

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING– Thursday, November 16, 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, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Frank Mahnic
Administration Present – Bob Mengerink, Jennifer Dodd, Bruce Basalla, Steve Rogaski

Public Participation – Board Member Elect, William Morrison, Jr. was in attendance.

Resolution #2023-11-01 - Approve Agenda

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Anthony Miceli
Ayes: George Klepacz, Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic, Jr.

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-11-02 – Accept the October 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 October 1 to October 31, 2023.

Motion: Frank Mahnic Jr.; seconded by George Klepacz
Ayes: Frank Mahnic Jr., George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

The Treasurer informed the group that he would have the October 2023 Financials available at the November board meeting. He also reminded the board members to turn in their mileage reimbursement requests at the upcoming Board Work Session on November 28th. Next, he told the group that the Finance Committee meeting had been rescheduled to November 28th, immediately following the Board Work Session. The Treasurer mentioned the electronic audit for OSC and lastly, he discussed the impact of the NCSSA new hires on the general fund. He noted that the new hires will be billed through NCSSA.

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Resolution #2023-11-03 – Approve Termination of Lease with Ameriprise

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the Ameriprise Lease Termination Agreement, effective August 1, 2024, to allow Ameriprise to end their lease prior to the January 31, 2025 end date.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: George Klepacz, Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic Jr.

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2023-11-04 – Approve Ohio Schools Council and Yankel and Associates, Inc. Contract

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the contract with Ohio Schools Council and Yankel and Associates, Inc. to conduct an electric audit for the ESC.

Motion: Frank Mahnic, Jr.; seconded Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Frank Mahnic, Jr., Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

The Superintendent provided a handout to the group regarding the progress of the roof project. He also commented on the value of attending the OSBA Capital Conference, but reflected on the tragic bus accident with students coming to perform at OSBA.

Resolution #2023-11-05 - 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 26, 2023 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of OSTs New Substitute Teachers
- d. List of OSTs Substitute Teacher Renewals
- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages List

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by Anthony Miceli

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic, Jr.

Motion approved 5-0

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Board Member Reports and Comments – OSBA Capital Conference

Mrs. Fortlage reported attending sessions on school policies, school funding, and artificial intelligence. She shared information about requirements for board meeting minutes, free and reduced lunch, and hybrid learning.

Mr. Klepacz reported that he had a positive experience at OSBA and that people thanked the board and the ESC for our work. He also noted that he attended a packed session on collective bargaining trends and he recognized Ryan Pendleton’s work. He commented that hiring people because they are “rock stars” has been a benefit to the ESCNEO.

Dr. Krol mentioned that she saw the OSTS and OSC booths at the conference. She also attended several sessions that included topics such as nepotism, equity and advocacy, and school finance.

Mr. Mahnic congratulated the newly elected board member, Mr. Morrison, on his election to the board. He also mentioned that the recent Cuyahoga Heights levy failed. Lastly, he mentioned that former ESC board member, Tony Hocevar, is being recruited to run for the Ohio House of Representatives.

Mr. Miceli attended OSBA sessions on vouchers, school funding and collective bargaining. He noted that 82,000 vouchers have been provided and that the anticipated FY25 cost would be \$1 billion.

Future Agenda Items

- Connect ITC Update
- Student Programs Update
- NCCSA Update
- Transportation Update
- Risk Assessment

Adjournment - Resolution #2023-11-06 Time: 10:36 a.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Frank Mahnic, Jr.

Motion approved 5-0

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Next Regular Board Meeting
December 14, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Committee Meetings
Technology Committee Meeting, November 21, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m.

Upcoming Conferences
AESA Annual Conference: November 29 – December 1, 2023 (Anaheim, CA)
NSBA Annual Conference: April 6-8, 2024 (New Orleans, LA)

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 12/14/2023

Christine A. Grod

President



Treasurer

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