MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, April 23, 2020

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Roll Call -
Present – Christine Krol, Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage
Administration Present - Bob Mengerink, Bruce Basalla, Steve Rogaski, Jennifer Dodd

Public Participation - There was none.

Resolution #2020-04-01 - Approve the Agenda

Motion: Anton Hocevar; seconded by Carol Fortlage
Ayes:    Anton Hocevar, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Frank Mahnic, Christine Krol

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2020-04-02 - Accept the February 2020 Check Register

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center Northeast Ohio hereby accepts the Check Register for the month of February 1, 2020 to February 29, 2020.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli
Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol
Nays:   Frank Mahnic, Anton Hocevar

Motion carried 3-2

Resolution #2020-04-03 – Accept of the February 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 February 29, 2020 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli
Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Frank Mahnic, Anton Hocevar, Christine Krol

Motion carried unanimously
Resolution #2020-04-04 - Accept the March 2020 Check Register

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center Northeast Ohio hereby accepts the Check Register for the month of March 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Nays: Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic

Motion carried 3-2

Resolution #2020-04-05 – Accept the March 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 March 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.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion carried unanimously

The Treasurer thanked the Board for his evaluation and referenced different areas of the evaluation and how he would be addressing the items in the future.

The Treasurer updated the Governing Board on the subject matters discussed at the April 17th Finance Committee meeting. Highlights of the meeting included: effects of the Coronavirus on revenues and expenditures, forecast for the remainder of FY2019-2020, forecast for FY2020-2021, and discussion of unemployment related to the Coronavirus.

He also spoke to the effects of any upcoming Board action on personnel or contracts to the general operating fund.

Lastly there was discussion regarding the consultant list that was sent to the Board per Mr. Mahnic’s request.

Resolution #2020-04-06 - Approve Certified/Classified Contracts for 2020-2021 contract year

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the recommended renewal of Certified/Classified Contracts for the 2020-2021 Contract Year.
Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anton Hocevar

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

*Motion carried unanimously*

Resolution #2020-04-07 - Approve Reduction in Force (RIF) for Classified Employee

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio shall reduce in force within the ranks of non-teaching (classified) staff, through the suspension of their 2019-2020 employment contract(s) for financial conditions pursuant to Section 3319.172 of the Ohio Revised Code as determined by the Superintendent. The Treasurer is directed to give written notice of this action not later than March 31, 2020.

- Raquel Marton: ASL Interpreter: North Olmsted City Schools

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

*Motion carried unanimously*

The Superintendent reported to the Board on how the ESC has been operating and working with client districts during the COVID-19 pandemic. He mentioned that although he, Dr. Dodd, Steve Rogaski and Bruce Basalla have been in the office every day, the staff has been working remotely per the Governor’s order.

Dr. Mengerink shared and reviewed his quarterly progress report on his goals and objectives with the Governing Board highlighting certain goals and answering any questions from the Governing Board.

Lastly, he spoke to the ESC’s use of Zoom as its meetings platform. We have 150 licenses and Zoom meetings have been working very well for staff.

Resolution #2020-04-08 - 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 February 20, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
b. Renewal of Administrative Contracts 2020-2021
c. List of Personnel Changes
d. List of NCSSSA New Teacher Substitutes
e. List of NCSSSA Substitute Renewals
f. Approve Contract with Betts and Associates 4-1-20 to 3-31-21
g. Approve ESC Office Calendar for 2020-2021
h. CONNECT Internet Service Agreement 7-1-20 to 6-30-23

Motion: Anton Hocevar; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

Motion carried unanimously

Board Member Reports
Mrs. Fortlage reported that the finance committee met last week and that Mr. Basalla thoroughly discussed the meeting during his report and she had nothing to add. She also mentioned that the City of Independence hired a consultant to manage their Zoom meeting and it worked well. Mrs. Fortlage noted that she was using two screens during the Board meeting and it worked well.

Mr. Hocevar reminded everyone that their ethics reports had a deadline extension for filing.

Dr. Krol had questions on the possible reopening of the ESC. Those questions dealt with employee safety and how to be reasonably assured that all people will be safe.

Mr. Mahnic stated that the administration was doing a great job during this pandemic and wished everyone to stay well.

Mr. Miceli stated that in Richmond Hts. schools students in grades four and up have become familiar with Google Classroom and it has been working very well.

In responding to a question by a board member, Dr. Mengerink stated that the ESC will takes its cue from the local school districts regarding the presentation of the ESC Humanitarian Awards.

Resolution #2020-04-09 - Approve Professional Development for Board Members
Motion and second were withdrawn

Resolution #2020-04-10 - Adjournment at 11:09 a.m.
Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Frank Mahnic

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

Motion carried unanimously

ADDITIONAL DATES TO REMEMBER
Next Board Meeting – Thursday, May 28, 2020 @ 8:30 a.m. – Virtual Meeting via Zoom
CANCELLED -GCSSA Dinner – April 28, 2020@ 6:30p.m. – Shoreby Club, Bratenahl, Ohio
CANCELLED -OSBA Board Leadership Institute – May 1 & 2, 2020, Columbus OH
CANCELLED -Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce, State of the Schools – May 13, 2020
CANCELLED –PEP Rally for Kids – May 14, 2020, Windows on the River

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla
Minutes approved 05/28/2020

Christine A. Krol
President

Treasurer