

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, April 22, 2021

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

Roll Call -

Present –Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic

Administration Present - Bob Mengerink, Bruce Basalla, Steve Rogaski, Jennifer Dodd

Public Participation - There was none.

Resolution #2021-04-01 - Approve the Agenda

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Frank Mahnic, Anton Hocevar, Christine Krol
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2021-04-02 - Accept the March 2021 Check Register

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby accepts the Check Register for the period of March 1 to March 31, 2021.

Motion: Anton Hocevar; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Nays: Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic
Motion carried 3-2

Resolution #2021-04-03 - Accept the March 2021 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 March 31, 2021 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anton Hocevar

Ayes: Frank Mahnic, Anton Hocevar, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol
Motion carried unanimously

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The Treasurer updated the Governing Board that the finance department staff have been evaluated. He also indicated that there was no update from ODE on the Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) dollars at this time. He also mentioned that there were no items on the agenda that would affect the general operating fund of the ESC. Lastly, the Treasurer shared information for a discussion on the COVID-19 financial impact to the ESC.

Resolution #2021-04-04 - Grant Leave of Absence

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Superintendent to grant a leave of absence for Anna Reid pursuant to the written request and pursuant to O.R.C. 3319.13, without pay beginning March 4, 2021 for the rest of the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion: Frank Mahnic, seconded by Anton Hocevar

Ayes: Frank Mahnic, Anton Hocevar, Anthony Miceli, Carl Fortlage, Christine Krol

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2021-04-05 - Approve Revised Governing Board Policies

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio to adopt the following Governing Board Policy with revised version:

- HR-23 Evaluation of Administrators
- HR-12 Severance
- FO-12 Uniform Grant and Procurement Guidance

Motion: Carol Fortlage, seconded by Christine Krol

Ayes: Carl Fortlage, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic, Anton Hocevar, Anthony Miceli

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2021-04-06 - Approve Governing Board Policies

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio to adopt the following Governing Board Policy:

- FO-14 Providing Services Through Noncompetitive Contracts

Motion: Carol Fortlage, seconded by Frank Mahnic

Ayes: Carl Fortlage, Frank Mahnic, Anton Hocevar, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2021-04-07 - Approve Certified/Classified Contracts for 2021-2022 Contract Year

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the recommended renewal of Certified/Classified Contracts for the 2021-2022 Contract Year.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Frank Mahnic, Anton Hocevar, Christine Krol
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2021-04-08 - Approve Reduction in Force (RIF) for Certified Employees

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio shall reduce in force within the ranks of teaching (certified) staff, through the suspension of their 2021-2022 employment contract(s) for financial conditions pursuant to Section 3319.17 of the Ohio Revised Code as determined by the Superintendent. The Treasurer is directed to give written notice of this action not later than April 30, 2021.

- Rebecca Smith: Speech and Language Pathologist: Garfield Heights City Schools
- Cindy Koontz: ASL Interpreter: Berea City Schools
- Amelia Johnson: ASL Interpreter: Parma City Schools
- Mariam Amer: ESL Teacher: Strongsville City Schools
- Leah Behymer: ESL Teacher: Strongsville City Schools
- Rosemary Vukovic: ESL Teacher: Strongsville City Schools

Motion: Anton Hocevar; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anton Hocevar, Carol Fortlage, Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2021-04-09 - Approve Reduction in Force (RIF) for Classified Employees

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio shall reduce in force within the ranks of non-teaching (classified) staff, through the suspension of their 2021-2022 employment contract(s) for financial conditions pursuant to Section 3319.172 of the Ohio Revised Code as determined by the Superintendent. The Treasurer is directed to give written notice of this action not later than April 30, 2021.

- Melissa Heidemann: Family Connector: Fairport Harbor Exempted Schools
- Cheyenne Laflin: Library Aide: Kent City Schools

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Anton Hocevar

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Anton Hocevar, Carol Fortlage, Frank Mahnic, Christine Krol
Motion carried unanimously

The Superintendent updated the Governing Board on the vaccine clinics done in partnership with Giant Eagle over the last 6 weeks. He also reviewed his quarterly progress report with the Governing Board.

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Resolution #2021-04-10 - 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 March 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of NCSSA New Teacher Substitutes
- d. List of NCSSA Substitute Renewals

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Frank Mahnic

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Frank Mahnic, Anton Hocevar, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol
Motion carried unanimously

Board Reports

Mr. Hocevar noted that the construction in Richmond Hts. was ongoing.

Mr. Mahnic reported that insurance committee met and will have a resolution that includes a 9% increase to the ESC medical insurance funding rates on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Mr. Miceli also reported on the insurance committee meeting noting that while the medical insurance funding rates will increase 9% across all plans, the MetroHealth claims ran lower than expected for FY21 by about \$135,000 and the Cigna claims ran higher than expected for FY21 by about \$250,000. He also noted that the Health Fair will be done remotely this year.

Future Agenda Items

- Program updates in May 2021
- Continuation of Cash on Hand reports
- Updates on Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools
- Financial Impact of COVID-19

Resolution #2021-04-11 - Adjournment at 10:01 a.m.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Frank Mahnic, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Anton Hocevar, Christine Krol
Motion carried unanimously

ADDITIONAL DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Governing Board Meeting – Thursday, May 27, 2021 @ 8:30a.m. via ZOOM

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla

Minutes approved 05/27/2021



President



Treasurer