

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, June 24, 2021

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order at 8:44 a.m.

Roll Call via Zoom Meeting-

Present – Christine Krol, Anton Hocevar, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli

Absent: Frank Mahnic

Administration Present - Bob Mengerink, Bruce Basalla, Steve Rogaski, Jennifer Dodd

Public Participation - There was none.

Resolution #2021-06-01 - Approve the Agenda

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded Anton Hocevar

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anton Hocevar, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2021-06-02 - Accept the May 2021 Financial Statements

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the ESC hereby accepts the Treasurer’s Financial Statements for the month ended May 31, 2021 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report by Fund, and Bank Reconciliation, Schedule of Investments.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded Anton Hocevar

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anton Hocevar, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2021-06-03 – Accept the May 2021 Check Register

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the ESC hereby accepts the Check Register for the period May 1 to May 31, 2021.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Nays: Anton Hocevar

Motion passed 3-1

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Resolution #2021-06-04 - Approve Final FY 2020-2021 Appropriations including year-end Transfers and Advances

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the ESC hereby approves the final Appropriations in the amount of \$117,219,382. Also included in this resolution the Governing Board approves year-end transfers in the amount of \$271,000 and year-end advances in the amount of \$2,760,000.

Motion: Anton Hocevar; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anton Hocevar, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2021-06-05 - Approve Temporary Appropriations for FY 2021-2022

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the ESC hereby approves the temporary appropriations for FY 2021-2022 in the amount of \$29,304,771.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Christine Krol

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli, Anton Hocevar
Motion carried unanimously

The Treasurer updated the Governing Board on items that would be approved in the Consent Agenda that included personnel changes and contracts for Property & Liability insurance and noted that there were no changes to the Advocacy and Communication Solutions contract and the Ease at Work contract. He also noted that the ESC Finance Department had begun the conversation of financial software from the current state software to the state redesign software.

Dr. Mengerink updated the Governing Board that the executive leadership team was in the middle of interview processes to replace administrative assistants while considering ways to reorganize for more efficient use of current and new staff. He also shared that Jodie Hausmann, Superintendent of Bay Village, was hired to be the new Executive Director at Connect. He also noted that there was going to be a large changeover in Superintendents next year with 10 new Superintendents among our client districts for the 2021-2022 school year. He shared that he and Jenn Dodd met with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent from Hamilton County ESC to better understand each other's services, challenges, structures, etc.

Resolution #2021-06-06 - 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 May 27, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. 2021-2022 ESC Salary Schedule
- d. 2021-2022 ESC Salary Ranges

- e. 2021-2022 Salaries for ESC Internal Staff and SST Staff
- f. List of New Teacher Substitutes- North Coast Shared Service Alliance
- g. Hattie Larlham Cooperative Agreement
- h. Ease At Work Continuing Contract 7-1-2021 through 6-30-2022
- i. Property and Liability Insurance Contract 7-01-2021 through 6-30-2022
- j. Advocacy & Communication Solutions Contract 7-1-2021 through 6-30-2022

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anton Hocevar

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anton Hocevar, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2021-06-07 - Executive Session

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

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Nays: Anton Hocevar

Motion passed 3-1

Entered : 9:28 a.m.

Reconvened Meeting: 9:44 a.m.

Resolution #2020-06-07.1 - Approve Treasurer Salary at \$192,000 effective August 1, 2021

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio sets the Treasurer’s salary for 2021-2022 at \$192,000, effective August 1, 2021.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Nays: Anton Hocevar

Motion passed 3-1

Board Liaison Reports

Mr. Hocevar reported that Richmond Heights Schools was noted in the Properties Magazine under new schools. Also Richmond Heights Schools will be holding a Back To School Fair on August 12th. Lastly, he mentioned that a branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library is a part of the new facility.

Mr. Miceli commented that because of the discussion regarding Critical Race Theory, he is concerned that the board would become politicized. He said that he has become despondent and upset about politicizing the board over Critical Race Theory. He asked that the maker of the proposed motion rethink

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what they are doing. In the recent past he has seen people who used to be friends no longer talk to each other because of politics. He said that 3,044 would-be 2021 graduates have been killed due to gun violence and we are not proposing resolutions about that issue. He hoped that politics would not further fracture Board relationships.

Resolution #2021-06-08 Adjournment at 9:51 a.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Anton Hocevar

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Anton Hocevar, carol Fortlage, Christine Krol
Motion carried unanimously

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, July 29, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 07/29/2021



President



Treasurer