

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING– Thursday, September 26, 2024

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

Roll Call -

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

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2024-09-01 - Approve Agenda

Motion: William Morrison, Jr.; seconded by George Klepacz
Ayes: William Morrison, Jr., George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

Presentation – Eileen Stanic, Meeder Investments

Ms. Stanic provided a handout to the group and reviewed ESCNEO’s investment portfolio.

Resolution #2024-09-02 - Acceptance of the August 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 August 31, 2024 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, and Schedule of Investments.

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 #2024-09-03 - Acceptance of the August 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 August 1 to August 31, 2024.

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 #2024-09-04 - Approve the Permanent Appropriations for FY2024-2025

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the Permanent Appropriations (\$142,001,262) for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz

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

Motion approved 5-0

The Treasurer gave an update on the audit, discussed the final expenditures for FY24, shared that Meeder Investments might raise their fees, and reported that EANS and GEERS dollars have been extended through June 30, 2025.

The Superintendent thanked the Governing Board for their feedback on his evaluation. Next, he shared that Habeebah Grimes, Positive Education Program’s Chief Executive Officer, is planning to retire on June 1, 2025. The Superintendent then talked about the addition of the financial goal to his objectives/goals plan for 2024-25. Lastly, he discussed the enrollment difficulties that are plaguing some of our local colleges and universities (Notre Dame College closed; Ursuline College is struggling and has partnered with another institution).

Resolution #2024-09-05 - 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 August 29, 2024 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- d. List of OSTs Renewals
- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wage List

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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Other Board Business**Resolution #2024-09-06 - Executive Session**

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio enters Executive Session for the purpose of discussing: 1) employment and 2) compensation of employees of the board per ORC 121.22 (G).

Time Enter 10:52 a.m. Time Exit 11:05 a.m.

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 #2024-09-06.01 – Approve Salary for Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio Superintendent

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the new salary for the Superintendent for the 2024-25 FY in the amount of \$280,000, effective August 1, 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

Board Member Reports and Comments

Mrs. Fortlage discussed attending the recent Finance Committee meeting, the DEW presentation featuring Director Steve Dackin, and the Board Leadership Series session with Eric Johnson.

Dr. Krol also discussed attending recent the Board Leadership Series session and made mention of a few of the topics from the session: vouchers and Senate Bill 29.

Mr. Miceli talked about attending the Finance Committee meeting and mentioned an article in the Cleveland Plain Dealer on the Science of Reading.

Future Agenda Items

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Adjournment - Resolution #2024-09-07 Time: 11:40 a.m.

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

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

Motion approved 5-0

Next Board Meeting

October 24, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Committee Meeting

Insurance Committee Meeting, October 31, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Conferences

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

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

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

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 10/24/2024



President



Treasurer

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