

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING– Thursday, December 14, 2023

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Resolution #2023-12-01 – Appoint Treasurer Pro-Tempore for December 14, 2023 Meeting

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio appoints **Dr. Jennifer Dodd** Treasurer Pro-Tempore for the December 14, 2023 meeting.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Motion approved 4-0

Roll Call –

Present – Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz
Administration Present – Bob Mengerink, Jennifer Dodd, Steve Rogaski
Mr. Frank Mahnic was not in attendance.

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2023-12-02 - Approve Agenda

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: George Klepacz, Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2023-12-03 - Accept the October 2023 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 October 31, 2023 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

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Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz
Ayes: Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2023-12-04 - Acceptance of the November 2023 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 November 1 to November 30, 2023.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz
Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2023-12-05 –Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse Christine Krol (\$325.44) for expenses incurred.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage
Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz
Abstention: Christine Krol

Motion approved 3-0

Resolution #2023-12-06 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse Anthony Miceli (\$344.96) for expenses incurred.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage
Ayes: George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol
Abstention: Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 3-0

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Resolution #2023-12-07 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse Carol Fortlage (\$171.26) for expenses incurred.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Abstention: Carol Fortlage

Motion approved 3-0

Resolution #2023-12-08 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse George Klepacz (\$297.67) for expenses incurred.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Abstention: George Klepacz

Motion approved 3-0

Resolution #2023-12-09 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse Frank Mahnic Jr. (\$15.06) for expenses incurred.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 4-0

The Treasurer reported that the current personnel changes will not have an impact on the general fund.

Resolution #2023-12-10 – Approve 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 Jessica Diedrichs, ASL Interpreter, Parma City Schools pursuant to the written request and pursuant to O.R.C. 3319.13 without pay beginning November 13, 2023 to December 22, 2023.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: George Klepacz, Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2023-12-11- Approve 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 Allison Gonzales, Coordinator of Behavior/ Wellness, Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools pursuant to the written request and pursuant to O.R.C. 3319.13 without pay beginning January 8, 2024 to April 28, 2024.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Motion approved 4-0

The Superintendent spoke about the resignation of Dr. Renee Willis, Richmond Heights Superintendent, and passed around the program booklet from Dr. Willis' farewell gathering. Next, he gave an update on student programs and also provided a handout to the group. Lastly, the Superintendent reminded the group of the upcoming Organizational Meeting on January 4, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. and also mentioned that the photographer would be present to take pictures for anyone interested in having a new photograph taken.

Resolution #2023-12-12 - 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 November 16, 2023 Regular Meeting~~ *
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of OSTs New Substitute Teachers
- d. List of OSTs Substitute Teacher Renewals
- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages List
- f. Dalad Contract Renewal – 1st two-year renewal (1/1/24 – 12/31/25)

** Item “a” was pulled for further discussion*

Motion: George Klepacz; Anthony Miceli

Ayes: George Klepacz, Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2023-12-12.01 – Approve item “a” from Consent Agenda

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the proposed wording change to Item “a” on the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2023-12-13 - Appoint President Pro-Tempore for Organizational Meeting

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio appoint **Dr. Christine Krol** President Pro-Tempore for the organizational meeting.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Motion approved 4-0

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Board Member Reports and Comments

Mrs. Fortlage commented on the Finance Committee, Tech Committee, and Student Programs

Mr. Klepacz mentioned attending the AI program.

Dr. Krol mentioned that the Teaching & Learning Committee meeting had been rescheduled. She also informed the group that the administration was preparing a plaque for outgoing board member, Frank Mahnic, Jr., in appreciation of his years of service as an ESCNEO Governing Board Member.

Mr. Miceli mentioned that Richmond Heights' superintendent, Dr. Renee Willis, would be leaving her position to work for the Jennings Foundation.

Future Agenda Items

- Connect ITC Update
- Student Programs Update
- NCSSA Update
- Transportation Update
- Risk Assessment

Adjournment - Resolution #2023-12-14 Time: 10:44 a.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Motion approved 4-0

Upcoming Meetings

Organizational Board Meeting - January 4, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board Meeting - January 25, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Conference

NSBA Annual Conference: April 6-8, 2024 (New Orleans, LA)

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 01/30/2024

Christine A. Grod

President

[Handwritten Signature]

Treasurer