

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING - Thursday, May 30, 2024

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:32 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 #2024-05-01 - Approve Agenda

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 #2024-05-02 - Accept the April 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 month of April 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2024-05-03 - Accept the April 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 April 30, 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: 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 reported that we have 29 days of cash on hand. He also gave an update on the final year of EANS. Lastly, he mentioned that the board would be discussing his contract in Executive Session.

Resolution #2024-05-04 – 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 2024-2025 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, 2024.

- Jennifer Stevenson: School Psychologist – Fairport Harbor and Riverside Schools

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 #2024-05-05 – 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 administrative staff, through the suspension of their 2024-2025 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 no later than May 31, 2024.

- Edna Terranova: Intervention Specialist – Mary Queen of Peace
- Anna Tyrrell: School Counselor – Ss Robert and William
- Sarah Cox: Tutor – Ss Robert and William
- Josephine Brown: Intervention Specialist – St. Adalbert
- Derek Gordon: Teacher – St. Adalbert
- Michelle Kuch: Teacher – St. Adalbert
- Sean McNamara: Teacher – St. Adalbert

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 #2024-05-06 – 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 administrative staff, through the suspension of their 2024-2025 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 no later than May 31, 2024.

- Jad Kozaily: Manager Inventory - Cleveland Municipal Schools
- Angela Davis: Life Skills Coach - Cleveland Municipal Schools
- Antione Nichols: Life Skills Coach – Cleveland Municipal Schools
- Stefanie Gibbons: Manager - Cleveland Municipal Schools
- Llana Urman: Homeless Navigator – Cleveland Municipal Schools
- Rodney McFall: Linkage Coordinator – Cleveland Municipal Schools
- Bruce Coffey: Linkage Coordinator – Cleveland Municipal Schools
- Katrina Meyers: CTE Coordinator – Bedford, Cleveland Heights/University Heights, Maple Heights, Shaker Heights & Warrensville Schools
- Esyla Wright: CTE Administrative Assistant - Bedford, Cleveland Heights/University Heights, Maple Heights, Shaker Heights & Warrensville Schools

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

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2024-05-07 – 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.

- Teaching and Learning Consultant

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

Motion approved 5-0

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The Superintendent reminded the group about the upcoming work session on June 11th. He updated them on the status of Connect and reflected on the competition between ITCs & ESCs. He then commented on Ryan Pendleton's salary and concluded his report by mentioning House Bill 250 (DEWs policy on cell phones in schools) and informed the group that Lt. Governor Jon Husted would be conducting a roundtable here at the ESC to discuss cell phone use policies in schools and to gather feedback from local superintendents.

Resolution #2024-05-08 - 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 25, 2024 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. 2024-2025 ESC Salary Schedule
- g. 2024-2025 ESC Salary Ranges
- h. 2024-2025 Salaries for ESC Internal Staff and SST Staff
- i. 2024-2025 Program Staff Salaries
- j. 2024- 2025 Service Contract of Non-Public Entity
- k. 2024-2025 Inter-District Service Area Contract
- l. Achievement Centers for Children 2024-2025 Program Agreement
- m. Positive Education Program 2024-2025 Program Agreement
- n. Carrington 2024-2025 Agreement

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 #2024-05-09 - 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: 10:11 a.m.

Time Exit: 10:39 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

Resolution #2024-05-09.01 – Set Salary for ESCNEO Treasurer

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio sets the Treasurer's salary for 2024-2025 at \$218,500, effective July 1 2024 thru June 30, 2025.

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

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2024-05-09.02 – Employment Contract for ESCNEO Treasurer

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Board President to enter into an employment contract with the Treasurer for the period of August 1, 2024 thru July 31, 2027.

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

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

Motion approved 5-0

Board Member Reports and Comments

Mrs. Fortlage talked about the AI Summit and the rescheduling of the Finance Committee meeting. She also commented on the ESC Humanitarian Awards at Cuyahoga Heights High School.

Mr. Klepacz spoke about attending the ESC Humanitarian Awards ceremony at Independence High School.

Dr. Krol talked about attending several events including PEP Rally for Kids, the Cuyahoga Chamber of Commerce State of the Schools Luncheon, as well as the Excellence in Education ceremony.

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Mr. Miceli spoke about attending the ESC Humanitarian Awards ceremony for Richmond Heights Middle School.

Mr. Morrison, Jr. spoke about attending the ESC Humanitarian Awards ceremony for Richmond Heights High School as well as the Excellence in Education event at Tri-C Corporate College and mentioned how impressed he was with the students, who were twins, who spoke during the ceremony.

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment - Resolution #2024-05-10 Time: 11:06 a.m.

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

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

Motion approved 5-0

Facilities Committee Meeting immediately following today's board meeting

*Next Board Meeting
Thursday, June 27, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.*

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 06/27/2024



President



Treasurer

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