

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

***SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – Monday, July 31, 2023***

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

**Roll Call –**

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

**Public Participation** – There was none.

**Resolution #2023-07-01 - Approve Agenda**

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Resolution #2023-07-02 - Accept the June 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 June 30, 2023 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 Anthony Miceli  
Ayes: George Klepacz, Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Resolution #2023-07-03 - Accept the June 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 June 1 to June 30, 2023.

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

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The Treasurer indicated that recent personnel changes will not have an impact on the general fund.

## **Resolution #2023-07-04 – Rescind Offer of Employment**

**Be It Resolved** the Governing Board hereby rescinds its action in Resolution No. 2023-06-10 dated June 30, 2023, to employ Nancy Osko as Literacy Coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by George Klepacz

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

## **Resolution #2023-07-05- 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 teaching (certified) staff, through the suspension of their 2023-2024 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 July 31, 2023.

- Michelle Gorman-Reggets: ASL Interpreter, Parma City Schools
- Rachel Vitez: ASL Interpreter, North Royalton Schools
- John McGoun: ASL Interpreter, Fairview City Schools

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by George Klepacz

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

## **Resolution #2023-07-06 – 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 non-teaching (classified) staff, through the suspension of their 2023-2024 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 July 31, 2023.

- Ashley Thomas: ASL Interpreter, Fairview City Schools
- Susan Frate: Clinical Associate, PEP Chestnut Cleveland

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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**Resolution #2023-07-07 – 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 4, 2023.

- David Dewey: Gifted Coordinator: ESCNEO

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Frank Mahnic

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

The Superintendent presented his self-evaluation to board members. He also discussed the subpoena he received in regard to a lawsuit against Bright Beginnings (Rodriguez Family).

**Resolution #2023-07-08 - 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:

- Minutes of June 29, 2023 Regular Meeting
- ~~List of Personnel Changes~~
- OSTS Substitute Teacher Renewals
- OSTS New Substitute Teachers
- Positive Education Monthly Supplemental Wage List
- Hattie Larlham Agreement

*\* Item “b” was pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion*

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2023-07-08.01 Approve Consent Agenda Item “b”**

- List of Personnel Changes

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Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2023-07-09 - Approve Professional Development for Board Members**

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

OSBA Capital Conference: November 12-14, 2023 (Columbus, OH)

AESA Annual Conference: November 29 – December 1, 2023 (Anaheim, CA)

NSBA Annual Conference: April 6-8, 2024 (New Orleans, LA)

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2023-07-10 – 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 the sale of property.

Time Enter: 3:22 p.m. Time Exit: 3:38 p.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2023-07-10.01 – Reject Offer to Purchase 5700 W. Canal Building**

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Frank Mahnic

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

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## Board Member Reports and Comments

Mrs. Fortlage posed questions about requirements for Athletic Director positions in districts. She also requested that the Treasurer prepare a risk assessment and present at the next board meeting. Lastly, she asked her colleagues if they were planning to attend this year's AESA meeting.

Mr. Klepacz reported that he attended the auction for the 5700 W. Canal property and found it to be very interesting, but was disappointed there was only one bidder.

Dr. Krol reminded board members that their comments for the Superintendent's evaluation were due by August 15<sup>th</sup> and that there would be an Executive Session at the August board meeting.

## Future Agenda Items

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

**Adjournment - Resolution #2023-07-11      Time: 3:47 p.m.**

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

### *Next Regular Board Meeting*

Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

### *Upcoming Committee Meetings*

Technology Committee Meeting – August 8, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – August 22, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.

Minutes approved 08/29/2023



President



Treasurer

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