

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

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING– Thursday, July 25, 2024***

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

**Resolution #2024-07-00 – Appoint Dr. Jennifer Dodd as Interim Secretary**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio appoints Dr. Jennifer Dodd as Interim Secretary for the July 25, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion: Christine Krol; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Christine Krol, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, William Morrison, Jr.

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Roll Call –**

Present – Christine Krol, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, William Morrison, Jr.  
Administration Present – Bob Mengerink, Jennifer Dodd, Steve Rogaski

**Public Participation** – There was none.

**Resolution #2024-07-01 - Approve Agenda**

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by William Morrison, Jr.

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, William Morrison, Jr., George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

***Motion approved 5-0***

**Resolution #2024-07-02 - Accept the June 2024 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 June 30, 2024 including the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli, William Morrison, Jr.

***Motion approved 5-0***

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**Resolution #2024-07-03 - Accept the June 2024 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 June 1 to June 30, 2024.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by William Morrison, Jr.

Ayes: George Klepacz, William Morrison, Jr., Carol Fortlage Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2024-07-04 – Approve Alternative Administrator License**

**Be It Resolved**, having satisfied the requirements for an Alternative Principal License set forth in O.R.C. 3301-24-11, the Governing Board hereby employs Christopher Henry effective August 1, 2024 as a Principal for grades K-12 assigned to the Positive Education Program. The Governing Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, pursuant to O.R.C. 3301-24-11(A), to request that Christopher Henry be issued a one-year alternative principal license for grades K-12.

Motion: William Morrison, Jr.; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: William Morrison, Jr., Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2024-07-05 – Approve Alternative Administrator License**

**Be It Resolved**, having satisfied the requirements for an Alternative Principal License set forth in O.R.C. 3301-24-11, the Governing Board hereby employs Maxwell Zak effective August 1, 2024 as a Principal for grades K-12 assigned to the Positive Education Program. The Governing Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, pursuant to O.R.C. 3301-24-11(A), to request that Maxwell Zak be issued a one-year alternative principal license for grades K-12.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, William Morrison, Jr.

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2024-07-06 - Approve Alternative Administrator License**

**Be It Resolved**, having satisfied the requirements for an Alternative Principal License set forth in O.R.C. 3301-24-11, the Governing Board hereby employs Holly Benkner effective August 1, 2024 as a Principal for grades K-12 assigned to the Positive Education Program. The Governing Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, pursuant to O.R.C. 3301-24-11(A), to request that Holly Benkner be issued a one-year alternative principal license for grades K-12.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by William Morrison, Jr.

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, William Morrison Jr., Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

*Motion approved 5-0*

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**Resolution #2024-07-07 - Approve Alternative Administrator License**

**Be It Resolved**, having satisfied the requirements for an Alternative Principal License set forth in O.R.C. 3301-24-11, the Governing Board hereby employs Ryan Winkleman effective August 1, 2024 as a Principal for grades K-12 assigned to the Positive Education Program. The Governing Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, pursuant to O.R.C. 3301-24-11(A), to request that Ryan Winkleman be issued a one-year alternative principal license for grades K-12.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli, William Morrison, Jr.

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2024-07-08 – Approve Governing Board Policies**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio adopts the following Governing Board Policies and replaces them with the attached revised versions, pending the effective date being set and implementation by the U.S. Department of Education.

- HR-2: Grievance Procedures for Students and Employees
- HR-3: Prohibition of Sexual Harassment and Discrimination replaced with Complaints of Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment
- PR-05: Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying and Hazing

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by William Morrison, Jr.

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, William Morrison, Jr., George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2024-07-09 - Approve Governing Board Policies**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio adopts the following Governing Board policies with revised versions.

- FO-13: Credit Card Policy
- HR-17: Personal Leave
- HR-26: Evaluation of Certified Employees

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, William Morrison, Jr.

*Motion approved 5-0*

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**Resolution #2024-07-10 – Approve Medical Leave**

**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 Monica Zwolsky, Family Support Liaison for the Positive Education Program (PEP) pursuant to the written request and pursuant to O.R.C. 3319.13 without pay beginning August 30, 2024 to November 12, 2024.

Motion: William Morrison, Jr., Carol Fortlage

Ayes: William Morrison, Jr., Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Resolution #2024-07-10.01 – 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 administrative staff, through the suspension of their 2024-2025 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 no later than July 31, 2024.

- Taylor Bocciarelli: Para-Professional: Orange City Schools

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Wiliam Morrison, Jr.

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, William Morrison, Jr., George Klepacz, Chistine Krol, Anthony Miceli

*Motion approved 5-0*

The Superintendent presented his self-evaluation to board members.

**Meeting Break – 11:02 a.m. – 11:09 a.m.**

**Resolution #2024-07-11 - 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:

- Minutes of June 29, 2024 Regular Meeting
- List of Personnel Changes
- OSTS Substitute Teacher Renewals
- OSTS New Substitute Teachers
- Positive Education Monthly Supplemental Wage List

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, William Morrison, Jr.

*Motion approved 5-0*

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**Resolution #2024-07-12 - Approve Professional Development for Board Members**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approve the following professional development events for board members as an approved training program for board compensation:

OSBA Capital Conference: November 10-12, 2024 (Columbus, OH)

AESA Annual Conference: December 4 – 6, 2024 (Orlando, FL)

NSBA Annual Conference: April 4-6, 2025 (Atlanta, GA)

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli, William Morrison, Jr.

*Motion approved 5-0*

**Board Member Reports and Comments**

Mrs. Fortlage discussed attending the Policy Committee meeting and made suggestions regarding areas of focus for the risk assessment.

Dr. Krol discussed attending the Policy Committee meeting and outlined expectations for board members regarding feedback on the superintendent's self-evaluation.

Mr. Miceli talked about the new levy that will be on the ballot in November for Richmond Heights.

Mr. Morrison, Jr. spoke about the upcoming Richmond Heights start-of-school event and mentioned that he received the ESC Community Connection newsletter.

**Future Agenda Items****Adjournment - Resolution #2024-07-13      Time: 11:51 a.m.**

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, William Morrison, Jr.

*Motion approved 5-0*

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***Next Regular Board Meeting***

Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

***Upcoming Committee Meetings***

Technology Committee Meeting – August 13, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.

Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting – August 23, 2024 @ 1:30 p.m.

Facilities Committee Meeting – August 29, 2024 immediately following the board meeting

*Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer*

Minutes approved 08/29/2024

*Christine A. Grod*

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President

*[Signature]*

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Treasurer