

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

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING– Thursday, February 23, 2023

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call –

Present – Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Frank Mahnic
Administration Present – Bob Mengerink, Jennifer Dodd, Bruce Basalla, Steve Rogaski
Mrs. Fortlage attended the meeting via Zoom.

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2023-02-01 - Approve Agenda

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anthony Miceli
Ayes: Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2023-02-02 - Acceptance of the January 2023 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 January 1, 2023 to January 31, 2023.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Frank Mahnic
Ayes: George Klepacz, Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2023-02-03 - Acceptance of the January 2023 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 January 31, 2023 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anthony Miceli
Ayes: Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Motion approved 4-0

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The Treasurer discussed the impact of personnel costs on the general fund. He explained that there was a cost savings of \$28K with transitioning Kim Hood into a Fiscal Specialist position to replace the role vacated by Christina Kowalski. The Treasurer also talked about hiring another payroll person for NCSSA to support services for Garfield Heights. He then gave an update on his staff evaluations and his self-evaluation and concluded with an update on the audit.

Resolution #2023-02-04 – Establishing Educational Requirements for Substitute Teachers for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 School Years

Be It Resolved by the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio, that:

Section 1. For the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years, the Board modifies its educational requirements for the employment of substitute teachers such that it may employ as a substitute teacher an individual who does not hold a post-secondary degree provided that:

(A) The individual meets the educational requirements for the employment for substitute teachers as follows:

The individual is a graduate of a high school or has a statement of high school equivalence in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction; [OR]

The individual possesses an associate degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education, or completes at least two years of coursework at an accredited institution of higher education (defined as forty-eight (48) semester hours or seventy-two (72) quarter hours)

(B) The individual is deemed of good moral character;

(C) The individual successfully completes a criminal background check as prescribed by R.C. 3319.39; and

(D) The individual satisfies all other applicable requirements and procedures contained in the Revised Code and the Administrative Code with respect to that individual's qualifications to be a substitute teacher.

Section 2. The educational requirements specified in Section 1 are established notwithstanding any policy, administrative guideline, or job description to the contrary.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and any amendments thereto.

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Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Frank Mahnic

Ayes: George Klepacz, Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Motion carried 4-0

Resolution #2023-02-05 – Approving Substitute Teacher Without Post-Secondary Degree for Employment During the 2022-2023 School Year

Be It Resolved whereas the following individual without a post-secondary degree has met the alternative educational requirements established by the Governing Board for employment as a substitute teacher as authorized by House Bill 583 (2022), the Governing Board hereby approves the individual's employment as a substitute teacher during the 2022-2023 school years. The Governing Board further authorizes the Superintendent, or designee, to do all things necessary for the individual to obtain a Temporary Non-Bachelor's Substitute Teaching License through the Ohio Department of Education.

- Christopher Babics – Positive Education Program

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Frank Mahnic, Christine Krol

Motion carried 4-0

Resolution #2023-02-06 – Approve ESC of Northeast Ohio Central Office Positions

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

- Director of Student Wellness
- NCSSA Payroll Manager
- NCSSA Payroll Specialist

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Frank Mahnic

Ayes: George Klepacz, Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Motion carried 4-0

The Superintendent informed the group that Jodie Hausmann will be resigning as the Executive Director of Connect, effective July 31, 2023. He also reviewed his quarterly progress report and provided a handout for discussion. In addition, he mentioned the upcoming personnel layoffs at the Positive Education Program (PEP). Lastly, he reminded the group about the upcoming NSBA Conference in Orlando, Florida.

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Resolution #2023-02-07 - 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 January 30, 2023 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- d. List of OSTs Substitute Renewals
- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages List

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Frank Mahnic, Christine Krol

Motion carried 4-0

Other Board Business

Resolution #2023-02-08 - 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) employment and 2) compensation of employees of the board per ORC 121.22 (G).

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Frank Mahnic

Ayes: George Klepacz, Frank Mahnic, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol

Mr. Miceli left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Time Enter: 10:52 a.m. Time Exit: 11:31 a.m.

Motion carried 4-0

Board Member Reports and Comments

Mr. Mahnic indicated his interest in attending the upcoming Special Education Conference here at the ESC, hosted by Weston Hurd and requested to be registered for the session.

Future Agenda Items

- Connect ITC Update
- Student Programs Update

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Adjournment - Resolution #2023-02-09 Time: 11:35 a.m.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Frank Mahnic
Ayes: George Klepacz, Frank Mahnic, Christine Krol

Motion carried 3-0

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, February 23, 2023 - Facilities Committee Meeting (immediately following the board mtg)*
- Tuesday, March 7, 2023 – Special Meeting (Work Session) at 9:30 a.m.*
- Thursday, March 16, 2023 – Governing Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.*
- Thursday, March 16, 2023 – Finance Committee (immediately following the board meeting)*
- Friday, March 17, 2023 – Teaching & Learning Committee @ 1:30 p.m.*
- Tuesday, March 21, 2023 – Insurance Committee at 10:30 a.m.*

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 03/16/2023

Christine A. Krol

President



Treasurer