

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

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Monday, January 30, 2023***

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

**Roll Call -**

Present – Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Frank Mahnic  
Administration Present – Bob Mengerink, Jennifer Dodd, Bruce Basalla, Steve Rogaski

**Public Participation** – There was none.

**Resolution #2023-01-11 - Approve Agenda**

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

***Motion carried 5-0***

**Resolution #2023-01-12 - Acceptance of the November 2022 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 November 30, 2022 that includes 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, Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli

***Motion carried 5-0***

**Resolution #2023-01-13 - Acceptance of the December 2022 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 December 31, 2022 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

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

***Motion carried 5-0***

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### **Resolution #2023-01-14 - Acceptance of the December 2022 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 December 1 to December 31, 2022.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

***Motion carried 5-0***

The Treasurer gave the group an update on the audit and North Coast Shared Services Alliance (NCSSA) and provided an NCSSA handout for reference. He also presented the Governing Board members with a copy of his self-evaluation.

### **Resolution #2023-01-15 – Resolution of Commendation**

**Be it Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio recommends that Richmond Heights school board President Nneka Slade Jackson be commended for receiving the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) Award which honors a school board member who has demonstrated an unswerving commitment to representing and facilitating the educational needs of all children, particularly those of African descent.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Frank Mahnic

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

***Motion carried 5-0***

### **Resolution #2023-01-16 – Approve Board Meeting Date Change – February 2023**

**Be It Resolved** that the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio is canceling the regular Governing Board Meeting date of Thursday, February 16, 2023, and a new special meeting date will be scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2023.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Frank Mahnic

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

***Motion carried 5-0***

**Resolution #2023-01-17 – Approve the Ohio Schools Council Governance Policy Change Resolution**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby grants the Superintendent of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio the authority to modify, amend, or supplement Ohio Schools Council Policy 1.1 Section 10 Agreement, Policy 1.3 Section 11 Bylaws, and any other Agreements requiring Ohio Schools Council Assembly Approval.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

*Motion carried 5-0*

**Resolution #2023-01-18 – Approve ESC of Northeast Ohio Central Office Position**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio shall approve the following Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio Central Office position, as recommended by the Superintendent.

- IT/AV Support Specialist

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by George Klepacz

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

*Motion carried 5-0*

**Resolution #2023-01-19 – 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 Zainab Niaz, Certified Associate II, East Cleveland City Schools pursuant to the written request and pursuant to O.R.C. 3319.13, without pay beginning February 12, 2023 to March 25, 2023.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz

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

*Motion carried 5-0*

The Superintendent informed the group that he would give an update on the progress of his objectives at either the upcoming Board Work Session on February 7<sup>th</sup> or at the next scheduled Board meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. He mentioned to the group that the ESCNEO hosted a 2-day OESCA and AESA workshop at the Holiday Inn Independence. He also informed the group that he attended a Cleveland City Council meeting in reference to funding from the City of Cleveland for CMSD's Integrated Health Initiative. Lastly, the Superintendent reminded board members that the Ohio Ethics Commission Financial Disclosure Statements are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Resolution #2023-01-20 - 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 December 15, 2022 Regular Meeting
- b. Minutes of January 5, 2023 Organizational Meeting
- c. List of Personnel Changes
- d. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- e. List of OSTs Substitute Renewals
- f. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages List
- g. AllOne Health Agreement Renewal
- h. Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services Renewal

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

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

*Motion carried 5-0*

**Other Board Business**

**Resolution #2023-01-21- Accept Committee Appointments**

**Be it resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio accepts the following committee appointments by the Board President.

Teaching & Learning Committee: George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Facilities & Building: George Klepacz, Frank Mahnic, Jr.

Finance Committee: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli

Insurance Committee: Frank Mahnic, Jr., Anthony Miceli

Policy Committee: Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Technology Committee: Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Frank Mahnic

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

*Motion carried 5-0*

**Resolution #2023-01-22 – Executive Session**

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

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

***Motion carried 5-0***

Time Enter: 10:04 a.m.

Time Exit: 10:14 a.m.

**Resolution #2023-01-22.01 – Authorize the Board President to enter into a contract with Dr. Robert Mengerink as Superintendent of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio for the period of August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2026.**

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Frank Mahnic

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

***Motion carried 5-0***

**Board Member Reports and Comments**

Mrs. Fortlage thanked the Superintendent for his commitment to continue leading the organization. She also disclosed that she was using the health insurance provided by the ESCNEO and paying her premium out-of-pocket. She elected to discontinue the vision coverage.

Mr. Mahnic thanked Bob for his continued service and for creating stability in the administrative team.

Mr. Miceli thanked the board for supporting the resolution for the commendation for Nneka Slade Jackson. He also informed the group that he emailed Rick Lewis of OSBA about his concerns and received a call from Mr. Lewis shortly after.

**Future Agenda Items**

- Connect ITC Update

**Adjournment -Resolution #2023-01-23      Time: 10:25 a.m.**

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

***Motion carried 5-0***

**Upcoming Meetings**

*Facilities Committee Meeting immediately following the January 30th Governing Board Meeting  
Board Work Session – Tuesday, February 7, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.  
Governing Board Meeting, Thursday, February 16, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.*

***Minutes prepared by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer***

Minutes approved 02/16/2023

*Christine A. Grod*

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President



Treasurer