for Millstream Career Center excess costs associated with on-Findlay City Schools students as presented in Exhibit I.
- J. Participation Agreement with Jefferson County ESC
The Superintendent recommends acceptance of the participation agreement with the Jefferson County ESC for the 2023-2024 school year as presented in Exhibit J.
- K. Stipend for Extended Learning Coordinator
The Superintendent recommends a stipend for Wendy Farrow of \$2,800.00 for 14 additional days of service to coordinate the Findlay Digital Academy Extended Learning Opportunities Program.
- L. Instructional Coach
The Superintendent recommends the engagement of Ann Waltmire as an Instructional Coach for the 2022-2023 school year to be purchased through Findlay City Schools at the cost of \$22.43 per hour on an as needed basis, contingent upon the approval of the Findlay City Board of Education
- M. Stipend for Compliance Work for FY'24
The President of the Board recommends the approval of a stipend of \$12,500.00 for Mrs. Rooker for compliance work to be completed during FY'24.

It was moved by Mr. Galbraith and seconded by Dr. Wannamacher to approve the Consent Items (A-M).

Roll Call: Mr Galbraith, Aye; Dr. Wannamacher, Aye; Ms. LaRocco, Aye; Mr. Miller, Aye; Mr Thomas, Aye; Ms. Bash, Aye.

Motion Passed

Discussion Items:

- **Enrollment (FDA/MS/CCP)**
 - Currently 190 students enrolled: 65% FCS residents
 - Applications for the 22/23 school year has ended
 - Re-Enrollment applications will open up on April 1, 2023
 - Applications for new students will open up on May 1, 2023
 - FCS is closing their blended and online programs and have recommend students enroll at FDA.
- **Climate Data 3rd Quarter**
 - 62% of enrolled students are on track with their credits.
 - Record number of credits earned for this quarter.
 - Large number of Students with Disabilities enrolled...will be looking for additional certified help for the 23/24 school year. 20% of students are identified as a SWD.
- **Special Education Profile**
 - Required to develop a corrective action plan
 - Disproportionality....too many while SLD students enrolled (77% of students are identified SLD)
 - SWD Graduation Ratetoo low- using 19/20 data.
- **HB 33 Testimony Update**
 - Rosemary testified. The GRADS Coalition is working with legislators to ensure the DOPR E School funding pilot becomes permanent.
 - GRADS Coalition will be working to get Disadvantaged Pupil aid for DOPR E-Schools
 - GRADS Coalition also working to get an increase in facility funding from \$25.00 per student to \$75.00 per student
- **Graduation May 27, 2023 @ 1:30 pm. Marathon Center for the Performing Arts**
 - Please be at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts by 12:45
- **CCIP Update**
 - Rosemary and Steve are working together to be sure the federal funds are being used appropriately.

Executive Director Comments: Rosemary shared that a meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2023 with Findlay City Schools Tech Team, FDA and NOACSC representatives to discuss the future technology need of the academy.

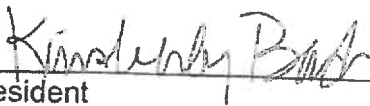
Board Comments: None were made at this time.

2023-04-003 Adjournment:


It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Galbraith to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 PM.

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

The next Findlay Digital Academy Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 12:00 PM at the FDA Conference Room.



President



Treasurer

Read and Approved