

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, September 23, 2021

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m.

Roll Call –

Present – Christine Krol, Carol Fortlage, Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli

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

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2021-09-01 - Approve Agenda

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Frank Mahnic

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

Motion carried unanimously

Presentation – Eileen Stanic, Meeder Investments

Mr. Hocevar arrived at 8:50 a.m.

Resolution #2021-09-02 - Acceptance of the August 2021 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, 2021 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund and Schedule of Investments.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion carried unanimously

Note: Bank Reconciliation was not included at the time of the meeting. The reconciliation will be presented at the October Governing Board Meeting.

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Resolution #2021-09-03 - Acceptance of the August 2021 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, 2021.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Nays: Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic

Motion carried 3-2

Resolution #2021-09-04 - Approve the Permanent Appropriations for FY2021-2022

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the Permanent Appropriations (\$146,688,300) for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

		FY 2021-2022 Appropriations
Fund #	Breakdown by Fund	
001	General Fund	\$ 58,000,000
004	Capital Projects Fund	300
006	Food Service Fund	285,000
014	Rotary Funds	325,000
019	Miscellaneous Grants	62,800,000
022	Workers Compensation Fund	750,000
024	Self Insurance Fund	12,100,000
State Grants		
432	EMIS Grant (Information Services)	143,000
499	Miscellaneous State Grants	1,525,000
Federal Grants		
507	RemotEDx OCER (Whole Child Learning Collab)	175,000
508	Governors emergency Education Relief Fun FY21	2,500,000
510	BroadbandOhio Connectivity FY21	40,000
516	IDEA TITLE VI-B Grant	3,500,000
551	Limited English Proficiency Grant	250,000
571	Refugee Grant	175,000
572	TITLE I Grant	232,000
587	IDEA Early Childhood Spec. Ed. Grant Improving	118,000
590	Improving Teacher Quality Grant	170,000
599	Miscellaneous Federal Grant	<u>3,600,000</u>
Total FY2020-2021 Appropriations		<u>\$146,688,300</u>

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Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anton Hocevar

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

Motion carried unanimously

The Treasurer provided another update on the Emergency Assistance for Nonpublic Schools (EANS) program. In addition, gave his thoughts on the performance of Meeder Investments and stated that he agreed with the strategy building the investment portfolio. He also advised the Governing Board that there are no changes to the CMP Communications Contract that is up for renewal in the Consent Agenda. Lastly, he provided clarification on the position change and salary adjustment of an employee from Fiscal Payroll Specialist to Fiscal Services Officer and that he is working on plans for filling the now vacant payroll specialist position.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mengerink complimented the Finance and HR departments on their management of the complex EANS program. He also shared the struggles that many districts are currently facing with bus driver shortages and the ESCs interaction with the Cuyahoga County Emergency Management Agency to find solutions, which may include the National Guard, if decided upon by the Governor. In addition, he highlighted support that Russ Bennett has been providing for the Acting Superintendent in Streetsboro while the Superintendent is on medical leave and his upcoming work with Shaker Schools in helping to manage the implementation of multiple components of PowerSchool's software.

Resolution #2021-09-05 - 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 26, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of NCSSA New Teacher Substitutes
- d. List of NCSSA Renewals
- e. CMP Communications Contract Renewal
- f. PEP Monthly Supplemental Wage List

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Frank Mahnic

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

Motion carried unanimously

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Mr. Mahnic left the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Resolution #2021-09-06 - 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).

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Frank Mahnic

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

Time Enter: 9:36 a.m. Time Exit: 9:45 a.m.

Resolution #2021-09-06.01

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio sets the Superintendent’s salary for 2021-2022 at \$256,500, effective August 1, 2021.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Nays: Anton Hocevar

Motion carried 3-1

Resolution #2021-09-07 – 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:

OSBA Webinar: Drafting & Implementing District Equity Policies: August 24, 2021
Pepple & Waggoner School Law Update Seminars: September 2021

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Anton Hocevar

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

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Board Member Reports and Comments

Mrs. Fortlage did not have any items to report.

Mr. Hocevar reported that Slovenia is celebrating their 30th year of independence from Yugoslavia.

Dr. Krol mentioned an OSBA email inviting school board members to a virtual conversation tonight with Governor DeWine and Pediatric Health Experts about the current increase of COVID-19 cases in children. Dr. Krol also discussed attending the OSBA webinar, Drafting and Implementing District Equity Policies. This webinar included presenters from Shaker Heights and Cincinnati Schools, OSBA, and a consultant in diverse at-risk learners. Speakers said equality and equity are not the same. Educational equity means student demographics shouldn't predict achievement and it focuses on opportunity gaps. Non-discrimination policies are passive and not enough, but equity policies are pro-active and hopefully lead to equality. Equity policies should be unique to districts' needs and include a metric to assess where inequities lie. Equity Policies were shared.

Mr. Miceli did not have any items to report.

Future Agenda Items

- Cash on Hand (12 Months)
- COVID-19 Workplace Financial Impact/GEERS Funding Update
- Updates on Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools
- Student Programs & Ohio Online Learning Program (October)

Resolution #2021-09-08 Adjournment at 10:07 a.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Anton Hocevar

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

Motion carried unanimously

Next Board Meeting

October 28, 2021

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Finance Committee Meeting, October 19, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

Facilities & Building Committee Meeting, October 28, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Conferences

OSBA Capital Conference, November 7-9, 2021 (Columbus)

AESA Annual Conference, December 1-4, 2021 (Houston)

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Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 10/28/2021

Christina A. Good

President



Treasurer

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