

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

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, November 17, 2022***

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Roll Call -**

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

**Public Participation** – There was none.

**Resolution #2022-11-01 - Approve Agenda**

Motion: Frank Mahnic Jr.; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Presentation – Eileen Stanic, Meeder Investments**

**Resolution #2022-11-02 - Accept the September 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 September 30, 2022, which includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

Motion: Frank Mahnic Jr.; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Resolution #2022-11-03 – Accept the September 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 period of September 1 to September 30, 2022.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

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**Resolution #2022-11-04 – Accept the October 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 period of October 1 to October 31, 2022.

Motion: Frank Mahnic, Jr.; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

The Treasurer provided handouts and updates on student programs (Capstone, Carrington, Crossroads, and Passport) as well as North Coast Shared Service Alliance (NCSSA). He shared with the group that during the recent Finance Committee meeting, they discussed the impact of contracts on the general fund. He also discussed his work with and satisfaction with Meeder Investments and Eileen Stanic. He then alerted the group that he would be requesting an increase in appropriations at the December board meeting. Lastly, he reported that December 2022 will be the last principal payment made on Essex Place.

**Resolution #2022-11-05 – Approval of General Construction Contract**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Superintendent or Treasurer to enter into a contract with Sona Construction in the amount of \$204,000 as a general contractor for the construction of the ESC Office and Conference Room Expansion on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

The Superintendent talked about Mr. Mahnic’s recognition of 25 years of service as a Governing Board Member at this year’s OSBA Capital Conference. He also shared that attendance at the ESCNEO Luncheon at OSBA held steady at about 100, even though the conference registration was lower than last year. He mentioned that he had attended the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce State of the Region and that the Chamber’s State of the Schools Luncheon will be held May 10, 2023.

**Resolution #2022-11-06 - 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 October 27, 2022 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of New Teacher Substitutes for OSTs
- d. List of OSTs Renewals

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- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages List
- f. FY24 & F25 Primary Service Agreement

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

*Motion approved 5-0*

### **Board Member Reports and Comments**

Mrs. Fortlage talked about attending the recent Finance Committee meeting. She also shared with the group that she attended a session at the OSBA Capital Conference on the Science of Reading. Lastly, she thanked the administration for the communication provided in order to help the board make more informed decisions.

Mr. Klepacz reported that he attended a session about the Montgomery ESC at the Capital Conference. He also reiterated his interest in solar power panels.

Dr. Krol shared with the group that she attended sessions at the Capital Conference concerning several of our client districts (Akron, Chardon, Cleveland Heights/University Heights, and East Cleveland). She also attended a luncheon with guest speaker Kurt Russell, Ohio's Teacher of the Year, who is from Oberlin Schools. Lastly, she discussed attending a session about board self-assessment practices.

Mr. Mahnic shared his thoughts about the Capital Conference. He said that overall, it was great. He talked about speaking to a vendor about solar panels and invited the vendor to attend the next Facilities Committee meeting.

Mr. Miceli reported that he attended the legislative session and said that the legislators were considering moving many of the functions of the State Board of Education to the governor's office. He also shared with the administration that he received a compliment about how ESCNEO cares about and supports our client districts from an attendee at our luncheon. He also went to a session titled "Reading is everything! Success through the Science of reading" Gallia County local changed from various reading programs driven by individual teachers to a comprehensive and cohesive reading program in grades K-5 with professional development and made a strong effort to get teacher buy in. They were seeing very positive results.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Student Programs & Ohio Online Learning Program
- NCSSA Update
- Connect ITC Update (December)

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**Adjournment - Resolution #2022-11-07 Time: 11:19 a.m.**

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

***Motion approved 5-0***

***Next Board Work Sessions***  
*November 28, 2022 @ 2:00 p.m.*

***Next Regular Board Meeting***  
*December 15, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.*

***Upcoming Committee Meetings***  
*Teaching & Learning Committee, November 18, 2022 @ 1:30 p.m.*

***Upcoming Conferences***  
*AESA Annual Conference: November 30 – December 3, 2022 (Atlanta, GA)*  
*NSBA Annual Conference: April 1-3, 2023 (Orlando, FL)*

*Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer*

Minutes approved 12/15/2022

  
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President

  
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Treasurer