

Findlay Digital Academy

Special Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 11, 2023

12:00 PM

The Board of Directors of the Findlay Digital Academy met in a special 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, and Mr. Miller. Also, Mrs. Rooker (FDA Executive Director) and Mr. Brand, FDA Principal, was in attendance.

Absent Board members were as follows: Ms. LaRocco and Mr. Thomas

Visitors: There were no visitors to the meeting.

2023-05-001 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 6, 2023

It was moved by Mr. Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Miller that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as presented.

Roll Call: Mr. Galbraith, Aye; Mr. Miller, Aye; Dr. Wannamacher, 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 three items:

- Letter from Amber Wolfrom notifying that she will not be returning to FDA next year.
- Letter of resignation from Maria Little, School Counselor.

- Letter of thanks and appreciation from Jim Smith, Mid Ohio ESC, who came to FDA to visit and meet with us as a possible sponsor for FDA.

Treasurer, Stephen Earnest – Did not attend the meeting.

2023-05-002 Consent Items (A-Q)

- A. **Monthly Financial Report**
The Treasurer recommends that the Monthly Financial Report for March, 2023 be accepted as presented in Exhibit A.
- B. **Monthly Financial Report**
The Treasurer recommends that the Monthly Financial Report for April, 2023 be accepted as presented in Exhibit B.
- C. **2023-2024 Staffing Agreement with Jefferson County Educational Service Center (English/Intervention Teacher)**
The Superintendent recommends the approval of the Staffing Agreement with Jefferson County Educational Service Center as presented in Exhibit C regarding the engagement of:
- Maribeth G. Geaman as an English/Intervention Teacher for a total of 160 days effective August 7, 2023 through June 5, 2024 at an annual salary of \$32,960.00
 - Mary Rood as Work Based Learning Coordinator for a total of 160 days effective August 7, 2023 through June 5, 2024 at an annual salary of \$30,900.00
 - Erin Gonder as Intervention Specialist for a total of 153 days effective August 14, 2023 through May 29, 2024 at an annual salary of \$31,000.00
 - Ellen Keck as Intervention Specialist for a total of 153 days effective August 14, 2023 through May 29, 2024 at an annual salary of \$31,000.00.
- D. **2023-2024 Employment of Student Resource Aide**
The Superintendent recommends the engagement of David Lantosh as Student Resource Aide effective for a total of 160 days effective August 7, 2023 through June 5, 2024 at an annual salary of \$30,000.00 as a purchased service through the Hancock County ESC as presented in Exhibit D.
- E. **2023-2024 Guidance Counselor**
The Superintendent recommends the engagement of Ray Elbin as Guidance Counselor for a total of 160 days effective August 7, 2023 through June 5, 2024 at an annual salary of \$40,000.00 as a purchased service through the Hancock County ESC as presented in Exhibit E.

- F. 2023-2024 Employment of EMIS Coordinator
The Superintendent recommends the engagement of John Sipusic as the EMIS Coordinator for a total of 120 days effective August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024 at an annual salary of \$10,500.00 where all salary and benefits will be purchased through the Hancock County ESC as presented in Exhibit F.
- G. Treasurer Agreement
The Superintendent recommends the engagement of Stephen J. Earnest as the Treasurer effective August 1, 2023-July 31, 2024 at the salary of \$23,720.00 where all salary and benefits will be purchased through either Mid-Ohio ESC or GOAL Digital Academy as presented in Exhibit G.
- H. Special Education Coordinator
The Superintendent recommends the engagement of Lori Faeth as the Special Education Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year to be purchased through Findlay City Schools at a cost of \$43,260.00 for a total of 160 days effective August 7, 2023 through June 5, 2024 contingent upon approval of the Findlay City Board of Education.
- I. Testing/Curriculum Coordinator
The Superintendent recommends the engagement of Wendy Farrow as Testing/Curriculum Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year to be purchased through Findlay City Schools at a cost of \$40,810.00 for a total of 160 days effective August 7, 2023 through June 5, 2024 contingent upon approval of the Findlay City Board of Education.
- J. Mentor/Data Coordinator
The Superintendent recommends the engagement of Barb Ebersole as a Mentor/Data Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year to be purchased through Findlay City Schools at a cost of \$26,780.00 for a total of 160 days effective August 7, 2023 through June 5, 2024 contingent upon approval of the Findlay City Board of Education.
- K. Intervention Specialist Academic Coach
The Superintendent recommends the engagement of Linda D'Angelo as an Intervention Specialist Academic Coach for the 2023-2024 school year to be purchased through Findlay City Schools at a cost of \$21,900.00 for a total of 146 days effective August 9, 2023 through May 22, 2024 contingent upon approval of the Findlay City Board of Education.
- L. Technology Coordinator
The Superintendent recommends the engagement of Nicholas Donaldson as Technology Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year to be purchased through Findlay City Schools at a cost of \$40,000.00 from August 1, 2023 through June 7, 2024 contingent upon approval of the Findlay City Board of Education.

- M. Secretary
The Executive Director recommends the engagement of Sharon Snyder as a Secretary for the 2023-2024 school year to be purchased through Findlay City Schools at a cost of \$17.11 per hour as a purchased service through Findlay City Schools on an as needed basis, contingent upon approval of the Findlay City Board of Education.
- N. Data Coach
The Executive Director recommends the engagement of Mary Beth Faeth as Data Coach for the 2023-2024 school year to be purchased through Findlay City Schools at a cost \$25.00 per hour as a purchased service through Findlay City Schools on an as needed basis, contingent upon approval of the Findlay City Board of Education.
- O. Attendance Coach
The Executive Director recommends the engagement of Cindy Frantz, as FDA Attendance Coach for the 2023-2024 school year to be purchased through Findlay City Schools at the cost of \$22.88 per hour as a purchased service through Findlay City Schools for up to 29 hours per week for 38 weeks of service, (one week before school starts and weeks after), contingent upon approval of the Findlay City Board of Education.
- P. Instructional Coaches
The Executive Director recommends the engagement of Rob Fox, David Vaas, Gary Wilson, Brenda Boster, Deb Rollins, Ann Spuller, Ellen Laube, Dorothy LaFontaine, Steve McAdoo, Linda Darnall, Erin Gonder, Fred Nanamaker, Kathleen Rayle, Ann Waltmire, Sydney Plesec and Mary Burget as Instructional Coaches for the 2023-2024 school year to be purchased through Findlay City Schools at the cost of \$22.88 per hour on an as needed basis, contingent upon approval of the Findlay City Board of Education.
- Q. School Resource Officer & Head of the Law Enforcement Unit
The President of the Board of Director recommends the approval of appointing Michael Brand as the School Resource Officer and the Head of the Law Enforcement Unit.

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

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

Motion Passed

Discussion Items:

- Current Enrollment – We currently have 180 students. We have 38 seniors still working toward graduation. We have graduated 51 seniors already. (11 of these were students from previous years. 30 were scheduled for this year. 10 of these students are “early” graduates.
- 23/24 Enrollment – Our numbers for next year are solid and are growing. We anticipate that we will need to create a waiting list for incoming students. We will be staying at or around 200 students as that is the capacity we feel we are able to accommodate with our current program.
- Graduation 2023 – Graduation is planned at the Marathon Performing Arts Center. The entire Board will be in attendance and should arrive by 12:45 PM.
- CCIP/OIP—Rosemary and Steve continue to update and will be working to spend out federal grants for the 22/23 school year.
- 2021-2022 FTE Review – This has been scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2023.
- Legislative Update- Rosemary will be testifying again in support of the HB 123 pilot program. Will wait for final results from the governor for HB 33.

Executive Director Comments: During this time, the information was shared on the two visits we had this week for prospective sponsors. This included, Mid-Ohio ESC and Lake Erie West ESC. Both visits were very positive.

Board Comments: None were made at this time.

2023-05-003 Adjournment:

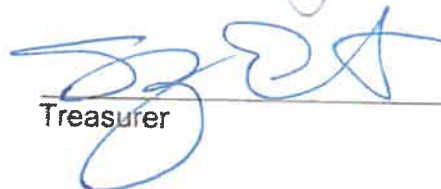
It was moved by Mr. Galbraith and seconded by Dr. Wannamacher to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 PM.

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

The next Findlay Digital Academy Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 12:00 PM at the FDA Conference Room.



President



Treasurer

Read and Approved