

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING - Thursday, May 26, 2022

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m.

Roll Call -

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

Mr. Mahnic arrived at 8:40 a.m.

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2022-05-01 - Approve Agenda

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Klepacz, Miceli, Fortlage, Krol

Motion carried 4-0

Presentation: First Ring Schools Collaborative, Dr. Bill Wagner

Resolution #2022-05-02 - Accept the April 2022 Check Register

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby accepts the Check Register for the month of April 1, 2022 to April 30, 2022.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Mahnic, Klepacz, Fortlage, Krol, Miceli

Nays: Frank Mahnic

Motion carried 4-1

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Resolution #2022-05-03 - Accept the April 2022 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 April 30, 2022 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Miceli, Klepacz, Fortlage, Krol, Mahnic

Motion carried 5-0

The Treasurer submitted his annual “Fit for Duty” letter from his physician, per Governing Board policy. He asked to change the September board meeting date so a new date will be determined at an upcoming meeting. The Treasurer also brainstormed with the Board about the possibility of having charging stations on-site for electric cars as a possible revenue stream. Next, he updated the Board on various programs (handout provided) that were discussed at the recent Finance Committee meeting. He also announced the upcoming Audit Meeting scheduled on June 7th. Lastly, he stated that he will give an update on Student Programs at the June meeting, including an update on the Hearing Impaired/Visually Impaired Consortium as well as the Achievement Centers for Children.

Resolution #2022-05-04 – Employment Separation of Shawna Roche at Conclusion of Employment Contract

Be It Resolved, whereas Ms. Shawna Roche has notified the ESCNEO of her inability to return to work upon the conclusion of her current employment contract that expires on August 31, 2022, the Governing Board hereby accepts said notice and authorizes the Superintendent to do all things necessary to complete Ms. Roche’s separation from employment.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Mahnic, Fortlage, Klepacz, Krol, Miceli

Motion carried 5-0

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Resolution #2022-05-05 – Approve Reduction in Force (RIF) for Certified Employee

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 2022-2023 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 April 30, 2022.

- Jennifer Willis: Special Education Specialist, Bedford City Schools

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Fortlage, Klepacz, Krol, Mahnic, Miceli

Motion carried 5-0

Resolution #2022-05-06 – Approve Non-renewal of Certified Contract

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio declares its intention not to renew the limited contract of the following certified employee for the 2022-2023 school year. The Treasurer is directed to give notice of this action not later than May 30, 2022.

- Robert Semple: Intervention Specialist, Achievement Centers for Children

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Miceli, Fortlage, Klepacz, Krol, Mahnic

Motion carried 5-0

Resolution #2022-05-07 – Approve Non-renewal of Classified Contract

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio declares its intention not to renew the limited contract of the following classified employee for the 2022-2023 school year. The Treasurer is directed to give notice of this action not later than May 30, 2022.

- Angela Yarina: Payroll Specialist, Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio

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Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Frank Mahnic

Ayes: Fortlage, Mahnic, Klepacz, Krol, Miceli

Motion carried 5-0

The Superintendent spoke about the recent tragedy in Texas at an Elementary School and how difficult it is for district administrators to process these occurrences. He also talked about personnel matters, specifically the resignation of Joseph Gaudio. Lastly, he talked about salary changes and recommendations for the upcoming year.

Resolution #2022-05-08 - Approve Consent Agenda as amended

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 April 26, 2022 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of New Teacher Substitutes
- d. List of Teacher Substitute Renewals
- e. PEP Monthly Supplemental Wages
- f. ~~2022-2023 ESC Salary Schedule~~
- g. ~~2022-2023 ESC Salary Ranges~~
- h. ~~2022-2023 Salaries for ESC Internal Staff and SST Staff~~
- i. ~~2022-2023 Program Staff Salaries DRAFT New~~
- j. 2022- 2023 Service Contract of Non-Public Entity
- k. 2022-2023 Inter-District Service Area Contract
- l. Achievement Centers for Children 2022-2023 Program Agreement
- m. Positive Education Program 2022-2023 Program Agreement
- n. Carrington 2022-2023 Agreement

**Items f, g, h, and i were pulled from the Consent Agenda by request from Mrs. Fortlage to address questions and for clarification.*

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Mahnic, Fortlage, Klepacz, Krol, Miceli

Motion carried 5-0

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Resolution #2022-05-08.01 - Approve pulled Consent Agenda items

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the Consent Agenda with the following items:

- f. 2022-2023 ESC Salary Schedule
- g. 2022-2023 ESC Salary Ranges
- h. 2022-2023 Salaries for ESC Internal Staff and SST Staff
- i. 2022-2023 Program Staff Salaries

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Mahnic, Miceli, Fortlage, Klepacz, Krol,
Motion carried 5-0

Resolution #2022-05-09 - 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: 10:07 a.m. Time Exit: 10:39 a.m.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Mahnic, Fortlage, Klepacz, Krol, Miceli
Motion carried 5-0

Resolution #2022-05-09.01 – Approve Treasurer’s Salary

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio set the Treasurer’s salary at \$205,000, effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Mahnic, Klepacz, Fortlage, Krol, Miceli
Motion carried 5-0

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Board Member Reports and Comments

Mrs. Fortlage discussed attending the Technology and Finance Committee meetings. With the Technology Committee she discussed the move of the Connect data center, the new ESCNEO works website and a brief demonstration of the PRISMS virtual reality tools, changes to the Ohio Online Learning Program pricing and the fact that the ESC Conference Center is nearing capacity again. She also spoke about her experience at this year’s ESC Humanitarian Awards ceremony at Independence High School.

Mr. Klepacz discussed attending the Technology Committee meeting and provided an update on the move of the Connect servers to a new location where space will be rented, the equipment updates at the ESC and the ESC YouTube channel.

Dr. Krol discussed the Teaching and Learning Committee (formerly Curriculum Committee) meeting that she attended and shared information about the Business Advisory Council, an Early IT Partnership with the University of Cincinnati, coaching and training for school districts, a new principal’s cohort and changes to the Ohio Online Learning Program. She also noted that she presented the Humanitarian Award to Cuyahoga Heights High School.

Mr. Mahnic thanked Dr. Krol for attending the Humanitarian Awards Ceremonies on his behalf at Cuyahoga Heights High School and Middle School. He mentioned that his schedule has been very busy due to personal obligations as well as his service on the Scenic Railroad Board of Directors.

Mr. Miceli spoke about the recent tragedy in Texas. He mentioned that he attended the Finance Committee and asked to have a report about Connect on a future agenda. He concluded his report with a suggestion to raise the amount of money awarded to students who are the recipients of the ESC Humanitarian Awards. He praised Marlo’s work in communicating about the Humanitarian Awards.

Future Agenda Items

- Student Programs & Ohio Online Learning Program
- ESC Humanitarian Awards
- Connect ITC
- September Board Meeting Date Change

Adjournment - Resolution #2022-05-10 Time: 11:02 a.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Miceli, Klepacz, Fortlage, Krol, Mahnic

Motion carried 5-0

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*Next Board Meeting
Thursday, June 30, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m.
Policy Committee Meeting immediately following the board meeting*

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 06/30/2022

Christine A. Grol

President



Treasurer