

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, September 28, 2023

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call –

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

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2023-09-01 - Approve Agenda

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

Motion approved 5-0

Presentation – Eileen Stanic, Meeder Investments

Resolution #2023-09-02 - Acceptance of the August 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 August 31, 2023 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, and Schedule of Investments.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-09-03 - Acceptance of the August 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 August 1 to August 31, 2023.

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

Motion approved 5-0

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Resolution #2023-09-04 - Approve the Permanent Appropriations for FY2023-2024

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the Permanent Appropriations (**\$149,464,787**) for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

FY 2023-2024 Appropriations

Fund #	Breakdown by Fund	
001	General Fund	\$70,085,000.00
004	Capital Projects	\$300.00
006	Food Service	\$385,000.00
014	Rotary Funds	\$300,000.00
019	Miscellaneous Grants	\$50,437,345.00
022	Workers Compensation Fund	\$375,000.00
024	Self Insurance Fund	\$13,000,000.00
State Grants		
432	E Rate Grant	\$110,075.00
499	Miscellaneous State Grants	\$933,830.00
507	Extended Learning & Recovery Grant	\$2,963,210.00
516	TITLE VI B Grant	\$3,466,330.00
551	Limited English Proficiency Grant	<i>Pending info from ODE</i>
571	Refugee Grant	\$841,000.00
572	Priority Schools Grants	\$219,025.00
587	Early Learning Discretionary Grant	\$129,700.00
590	Resident Educator Grant	\$100,000.00
599	Miscellaneous Federal Grants	\$6,118,972.00
	Total FY 2023-2024 Appropriations	<u>\$149,464,787.00</u>

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by George Klepacz

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

Motion approved 5-0

The Treasurer commended Ms. Stanic, from Meeder Investments, for her work with the ESCNEO. He also commented on the impact of personnel costs on the general fund. The Treasurer also agreed to provide cash-on-hand information to the Governing Board by the close of business today.

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The Superintendent spoke about Dr. Dodd's absence from the meeting, indicating that she was participating in a site visit in Minneapolis. He then mentioned that he attended the funeral of John Sesek's son. Next, he informed the group that we were awarded a \$1M grant for Student Threat Assessment training. The Superintendent then informed the Board Members that there would be an addendum to the contract for the closing of the sale of the 5700 W. Canal property. Lastly, he told the group that administration would be updating the Governing Board Talking Points for 2023-24 and would have those available at the next board meeting.

Resolution #2023-09-05 - 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 August 29, 2023 Special Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- d. List of OSTs Renewals
- e. PEP Monthly Supplemental Wage List

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-09-06 - Executive Session

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio enters Executive Session for the purpose of discussing: 1) employment and 2) compensation of employees of the board per ORC 121.22 (G).

Time Enter 10:43 a.m. Time Exit 10:54 a.m.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by George Klepacz

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

Motion approved 5-0

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Resolution #2023-09-06.01 – Approve Salary for Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio Superintendent

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Education Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the new salary for the Superintendent for the 2023-24 FY in the amount of \$272,000, effective August 1, 2023.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz

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

Motion approved 5-0

Board Member Reports and Comments

Mrs. Fortlage informed the group that six (6) people are running for school board positions in Independence.

Mr. Klepacz was very complimentary of Ryan Pendleton for his work with NCSSA.

Dr. Krol expressed her approval of the new format of the Teaching and Learning Committee meetings. She also talked about the need for an additional administrative assistant in the Teaching and Learning department. Lastly, she mentioned that people hired for grants are hired only for the grants but also go out to districts.

Mr. Mahnic mentioned that there is a new levy in Cuyahoga Heights on the upcoming ballot.

Future Agenda Items

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

Adjournment - Resolution #2023-09-07 Time: 11:15 a.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

Motion approved 5-0

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Next Board Meeting
October 26, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Committee Meetings
Policy Committee Meeting immediately following the September 28th board meeting
Insurance Committee Meeting, October 19, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.
Facilities Committee Meeting, October 26, 2023 immediately following the board meeting

Upcoming Conferences
OSBA Capital Conference: November 12-14, 2023 (Columbus, OH)
AESAs Annual Conference: November 29 – December 1, 2023 (Anaheim, CA)
NSBA Annual Conference: April 6-8, 2024 (New Orleans, LA)

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 10/26/2023



President



Treasurer

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