

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, August 26, 2021

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

Roll Call -

Present – Christine Krol, Carol Fortlage, Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli

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

Public Participation - There was none.

Resolution #2021-08-01 - Approve the Agenda

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anton Hocevar

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

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2021-08-02 – Accept the June 2021 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 June 30, 2021 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2021-08-03 – Accept the June 2021 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 June 1 to June 30, 2021.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Nays: Frank Mahnic, Anton Hocevar

Motion carried 3-2

Resolution #2021-08-04 – Accept the July 2021 Financial Statements

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Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby accepts the Treasurer's Financial Statements as of July 31, 2021 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation

Motion: Anton Hocevar; seconded by Frank Mahnic

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

Resolution #2021-08-05 – Accept the July 2021 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 July 1 to July 31, 2021.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Nays: Frank Mahnic, Anton Hocevar
Motion carried 3-2

The Treasurer provided an update on the Emergency Assistance for Nonpublic Schools (EANS) program and referenced a sample service contract included in the Consent Agenda. He also gave the board an update on Workers Compensation. Lastly, he commented on any personnel or contract changes included in the Consent Agenda that impacted the general fund.

Resolution #2021-08-06 - Approve Five-Year Copier Agreement with Meritech

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a five-year agreement with Meritech for copier and production equipment and service.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anton Hocevar

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

Resolution #2021-08-07 - Approve Purchase of Furniture from Inspire Workplace Interiors for Expansion of ESC offices

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Superintendent to purchase furniture from Inspire Workplace Interiors in the amount of \$44,103.76 to furnish new ESC workspaces in Suite 100 and one third floor office of Essex Place.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anton Hocevar

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

Resolution #2021-08-08 - 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 of non-teaching (classified) staff, through the suspension of their 2021-2022 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 not later than August 31, 2021.

- Cheyenne Laflin: Educational Aide: Kent City Schools

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion carried unanimously

Dr. Mengerink briefly discussed his 2021-2022 goals and objectives with the Governing Board which was distributed to the Board members in advance of the meeting.

Mr. Mahnic left the room at 10:00 a.m.

Break: 10:01 a.m.

Resumed: 10:09 a.m.

Resolution #2021-08-09 – 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:

- Minutes of July 29, 2021 Regular Meeting
- List of Personnel Changes
- NCSSA-New Teacher Substitutes
- NCSSA-Substitute Renewals
- List of 2021-2022 Credentialed Evaluators
- EANS Service Contracts
- PEP Monthly Supplemental Wage List
- Renewal of 12-month Educational Service Center Participation Agreement with Jefferson County ESC for Virtual Learning Academy

Motion: Anton Hocevar; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #2021-08-10 – Executive Session

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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 Anton Hocevar

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

Motion carried unanimously

Time Enter: 10:11 a.m. Time Exit: 11:08 a.m.

Mr. Mahnic returned at 10:15 a.m.

Resolution #2021-08-11 – Approve Requirements for Professional Development

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approve requirements for ESC professional development.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anton Hocevar

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic

Nays: Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Motion carried 3-2

Resolution #2021-08-12 – Approve Requirements for Health Protocols

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approve requirements for ESC health protocols.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anton Hocevar

Resolution #2021-08-12.01 – Lay on the Table Resolution #2021-08-12

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves to lay Resolution #2021-08-12 on the table which will remain on the table unless a majority vote brings it off.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli, Anton Hocevar

Nays: Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Motion carried 3-2

Resolution #2021-08-12.02 – Re-Open Discussion Regarding Resolution #2021-08-12

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves to re-open discussions regarding Resolution #2021-08-12.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Frank Mahnic, Carol Fortlage, Anton Hocevar

Nays: Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion carried 3-2

Board Member Reports and Comments

Mrs. Fortlage reported on the Finance and Technology Committees and mentioned the new ESC website.

Mr. Hocevar did not have a report but affirmed the Facilities Committee discussion and items in flux.

Dr. Krol reported on the Curriculum Committee meeting. This included information from Shelly Gaski about the multiple topics on which districts are seeking support from the curriculum department, as well as information about the Equity Audits. She mentioned that Russ gave an update on the PLCs and Instructional Technology services. In addition, Nadine noted that the ESC was continuing the Disrupting Poverty series, career awareness and readiness efforts in CMSD, and several workforce development initiatives. She also shared that Michele Shrefler provided an update on OTEs/OPES trainings, which are hybrid with a majority of people attending virtually. In addition, she referenced a USDOE grant of \$14.5 million that, if funded, would be used to increase the recruitment and retention of teachers of color in four partner districts. Lastly, Dr. Krol stated that she attended the virtual PEP Rally with Dr. Bruce Perry.

Mr. Mahnic reported on some controversy faced by the Cuyahoga Heights Board about changing the school mascot name. He also mentioned that he attended the Technology Committee and that he always looks forward to these meetings. Lastly, he mentioned his attendance at the Facilities Committee and added the fact that we will eventually need a new roof on the Essex Building.

Mr. Miceli reported on the Curriculum Committee. He talked about the Building and Industry Leadership Teams (BILT) that Paula and a team are facilitating as a part of the Business Advisory Council. He also praised Paula's introduction about the ESC during the BILT meeting that he attended virtually. He referenced the Administrative Academy that was held by the ESC and noted that Steve Rogaski identified a shortage of intervention specialists while gearing up our educational programs.

Future Agenda Items

- Cash on Hand (12 Months)
- COVID-19 Workplace Financial Impact/GEERS Funding Update
- Updates on Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools
- Student Programs and Ohio Online Learning Program (October)

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Resolution #2021-08-13 Adjournment at 12:40 p.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Anton Hocevar

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

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 23, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m.**

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 09/23/2021

Christine A. Krol

President



Treasurer