

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

***MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING - Tuesday, January 30, 2024***

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

**Roll Call –**

Present – Christine Krol, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, William Morrison, Jr.  
Administration Present – Bob Mengerink, Jennifer Dodd, Bruce Basalla, Steve Rogaski

**Public Participation** – There was none.

**Resolution #2024-01-10 - Approve Agenda**

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz  
Ayes: Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli, William Morrison, Jr.

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Resolution #2024-01-11 - Acceptance of the November 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 November 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 William Morrison, Jr.  
Ayes: Anthony Miceli, William Morrison, Jr., Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Resolution #2024-01-12 - Acceptance of the December 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 December 31, 2023 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

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*In addition to his explanation about the December 2023 financials, the Treasurer offered a summary of NCSSA services and provided a handout.*

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli, William Morrison, Jr.

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Resolution #2024-01-13 - Acceptance of the December 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 period of December 1 to December 31, 2023.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli, William Morrison, Jr.

***Motion approved 5-0***

The Treasurer gave an update on the audit and also discussed the impact of the personnel agenda on the General Fund. Lastly, he informed the group that he would email his self-evaluation to them by the weekend.

**Resolution #2024-01-14 – Approve Central Office Position**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the following Central Office Position:

- Student Wellness Project Specialist

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: George Klepacz, Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, William Morrison, Jr.

***Motion approved 5-0***

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**Resolution #2024-01-15 – Approve Board Meeting Date Change – February 2024**

**Be It Resolved** that the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio is canceling the regular Governing Board Meeting date of Thursday, February 22, 2024, and a new special meeting date will be scheduled for Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Motion: William Morrison, Jr.; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: William Morrison, Jr., George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthon Miceli

*Motion approved 5-0*

The Superintendent passed out the annual OSBA Certificates of Appreciation to each board member. Next, he gave an NCSSA Program update that included some financial insight in addition to the Treasurers report. He then discussed First Ring Superintendents and Mayors Breakfast which fostered some new partnerships with Cleveland State University and the Cuyahoga County Office of Regional Collaboration. The Superintendent then talked about an email of gratitude he received from the Cleveland and Gund Foundations regarding work for the City of Cleveland. Next, he distributed copies of the ESCNEO Regional Calendar of Professional Learning Opportunities for January – June 2024 and also provided an update on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor construction and roof repair project. Lastly, he distributed copies of and reviewed his quarterly progress report on the 2023-24 Goals & Objectives.

**Resolution #2024-01-16 - 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 December 14, 2023 Regular Meeting
- b. Minutes of January 4, 2024 Organizational Meeting
- c. List of Personnel Changes
- d. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- e. List of OSTs Substitute Renewals
- f. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages List

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by William Morrison, Jr.

Ayes: George Klepacz, William Morrison, Jr., Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

*Motion approved 5-0*

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## Resolution #2024-01-17- Accept Committee Appointments

**Be it resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio accepts the following committee appointments by the Board President.

Teaching & Learning Committee: Christine Krol & George Klepacz  
Facilities & Building: George Klepacz & William Morrison, Jr.  
Finance Committee: Carol Fortlage & Anthony Miceli  
Insurance Committee: Anthony Miceli & William Morrison, Jr.  
Policy Committee: Carol Fortlage & Christine Krol  
Technology Committee: Carol Fortlage & William Morrison, Jr.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, William Morrison, Jr.

*Motion approved 5-0*

## Board Member Reports and Comments

Mrs. Fortlage commented that she attended the School Board Leadership Session on Conflict Management and Working as a Team that included scenarios helpful for discussion.

Mr. Miceli mentioned the \$13M levy in Richmond Heights, which includes a bond issue for a new elementary school.

Mr. Morrison, Jr. also mentioned that he attended the School Board Leadership Session on Conflict Management.

## Future Agenda Items

- Connect ITC Update
- Student Programs Update
- NCSSA Update
- Transportation Update
- Risk Assessment
- Cash-on-Hand

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Adjournment -Resolution #2024-01-18      Time: 11:27 a.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, William Morrison, Jr.

*Motion approved 5-0*

Upcoming Meetings

*Board Work Session – Tuesday, February 6, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.*

*Governing Board Meeting, Thursday, February 22, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.*

*Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer*

Minutes approved 02/29/2024



President



Treasurer