

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, November 14, 2024

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

Roll Call –

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

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2024-11-01 - Approve Agenda

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

Motion approved 5-0

Public Hearing: Regarding Future Re-employment of a Retiring Certified Employee

Resolution #2024-11-02 - Motion to close Public Hearing

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 #2024-11-03 – Accept the October 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 October 1 to October 31, 2024.

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

Motion approved 5-0

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The Treasurer reported that he would present the October and November Financial Statements at the December Board meeting. Next, he gave an update on the audit and presented board members with a draft of their compensation grids and mileage reports. The Treasurer then discussed the impact of the personnel agenda on the general fund and ended his report by mentioning that he would be discussing grant funded positions at the December Finance Committee meeting.

Resolution #2024-11-04 – 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 revised versions:

- FO-2 Purchases
- HR-4 Criminal Record Check

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 #2024-11-05 – Approve Governing Board Policy

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio adopts the new Governing Board Policy listed below:

- Specific Religious Beliefs Affiliations Ideals or Principles Concerning Political Movements or Ideology

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 #2024-11-06 – 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 2023-2024 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 November 30, 2024.~~

- ~~• Rose Crankshaw: Paraprofessional Classroom Aide – Independence Local Schools~~

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The Superintendent gave an update on his attendance at the OSBA Capital Conference in Columbus, OH. He also gave an update on the search for a new CEO at Positive Education Program (PEP). Lastly, he reminded the group about the upcoming Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce State of the Region Luncheon on November 20.

Resolution #2024-11-07 - 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 24, 2024 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. FY26 - FY27 Primary Service Agreement

** Item "b" was pulled for further discussion*

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 #2024-11-07.01.01 – Remove item from Consent Agenda

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the removal of LPDC stipends from item "b", List of Personnel Changes, on the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2024-11-07.01 – Approved Amended List of Personnel Changes

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the revision made to item "b", List of Personnel Changes, on the Consent 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

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Other Board Business

Board Member Reports and Comments-Please report on one session from OSBA.

Ms. Fortlage discussed the various sessions she attended during the OSBA Capital Conference.

Mr. Klepacz discussed the various sessions he attended during the OSBA Capital Conference including sessions about board meetings and vouchers.

Dr. Krol discussed the various sessions she attended during the OSBA Capital Conference.

Mr. Miceli discussed the various sessions he attended during the OSBA Capital Conference.

Mr. Morrison, Jr. discussed the various sessions he attended during the OSBA Capital Conference.

Future Agenda Items

- AI Presentation at the next Governing Board Work Session

Adjournment - Resolution #2024-11-08 Time: 11:27 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

Facilities Committee Meeting immediately following today's board meeting

*Next Regular Board Meeting
December 12, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.*

*Upcoming Committee Meetings
Finance Committee Meeting, December 10, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.*

*Upcoming Conferences
AESAs Annual Conference: December 4 – December 6, 2024 (Orlando, FL)
NSBA Annual Conference: April 4 – April 6, 2025 (Atlanta, GA)*

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Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 12/12/2024

Christine A. Grol

President

B. Basalla

Treasurer