

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, January 21, 2021

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

Roll Call -

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

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

Public Participation - There was none.

Resolution #2021-01-09 - Approve the Agenda

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anton Hocevar

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

Resolution #2021-01-10 – Accept the December 2020 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 December 31, 2020 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the ESC hereby accepts the Check Register for the period December 1 thru December 31, 2020.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

Resolution #2021-01-11 - Acceptance of the December 2020 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 December 1 to December 31, 2020.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Nays: Frank Mahnic, Anton Hocevar

Motion carried 3-2

Resolution #2021-01-11.1 - Approve an Increase to the FY2020-2021 Appropriations

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves an increase in appropriations in the amount of \$2,302,650 for the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund in the amount of \$2,072,650 and the NE Ohio Education Prevention PD Grant in the amount of \$230,000. Increasing total appropriations for FY2021 to \$107,921,582.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anton Hocevar

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

The Treasurer updated the Governing Board that the audit would be completed in early February 2021. He mentioned that his self-evaluation was emailed to the Board members on Wednesday evening along with a blank copy for their use.

The Treasurer mentioned that there were no items in the consent agenda that would affect the general operating fund of the ESC. As part of that update, he explained how the hiring of Angela Yarina and the salary adjustment to Loren Cross to replace Betty Beach was salary neutral.

Lastly, he stated that in February he would provide an update on the programs that were reviewed back in October and he would also update the cash balance analysis as part of this update.

Resolution #2021-01-12 - Grant Leave of Absence

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Superintendent to grant a leave of absence for Joella Dietz-Haught pursuant to the written request and pursuant to O.R.C. 3319.13, without pay beginning January 4, 2021 for the rest of the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

At this time, the Superintendent reviewed his quarterly progress report with the Governing Board. He also agreed to mail and email the report to the Governing Boards members after the meeting.

After the report was completed, the Superintendent updated the Governing Board on the role of ESCs in the Governor’s plan for distributing the vaccine to educators in Cuyahoga County.

Resolution #2021-01-13 - 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 December 17, 2020 Regular Meeting
- b. Minutes of January 5, 2021 Organizational Meeting
- c. List of Personnel Changes
- d. List of NCSSA New Teacher Substitutes
- e. List of NCSSA Substitute Renewals
- f. Credentialed Evaluators-OTES

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anton Hocevar

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

Resolution #2021-01-14 - Accept Committee Appointments

Be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio accepts the following committee appointments by the Board President.

Curriculum Committee: Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli
Facilities & Building: Frank Mahnic, Jr., Anton Hocevar
Finance Committee: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli
Insurance Committee: Frank Mahnic, Jr., Anthony Miceli
Policy Committee: Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol
Technology Committee: Carol Fortlage, Frank Mahnic, Jr.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Board Member Reports

Mrs. Fortlage reported that the Independence Schools were back in session.

Mr. Hocevar asked that information from the Curriculum Committee be passed on the others on the Board.

Dr. Krol reminded everyone to complete the Treasurer evaluation and to forward the information for her to compile. She also reported that at the last City Club luncheon Habeebah from the Positive Education Program was part of a panel on inequities in education. She also reminded everyone that there were minutes available for every committee meeting if Board members wanted information from any committee meeting. Lastly, Dr. Krol reported on the Curriculum Committee meeting held prior to this Board meeting. Approximately 400 educators participated in Summer 2020 training through Educator Quality with another approximate 475 educators in Fall 2020. The exact count was 1060 in Summer and Fall 2020 state trainings across 222 schools and districts throughout the state. This does not include additional trainings the

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department has conducted. We also supported 193 resident educators (beginning teachers from Years 1 – 4) across 9 districts, ESC and its partner agencies. Also reported was the fact that Passport program teachers were having some trouble getting into group homes while the HI & VI teachers were visiting students at home and in school. Our Capstone program was still all virtual and in the Crossroads program the teachers were using the online platform being used by the Ohio Online Program. Also, we have 14 districts in the Ohio Online program using the Jefferson ESC virtual learning platform. Lastly, the PEP and EA programs were back four days a week splitting students who attend either Monday & Tuesday or Thursday & Friday.

Mr. Miceli thanked Dr. Krol for her Curriculum meeting update. He also asked administration for an update on recent work by lobbyists contracted by the ESC. He also asked for clarification on the Treasurer's contract timelines.

Resolution #2021-01-15 - Adjournment at 10:03 a.m.

Motion: Carol Fortlage seconded by Frank Mahnic

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

ADDITIONAL DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Governing Board Meeting – February 18, 2021 @ 8:30a.m. via ZOOM

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla

Minutes approved 02/18/2021



President



Treasurer