

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING– Thursday, November 18, 2021

Meeting called to order at 8:40 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 #2021-11-01 - Approve Agenda

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anthony Miceli

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

Motion carried 5-0

Resolution #2021-11-02 - Acceptance of the October 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 October 1 to October 31, 2021. **See Attachment**

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Antony Miceli, Christine Krol

Nays: Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic

Motion carried 3-2

The Treasurer reminded board members to turn in their travel reimbursement from the recent OSBA conference. He also discussed the impact of Gary White's position on the general fund. Lastly, he told the group that there were no legislative changes discussed at the OSBA conference that would affect finance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mengerink gave an update on NCSSA, discussing the need for substitute teachers. He also discussed the workforce shortages that Pre4CLE is also experiencing. Lastly, he provided an update on Connect.

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Resolution #2021-11-03 - 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 October 28, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of New Teacher Substitutes for NCSSA
- d. List of NCSSA Renewals
- e. PEP Monthly Supplemental Wages List

Motion: Frank Mahnic; seconded by Anton Hocevar

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

Motion carried 5-0

Other Board Business – There was none.

Board Member Reports and Comments

Mrs. Fortlage requested to have the new Executive Director of Connect, Jodie Hausmann, attend an upcoming board meeting. She also reported that the Technology Committee meeting had been cancelled, that she did not attend this year’s OSBA conference but did attend this week’s Chamber of Commerce State of the Cuyahoga Valley Region event. Additionally, Mrs. Fortlage informed the group that the State of the School address is scheduled for May 4, 2022. Lastly, she mentioned the Independence Board of Education Meetings are now being held at the Media Center.

Mr. Hocevar discussed the election and congratulated the newly selected board member. He told the group how much he would miss being part of the board but was very proud of the 23 years he served as a board member.

Dr. Krol said there was a Curriculum Committee meeting but Mr. Miceli would report on it.

At the OSBA Capitol conference, Dr. Krol said she focused on our client districts. There were student performers from Cleveland School of the Arts at the First General Session and from Cuyahoga Heights at the Student Achievement Fair. She learned more about our clients through the sessions: Bedford “Social Justice and Equity in Action”; Shaker Heights “Rebuilding Our Community Together”; Akron “Board Leadership on Equity and Anti-Racism”; Brecksville-Broadview Heights “Reframing Accountability after Covid-19” and our higher ed partner Ashland University “Beyond Zoom – a New Era of Virtual PD.” She also gave updates from The Ohio Education Policy Institute session on school funding, taxes, vouchers, and levies.

Mr. Mahnic discussed the Facilities Committee meeting and mentioned that the Technology and Insurance Committee meetings had been rescheduled. He also talked about the new Cuyahoga Heights board member.

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Mr. Miceli reported on the OSBA Legislative Committee, with updates on SB1, HB105, HB123 and HB334. He also shared information from the Curriculum Committee. From this committee, he noted that Paula Kucinic indicated that some networks had been meeting face-to-face and that some common themes for professional development included literacy and data analysis. He also shared that we now have 42 districts participating in our Business Advisory Council. Nadine Grimm also provided an update on the Disrupting Poverty series and the career readiness efforts in Cleveland School District, now known as PACE. Michele Shrefler highlighted the \$9 million Teacher and School Leadership grant from USDOE. Lastly, at the Curriculum Committee meeting Jenn Dodd noted that administration was working this year to adjust future program costs, services and staffing for the Ohio Online Learning Program as a transition from the 2019-2020 pandemic-related volume to the 2021-2022 school year.

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 & Ohio Online Learning Program

Adjournment - Resolution #2021-11-04 Time: 9:48 a.m.

Motion: Anton Hocevar; seconded by Frank Mahnic

Ayes: Anton Hocevar, Frank Mahnic, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, Christine Krol
Motion carried 5-0

Next Regular Board Meeting
December 16, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m.

Additional Dates

AESA Annual Conference, December 1-4, 2021 (Houston)
Facilities Committee Meeting, December 16, 2021 (immediately following the Board Meeting)

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 12/16/2021



President



Treasurer

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