

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

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING– Tuesday, August 29, 2023

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Roll Call –

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

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2023-08-01 - Approve Agenda

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by George Klepacz
 Ayes: Frank Mahnic, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-08-02 - Accept the July 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 July 31, 2023 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Frank Mahnic
 Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Frank Mahnic, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-08-03 - Accept the July 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 July 1 to July 31, 2023.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz
 Ayes: Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

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The Treasurer gave a personnel update and reviewed the information that was covered in the recent Finance Committee Meeting including updates on EANS, OSTs, Grants, and the ESC 3-Year Forecast.

Resolution #2023-08-04 – Approve Reduction in Force (RIF) for Administrative Employee

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the ESC shall reduce in force within the ranks of administrative staff, through the suspension of their 2023-2024 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 August 31, 2023.

- Robyn Swift: Program Manager, Cleveland Metropolitan Schools

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-08-05 – Approve Sale of Property Agreement for 5700 W. Canal Rd.

WHEREAS, the Governing Board conducted an auction pursuant to R.C. 3313.41 on July 17, 2023, for the property located at 5700 W. Canal Road, the property was not sold, and the Governing Board offered the property for sale by private sale as authorized by R.C. 3313.41(B). **Be It Resolved**, whereas 5700 W. Canal Road is no longer needed for ESCNEO purposes, the Governing Board hereby approves the Agreement for Sale of Real Estate dated August 29, 2023. The Governing Board hereby authorizes the Board President, Superintendent, and Treasurer to perform all actions necessary to carry out the terms of the agreement and finalize the sale of the property.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Frank Mahnic

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Frank Mahnic, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Motion approved 5-0

The Superintendent distributed and discussed his 2023-24 goals and objectives.

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Resolution #2023-08-06 - 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 July 31, 2023 Special Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- d. OSTs Substitute Renewals
- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wage List
- f. List of 2023-2024 Credentialed Evaluators
- g. CMP Communications Contract Renewal

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Frank Mahnic

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Frank Mahnic, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-08-07 – Approve Professional Development for Board Members

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the following professional development events for board members as an approved training program for board compensation.

- Pepple & Waggoner School Law Update Seminars:
 - September 14, 2023 - Westerville, OH - Quest Conference Center
 - September 21, 2023 - Canton, OH – Glenmoor Country Club
 - September 28, 2023 - Independence, OH – Holiday Inn Cleveland South

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-08-08 - 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: 10:58 a.m.

Time Exit: 12:12 p.m.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Frank Mahnic, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

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Motion approved 5-0

Board Member Reports and Comments

Mr. Klepacz mentioned that he read an article from Independence Magazine that Independence would be hiring a Prevention Specialist through the ESC.

Mr. Mahnic mentioned that Cuyahoga Heights is in discussion about building a new complex.

Mr. Miceli mentioned that he attended the Finance Committee meeting.

Future Agenda Items

- Connect ITC Update
- Student Programs Update
- NCSSA Update
- Transportation Update
- Risk Assessment

Adjournment - Resolution #2023-08-09 Time: 12:23 p.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic

Motion approved 5-0

Next Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, September 28, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Teaching & Learning Committee - Friday, September 15, 2023 @ 1:30 p.m.

Minutes approved 09/28/2023



President



Treasurer

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