MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, December 17, 2020

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 8:32 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 #2020-12-01 - Approve the Agenda

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded Carol Fortlage

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

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2020-12-02 - Accept the November 2020 Financial Statements

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

Motion: Anton Hocevar; seconded Frank Mahnic

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

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2020-12-03 – Accept the November 2020 Check Register

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the ESC hereby accepts the Check Register for the period November 1 to November 30, 2020.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Nays: Frank Mahnic, Anton Hocevar

Motion passed 3-2

Resolution #2020-12-04 – Approve Increase to FY2021 Appropriations.

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the ESC of Northeast Ohio approves an increase in appropriations in the amount of $250,000 for the Whole Child Learning Collaborative Grant funded by the Ohio Department of Education and Philanthropy Ohio.
Treasurer’s Report
The Treasurer spoke about the Dalad contract renewal and personnel items that would affect the general fund that the Board would be acting on later in the meeting. He also shared with the Board that Betty Beach would be retiring effective February 28, 2021.

Resolution #2020-12-05 - Approve Reduction in Force for Classified Employees.

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the ESC of Northeast Ohio shall reduce in force within the ranks of non-teaching (classified) staff at the Positive Education Program (PEP), through suspension of their employment contracts effective January 3, 2021 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 December 31, 2020.

Superintendent’s report
The Superintendent provided COVID related updates to the board, including the anticipation of the vaccine for educators in the new year. He also noted that most schools are now remote with some districts looking to re-open after the holidays. He reported on the districts that will have new Superintendents for 2021-2022 school year including Mayfield City Schools, Lakewood City Schools and Fairview Park City Schools.

Resolution #2020-12-06 - 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 November 19, 2020 Regular Meeting
b. List of Personnel Changes
c. List of New Teacher Substitutes for NCSSA
d. List of NCSSA Renewals
e. Dalad Realty Company contract renewal 1-1-2021 thru 12-31-2023

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

Resolution #2020-12-07 - Appoint President Pro-Tempore for Organizational Meeting

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio appoints Dr. Christine Krol President Pro-Tempore for Organizational Meeting.
Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Frank Mahnic

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

Motion carried unanimously

Board Reports

Mrs. Fortlage reported that Russell Fortlage was re-appointed to the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center Finance Committee. Also, the Finance Committee did not meet due to the Treasurer being ill.

Mr. Mahnic had no reports and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Mr. Hocevar asked if it was possible to change the time for the Organizational Meeting. There was a motion by Mr. Mahnic and a second by Mr. Hocevar. After discussion both Mr. Mahnic and Mr. Hocevar withdrew their motion and their second.

Dr. Krol reported that the Curriculum Committee meeting was also cancelled and that she listened to some other OSBA webinars including one by Craig Burford on the “Leverage Strength of ESC’s” and “Decades of Female Leadership” by a panel which included Veronica Motley. Dr. Krol also mentioned a video clip of an Independence Middle School Teacher that was included in Mayor Kurtz’s weekly administrative update.

Mr. Miceli had no report and he wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Future Agenda Items

- Update on ratios for the Ohio Online Program plus Financial forecast & modeling
- Risk assessments (pandemic)
- COVID 19 Workplace Impact

Resolution #2020-12-08 - Adjournment at 9:20 a.m.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded Anton Hocevar

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

Motion carried unanimously

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 5, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 21, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m.- via ZOOM

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer
Minutes approved 01/21/2021

President          Treasurer