MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, July 30, 2020

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m.

Roll Call via Zoom Meeting-
Present – Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic, Anton Hocevar, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli
Administration Present - Bob Mengerink, Bruce Basalla, Steve Rogaski, Jennifer Dodd

Public Participation - There was none.

Resolution #2020-07-01 - Approve the Agenda

Motion: Anton Hocevar; seconded Frank Mahnic

Ayes: Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2020-07-02 - Accept the June 2020 Financial Statements

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the ESC hereby accepts the Treasurer’s Financial Statements for the month ended June 30, 2020 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report by Fund, and Bank Reconciliation, Schedule of Investments.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded Anton Hocevar

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2020-07-03 – Accept the June 2020 Check Register

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the ESC hereby accepts the Check Register for the period June 1 to June 31, 2020.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Anton Hocevar, Christine Krol

Nays: Frank Mahnic

Motion passed 4-1
The Treasurer updated the Governing Board on items that would be approved in the Consent Agenda that included personnel changes and contracts. He also reviewed documents given to the Governing Board regarding the Sub Teacher Program. There was discussion on the Sub Teacher Program that centered around the topic of unemployment. The Board asked administration to look at different ideas that may help with the expected high unemployment costs due to the coronavirus. Also, he gave the Board the contingent income received by Willis Towers Watson during calendar year 2019.

Resolution #2020-07-03.3 – 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) Conferences with an attorney concerning disputes involving the ESC and 2) matters required to be confidential by federal law or regulations or state statute per ORC 121.22(G)(3) and (G)(5).

Time Enter: 9:00am    Time Re-Convene: 9:19 am

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic, Christine Krol

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2020-07-03.1 - Approve Reduction in Force (RIF) for Certified Employees

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio shall reduce in force within the ranks of teaching (certified) staff, through suspension of their employment contract(s) for financial conditions pursuant to Section 3319.17 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, 2020.

- Heather Miller: Preschool Teacher: Kirtland Local Schools

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Christine Krol

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli, Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2020-07-03.2 - Approve Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio Central Office/Ohio Online Program Staff Positions

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

- Ohio Online Student Learning Advocate-Additional SLAs to maintain SLA:Student Ratio of 1:150

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded Anton Hocevar

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Motion carried unanimously
The Superintendent reviewed his self-evaluation and quarterly progress report with the Governing Board which was previously distributed to the Board members. After completing his self-review, he updated the Governing Board on the Coronavirus pandemic and how it will affect school re-openings. He also mentioned that Dr. Dodd was in contact with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) and was the liaison between the CCBH and client districts. Lastly, he informed the Governing Board that the ESC would be receiving $2.1 million in a State Literacy Grants over the next 4 years and updated them on a Start Smart, Stay Smart Campaign.

1. Resolution #2020-07-04 – 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 June 25, 2020 Regular Meeting
   b. List of Personnel Changes
   c. NCSSA Substitute Renewals
   d. NCSSA New Substitutes

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic, Christine Krol

Motion carried unanimously

Board Liaison Reports

Mrs. Fortlage reported that there was a policy committee meeting following the Board meeting. She reiterated the need to conduct a risk assessment of the pandemic’s impact on the ESC and the need for Ohio Online Learning Program Student Learning Advocates.

Mr. Miceli thanked the administration for being nimble and flexible and being able to react quickly in helping our client districts during the pandemic. He also noted that Richmond Heights Schools will be possibly looking to ask the community for new money with a levy in the near future.

Future Agenda Items

- Update on ratios for the Ohio Online Program
- Risk assessments (pandemic)

Resolution #2020-07-05 Adjournment at 11:04 a.m.

Motion: Anton Hocevar; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Anton Hocevar, Anthony Miceli, Frank Mahnic, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Motion carried unanimously
NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 27, 2020 @ 8:30 a.m.- via ZOOM

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla

Minutes approved 08/27/2020

Christine A. York                         [Signature]
President                                Treasurer