

***Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio
Essex Place – 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence, OH 44131***

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING - Thursday, May 25, 2023

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

Roll Call –

Present – Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Frank Mahnic
Administration Present – Bob Mengerink, Jennifer Dodd, Bruce Basalla, Steve Rogaski

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2023-05-01 - Approve Agenda

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz
Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-05-02 - Accept the March 2023 Check Register

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby accepts the Check Register for the month of March 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anthony Miceli
Ayes: Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-05-03 - Accept the April 2023 Check Register

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby accepts the Check Register for the month of April 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Frank Mahnic
Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Frank Mahnic, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

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Resolution #2023-05-04 - Accept the April 2023 Financial Statements

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby accepts the Treasurer’s Financial Statements as of April 30, 2023 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic

Motion approved 5-0

The Treasurer gave an update on personnel changes for the Finance department, specifically noting salary increases for two employees. He then spoke about the upcoming auction of the Canal Road building in July. Lastly, he closed out his report by informing the group that we have 41 days of cash on hand.

Resolution #2023-05-05 – Approve Reduction in Force (RIF) for Administrative Employee

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio shall reduce in force within the ranks of administrative staff, through the suspension of their 2023-2024 employment contract (s) for financial conditions pursuant to Section 3319.171 of the Ohio Revised Code as determined by the Superintendent. The Treasurer is directed to give written notice of this action no later than May 31, 2023.

- Eric McGarvey, Director of Special Projects – Akron City Schools

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-05-06 – Approve Non-renewal of Classified Contract

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio declares its intention not to renew the limited contract of the following classified employee for the 2023-2024 school year. The Treasurer is directed to give notice of this action no later than May 31, 2023.

- Jada Oden, Administrative Assistant II – ESCNEO Professional Development Center
- Elizabeth McMullen, Paraprofessional Classroom Aide – Kent City Schools
- Charles Portman, Paraprofessional Classroom Aide – Kent City Schools

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-05-07 – Approve ESC of Northeast Ohio Central Office Position

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio shall approve the following Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio Central Office position, as recommended by the Superintendent.

- NCSSA Fiscal Operations Coordinator

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-05-07.01 – Approve ESC of Northeast Ohio Central Office Position

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio shall approve the following Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio Central Office position, as recommended by the Superintendent.

- Fiscal Manager

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Frank Mahnic

Ayes: George Klepacz, Frank Mahnic, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

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Resolution #2023-05-08 – Approve Auction of Connect Facility

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the auction of the Connect facility, located at 5700 W. Canal Rd.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Frank Mahnic

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Frank Mahnic, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-05-09 – Approve Wellworks Contract

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a one-year contract with Wellworks for 2023 Wellness Services. **See Attachment**

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Frank Mahnic, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

The Superintendent provided an update on construction progress of Essex Place and also submitted his yearly “Fit for Service” medical letter.

Resolution #2023-05-10 - Approve Consent Agenda

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the Consent Agenda with the following items:

- a. Minutes of April 20, 2023 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of New OSTs Substitute Teachers
- d. List of OSTs Substitute Teacher Renewals
- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages
- f. 2023-2024 ESC Salary Schedule
- g. 2023-2024 ESC Salary Ranges
- h. 2023-2024 Salaries for ESC Internal Staff and SST Staff
- i. 2023-2024 Program Staff Salaries
- j. 2023- 2024 Service Contract of Non-Public Entity
- k. 2023-2024 Inter-District Service Area Contract
- l. Achievement Centers for Children 2023-2024 Program Agreement
- m. Positive Education Program 2023-2024 Program Agreement

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- n. Carrington 2023-2024 Agreement
- o. Virtual Learning Academy Participation Agreement Renewal

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-05-11 - Executive Session

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio enters into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing: 1) employment and 2) compensation of employees of the board per ORC 121.22(G).

Time Enter: 1:39 p.m.

Time Exit: 1:44 p.m.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-05.11.01 – Approve Treasurer’s Salary

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio sets the Treasurer’s salary at \$211,000, effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Frank Mahnic, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

Board Member Reports and Comments

Mrs. Fortlage informed the group that the Independence High School principal is leaving to become the high school principal at Orange City Schools.

Mr. Mahnic thanked Steve Rogaski for presenting the Humanitarian Awards for Cuyahoga Heights in his absence. He also noted that this is the first time that the Cuyahoga Heights Board of Education doesn't have candidates to fill the vacancies on the board.

Mr. Miceli also talked about his upcoming presentations at Richmond Heights Middle and High Schools to present the Humanitarian Awards, which are coincidentally being awarded to two brothers.

Future Agenda Items

- Connect ITC Update
- Student Programs Update
- NCSSA Update
- Transportation Update

Adjournment - Resolution #2023-05-12 Time: 1:58 p.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic

Motion approved 5-0

Next Board Meeting

Thursday, June 29, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Friday, June 2, 2023 - Teaching & Learning Committee @ 1:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 06/29/2023

Christine A. Krol

President



Treasurer

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