MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, September 24, 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, Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli

Administration Present - Bob Mengerink, Bruce Basalla, Steve Rogaski, Jennifer Dodd

Public Participation - There was none.

Resolution #2020-09-01 - Approve the Agenda

Motion: Anton Hocevar; seconded Frank Mahnic

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

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2020-09-02 - Accept the August 2020 Financial Statements

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the ESC hereby accepts the Treasurer’s Financial Statements for the month ended August 31, 2020 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report by Fund, and Bank Reconciliation, Schedule of Investments.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded Frank Mahnic

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

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2020-09-03 – Accept the August 2020 Check Register

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

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Nays: Frank Mahnic, Anton Hocevar

Motion passed 3-2
Presentation:

Eileen Stanic, from Meeder Investments updated the Governing Board on the ESC’s investments and answered questions from the Governing Board.

Resolution #2020-09-04 - Approve the Permanent Appropriations for FY2020-2021

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the Permanent Appropriations $105,368,932 for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

FY 2020-2021 Appropriations

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State Grants

- EMIS Grant (Information Services) $107,071
- Miscellaneous State Grants $1,000,000

Federal Grants

- Coronavirus Relief Fund $68,828
- IDEA TITLE VI-B Grant $3,484,942
- Limited English Proficiency Grant $275,002
- Refugee Grant $236,134
- TITLE I Grant $236,016
- IDEA Early Childhood Spec. Ed. Grant $268,096
- Improving Teacher Quality Grant $209,000
- Miscellaneous Federal Grant $4,489,203

Total FY2020-2021 Appropriations $105,368,932

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded Frank Mahnic

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

Motion carried unanimously

Treasurer’s Report

At this time, the Treasurer noted any personnel or contracts that affected the General Fund budget to be voted on by the Governing Board during the meeting.

He stated that he was registering all Governing Board for the OSBA Virtual Capital Conference.
He also went over the Permanent Appropriations for FY2020-21 and how certain revenues will be less than the prior year, such as rental income and investment income. He did discuss with the Governing Board and the administration that the GEER (Governor’s Emergency Education Relief) Funding is expected to allow unemployment costs related to COVID-19 as an allowable expense to be reimbursed.

Lastly, he noted that State Auditors will be starting their annual audit of the ESC and should be performing the audit virtually.

Resolution #2020-09-05 - Approve Partial Reduction in Force (RIF) for Classified Employees

Be It Resolved, pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent and O.R.C. §3319.172, the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby authorizes the partial reduction of classified positions assigned to the Positive Education Program due to financial reasons and a reduction in services to be provided under an Inter-district Service Area Agreement contract. The positions and employment contracts of the employees identified on Exhibit A1 shall be reduced by ten (10) workdays, which shall be effective October 1, 2020.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anton Hocevar

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

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2020-09-06 - Approve Partial Reduction in Force (RIF) for Administrative Employee

Be It Resolved, pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent, ESCNEO Policy HR-24, and O.R.C. §3319.171, the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby authorizes the partial reduction of administrative positions assigned to the Positive Education Program due to financial reasons, lack of sufficient work, and changes in programs or services. The positions and employment contracts of the employees identified on Exhibit A1 shall be reduced by ten (10) workdays, which shall be effective October 1, 2020.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2020-09-07 - Approve Partial Reduction in Force (RIF) for Certified Employee

Be It Resolved, pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent and O.R.C. §3319.17, the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby authorizes the partial reduction of certain certified positions assigned to the Positive Education Program due to financial reasons and a reduction in services to be provided under an Inter-district Service Area contract. The positions and employment contracts of the employees identified on Exhibit A1 shall be reduced by ten (10) workdays, which shall be effective October 1, 2020.

Motion: Anton Hocevar; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion carried unanimously
Resolution #2020-09-08 - 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 on non-teaching (classified) staff, through the suspension of their employment contracts effective September 30, 2020 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 September 30, 2020.

- Janet Coutris: ASL Interpreter: Parma City Schools
- Tina Murphy: Student Attendant: Euclid City Schools

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded Frank Mahnic
Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli, Anton Hocevar, Christine Krol
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2020-09-09 - Approve 12-month Educational Service Center Participation Agreement with Jefferson County ESC for Virtual Learning Academy

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby approve a 12-month ESC participation agreement with Jefferson County ESC in order to include the JCESC Virtual Learning Academy as a third provider for districts receiving services through the Ohio Online Learning Program.

Motion: Anton Hocevar; seconded by Carol Fortlage
Ayes: Anton Hocevar, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Frank Mahnic, Christine Krol
Motion carried unanimously

The Superintendent discussed the re-opening of the school districts and gave a COVID-19 update.

Resolution #2020-09-10 - 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 27, 2020 Regular Meeting
b. List of Personnel Changes
c. List of NCSSA New Teacher Substitutes
d. List of NCSSA Renewals

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Carol Fortlage
Ayes: Frank Mahnic, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol
Abstain: Anton Hocevar
Motion carried unanimously
Resolution #2020-09-11 - 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).

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Anton Hocevar

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Anton Hocevar, Carol Fortlage, Frank Mahnic, Christine Krol  
*Motion carried unanimously*

*Time Entered into Executive Session 10:29 a.m.*  *Reconvened Meeting at 11:15a.m.*

*Note: Mr. Hocevar left the Board Meeting at 11:10a.m.*

Resolution #2020-09-11.1 Superintendent salary effective August 1, 2020, shall be $251,430

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Frank Mahnic, Christine Krol  
*Motion carried unanimously*

Board Reports

Mrs. Fortlage reported the Independence Schools 8th grade has gone to remote schooling for the next 10 days due to COVID-19.

Dr. Krol reported on the Curriculum Committee meeting where the Remote Learning Alliance (RLA) was discussed. The RLA includes the ESCs from Montgomery, Central, Hamilton as well as the ESC of Northeast Ohio. She gave reports on the teacher and evaluator trainings that are being done remotely. She also noted that Wilson Training & Dale Carnegie workshops were being done at the ESC. The ESC has submitted two STEM grants with another being submitted in October. Lastly, she reported that Paula Kucinic the Campus Connection network has been quiet lately due to the pandemic.

Mr. Miceli reported that the Richmond Heights schools are looking to place an Operating Levy on the ballot a year early in an attempt to be proactive. They also have a Capital Improvements Renewal Levy on the ballot in November 2020. At the curriculum meeting Nadine Grimm also reported on the Poverty Network that currently has six districts involved and Russ Bennett reported the Digital Academy had about 1,000 educators participating.

Mr. Mahnic reported the parents in Cuyahoga Hts want their children in school. All sports teams have been practicing.

Future Agenda Items
- Update on ratios for the Ohio Online Program plus Financial forecast & modeling
- Risk assessments (pandemic)
Resolution #2020-09-12 Adjournment at 11:34 a.m.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

Motion carried unanimously

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 22, 2020 @ 8:30 a.m.- via ZOOM

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 10/22/2020

Christine A. Krol
President

Treasurer