

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

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING– Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Roll Call –

Present – Christine Krol, George Klepacz, Anthony Miceli, William L. Morrison, Jr.
Administration Present – Bob Mengerink, Jennifer Dodd, Bruce Basalla
Mrs. Fortlage participated via Zoom.

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2024-02-01 - Approve Agenda

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

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2024-02-02 - Acceptance of the January 2024 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 January 31, 2024 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2024-02-03 - Acceptance of the January 2024 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 January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2024. **See Attachment**

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

Motion approved 4-0

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The Treasurer provided an update on the audit and informed the group that the post-audit would take place the week of March 25th (date TBD). He asked the board members to be on the lookout for an invitation and draft of the audit from the auditor’s office. Next, he reminded the group of the upcoming Finance Committee meeting on March 21st, which will include discussions about grants, programs, and a budgeting forecast. Lastly, the Treasurer concluded his report by discussing personnel items contained in the consent agenda, specifically referencing the move of Anne Holton from the Finance Department to NCSSA.

Resolution #2024-02-04 – 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.

- Director of Leadership Services

Motion: Geoge Klepacz; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

Motion approved 4-0

The Superintendent began his report by providing the group with a handout about ESCNEO Works Newsletter. He also talked about a potential partnership with the Board of Developmental Disabilities. Next, he discussed the high number of Superintendent turnovers so early in the year. Finally, he had Ryan Pendleton give a presentation on the North Coast Shared Services Alliance and Connect, both of which Ryan serves as Executive Director.

Resolution #2024-02-05 - 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 January 30, 2024 Special Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- d. List of OSTs Substitute Renewals
- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages List

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

Motion approved 4-0

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Resolution #2024-02-06 - 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).

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

Motion approved 4-0

Time Enter: 11:19 am.

Time Exit: 12:16 p.m.

Board Member Reports and Comments

Mrs. Fortlage mentioned that the Independence Schools Superintendent is leaving, in addition, they are actively searching for a new Treasurer. She also noted that the district is about to enter union negotiations and that these three factors in play simultaneously create a significant challenge for that Board.

Mr. Klepacz gave an update on the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting that he attended and spoke about the new work graphic. He also discussed how the ESC is looking at the expansion of work and the Ohio Online Learning Program. Lastly, he talked about the program update given by Mr. Rogaski.

Dr. Krol also talked about the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting and the need for a math and science consultant, expansion in behavioral health services, leadership services, and workforce development.

Mr. Miceli talked about the Richmond Heights \$14M levy which is a combined levy that includes operating funds, capital improvement, and a bond issue).

Mr. Morrison echoed the information regarding the Richmond Heights levy. He also mentioned how informative the Technology Committee meeting on February 6th was. Lastly, he mentioned that he is planning to attend the AI Summit in May.

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Future Agenda Items

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

Adjournment - Resolution #2024-02-07 Time: 12:34 p.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by William L. Morrison, Jr.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Upcoming Meetings

*Board Work Session – March 5, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.
Regular Board Meeting – March 21, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.*

Upcoming Events – Please let Marlo know if you would like to attend
GCSSA Annual Spring Social – Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. @ the Shoreby Club

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 03/21/2024



President



Treasurer

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