

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

*MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, October 28, 2021*

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

**Roll Call -**

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

Administration Present - Bob Mengerink, Bruce Basalla, Jennifer Dodd

**Public Participation** - There was none.

**Resolution #2021-10-01 - Approve the Agenda**

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anton Hocevar

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

*Motion carried 5-0*

**Resolution #2021-10-02 – Accept the September 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 September 30, 2021 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis 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, Anthony Miceli, Anton Hocevar, Christine Krol

*Motion carried 5-0*

**Resolution #2021-10-03 – Accept the September 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 September 1 to September 30, 2021.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Nays: Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic

*Motion carried 3-2*

The Treasurer provided the group with an update on the following programs (handout provided): Capstone, Crossroads, Hearing impaired, Visually Impaired, Ohio Online, and Passport. He also included an update on the Emergency Assistance for Nonpublic Schools (EANS) program. Additionally, the Treasurer gave an explanation of the revisions made to the 2022 staff salary ranges. He also explained the payroll new hire as well as the resignation listed in the Consent Agenda. Lastly, he indicated that the audit began this week.

**Resolution #2021-10-04 – Approve the 2022 Board Meeting Dates**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the following 2022 Board Meeting dates:

Organizational Meeting	Thursday, January 6, 2022	8:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting	Thursday, January 27, 2022	8:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting	Thursday, February 17, 2022	8:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting	Thursday, March 17, 2022	8:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting	Thursday, April 21, 2022	8:30 a.m.

Motion: Anton Hocevar; seconded by Frank Mahnic

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

*Motion carried 5-0*

**Resolution #2021-10-05 - Approve Reduction in Force (RIF) for Certified Employee**

**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 the suspension of their 2021 – 2022 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 not later than October 31, 2021.

- Laura Shewalter: ASL Interpreter, Westlake City Schools

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Frank Mahnic

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

*Motion carried 5-0*

Dr. Mengerink discussed his progress report with the Governing Board, which was distributed in advance of the meeting.

**Resolution #2021-10-06 – 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 September 23, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of NCSSA New Teacher Substitutes
- d. List of NCSSA Renewals
- e. PEP Monthly Supplemental Wages List
- f. Auditor's Contract
- g. Revised 2022 ESCNEO Salary Ranges

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

*Motion carried 5-0*

**Break: 10:13 a.m.**

**Meeting Resumed: 10:21 a.m.**

**Resolution #2021-10-06.01 – Naming of Alternate Delegate for Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA)**

**Be It Resolved** that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio names Mr. Anthony Miceli as the alternate delegate for Mr. Frank Mahnic for the Ohio School Boards Association.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Carol Fortlage

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

*Motion carried 5-0*

**Board Member Reports and Comments**

Mrs. Fortlage reported on the Finance Committee and stated that the next Technology Committee meeting is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Hocevar reported that the Facilities Committee would be meeting following today's board meeting. He also commented on OSBA's withdrawal from NSBA.

Dr. Krol reported that the next meeting of the Curriculum Committee is scheduled to take place on November 5<sup>th</sup>. She also reported receiving a voicemail from Mark Bobo of OSBA membership services, who said that OSBA is working with NSBA to figure out how schools can still have access to NSBA's national connections.

Mr. Miceli reported that he will be the alternate delegate for Mr. Frank Mahnic for the Ohio School Boards Association Business Meeting at the Capital Conference. He also commented that the ESSER/GEER funding received by schools could be helpful to homeowners as it may prolong the need for a new levy.

**Future Agenda Items**

*Ongoing*

- 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)

**Resolution #2021-10-07 Adjournment at 10:33 a.m.**

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anton Hocevar

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

***Motion carried 5-0***

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
*Thursday, November 18, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m.*

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 11/18/2021

  
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President

  
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Treasurer