

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, March 21, 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 #2024-03-01 - Approve Agenda

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2024-03-02 - Acceptance of the February 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 February 29, 2024, including 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 Morrison, Jr.
 Ayes: George Klepacz, William Morrison, Jr., Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2024-03-03 - Accept the February 2024 Check Register

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center Northeast Ohio hereby accepts the Check Register for the month of February 1, 2024, to February 29, 2024.

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

Motion approved 5-0

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The Treasurer provided a handout regarding the audit and summarized the findings. He also discussed the contract renewals on the consent agenda. The Treasurer then informed the board that we have 33 days of cash-on-hand. Lastly, he thanked the board for his evaluation.

Resolution #2024-03-04 – Approve Meeting Time Change for April 2024 Board Work Session

Be It Resolved that the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio is changing the time of the Governing Board Work Session on Tuesday, April 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion approved 5-0

The Superintendent reminded board members about several upcoming events: Annual GCSSA Spring Social at the Shoreby Club (April 30), PEP Rally 4 Kids (May 14), the State of the Schools Luncheon (May 15) and the Excellence in Education Awards at Tri-C Corporate College East (May 17). Dr. Dodd presented on the partnership with the City of Cleveland and the Cleveland Schools (mental health clinic grant). Lastly, the group discussed the superintendent search at Willoughby-Eastlake and Finding Leaders' involvement with that process.

Resolution #2024-03-05 - 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 February 29, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. Renewal of Administrative Contracts 2024-2025
- d. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- e. List of OSTs Substitute Renewals
- f. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages List
- g. Approve ESC Office Calendar for 2024-2025
- h. Betts & Associates Contract Renewal - April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

Motion approved 5-0

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Board Member Reports and Comments

Mrs. Fortlage announced that Independence Schools hired their new Treasurer, Jennifer Knapp. She also mentioned that fifty percent of medical claims are unpaid.

Mr. Klepacz inquired about the hiring of Hearing Officers.

Dr. Krol thanked Dr. Mengerink for his explanation of Finding Leaders' involvement with the Willoughby-Eastlake superintendent search.

Mr. Morrison commented on the failure of the Richmond Heights levy.

Future Agenda Items

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

Adjournment - Resolution #2024-03-06 Time: 10:40 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 & Events

Governing Board Work Session, Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Governing Board Meeting, Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

GCSSA Annual Spring Social – Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. @ the Shoreby Club

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

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Minutes approved 04/25/2024

Christine A. Koel

President



Treasurer

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