

The following actions were taken by the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board at their organizational and regular meeting held March 27, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Vice-President Brian Baker. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

-The Treasurer administered the oath of office to Sandra Friess.

The following items were approved under the consent agenda format:

•Approved Financial Transactions

-Kurt's Karate to provide to NwOESC, 21st Century (Patrick Henry Elem), Positive Youth Development Services for the period of 2/06/18-6/30/18.

-Wave Community Church to provide to NwOESC, 21st Century (Patrick Henry Elem), Positive Youth Development Services for the period of 2/14/18-6/30/18.

-NwOESC to provide to Archbold Area Local Schools, Home Instruction/Tutor Services for the period of 12/1/17-6/15/19.

-NwOESC to provide to Elmwood Local Schools, Visual Impairment (VI) Services for the period of 8/15/18-6/15/19.

-NwOESC to provide to Holgate Local Schools, Nurse Attendant Services for the period of 3/1/18-6/15/18.

-NwOESC to provide to Lake Local Schools, Visual Impairment (VI) Services for the period of 8/15/18-6/15/19.

-NwOESC to provide to Millcreek-West Unity Local Schools, Home Instruction/Tutor Services for the period of 2/1/18-6/15/18.

-NwOESC to provide to Otsego Local Schools, Visual Impairment (VI) Services for the period of 8/15/18-6/15/19.

-To approve Annual Service Agreements with the following districts for the 2018-19 school year per R.C. 3313.845:

- Ayersville Local Schools
- Liberty Center Local Schools
- Millcreek-West Unity Local Schools
- Napoleon Area City Schools
- Stryker Local Schools
- Swanton Local Schools
- Wauseon Exempted Village Schools

•LEAVES

FMLA and Disability

•RETIREMENTS

Jane Lighthill, Paraprofessional, effective 6/1/18

•RESIGNATIONS

David Rohrs, Paraprofessional, effective 7/31/18

Ericka Stouffer, Payroll Specialist, effective 3/16/18

Jill Proudfoot, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program Manager, effective 3/23/18

Julie Berry, Office Specialist, effective 4/9/18

Nicole Blackwood, Personnel Coordinator, effective 4/6/18

**•EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS  
CONTRACTS**

**Certified Limited**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Length</b>
Hammersmith, Emily	CERT-1 Yr	3/12/18-7/31/18

**Classified Limited**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Length</b>
Chavez-Arreola, Marta	CLASS-1 Yr	4/1/18-12/31/18
Florez, Barbara	CLASS-1 Yr	4/1/18-12/31/18
Hernandez, Maria	CLASS-1 Yr	4/1/18-12/31/18
Martinez, Josefina	CLASS-1 Yr	4/1/18-12/31/18
Pacheco, Betty	CLASS-1 Yr	4/1/18-12/31/18
Smith, Michelle	CLASS-1 Yr	4/9/18-6/30/18

**Classified Notice**

<b>Name</b>
Carrizales-Fouty, Noemi

**Substitute Paraprofessionals**

Tammy Deskins

**Substitute Teachers**

Taylor Crew, Austin Schultz, Steven Suchocki

- Approved membership in the National School Boards Association for the period of 7/1/18-6/30/19.
- Approved the payment of the 2017-18 Interstate Migrant Education Council annual participation fee to the Council of Chief State School Officers as fiscal agent, which is above the purchasing agent limit, with migrant grant funds.
- Approved joint agreements - Pursuant to R.C. 3313.82, R.C. 3313.821, and applicable law - appointing the Business Advisory Council of the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center to serve as the Business Advisory Council for the following school districts:
  - Ayersville Local
  - Bryan City
  - Defiance City
  - Edgerton Local
  - Edon Northwest Local
  - Fayette Local
  - Holgate Local
  - Millcreek-West Unity Local
  - Montpelier Exempted Village
  - Napoleon City
  - North Central Local
  - Northeastern Local
  - Pike-Delta-York Local
  - Stryker Local
  - Wauseon Exempted Village

- Approved resolution supporting school safety and reducing violence in schools

WHEREAS, school violence has become an epidemic in the United States of America; WHEREAS, the children and school employees of our nation deserve to attend school without fear of death or injury, and their families deserve to send them to school without the same fear; WHEREAS, there is a mutual responsibility of all citizens to address this problem and the responsibility for preventing violent incidents cannot be relegated to school districts alone; WHEREAS, multiple studies have shown that the majority of Americans support action to eliminate violence in our schools; WHEREAS, school board members, administrators, employees and community members should work together with lawmakers, legal counsel, law enforcement and security experts to determine how best to ensure student safety in their district; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Board of Education implores the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Ohio, the United States Congress, and the Ohio General Assembly to prioritize the protection of students and school employees by enacting legislation with funding for the following: 1. Enhanced mental health services and substance abuse treatment so that all individuals, including children, have sufficient access to these services. 2. Increased access to school safety measures, including, but not limited to, School Resource Officers (SROs), school safety infrastructure, and other security measures designed to protect students and staff from an active shooter on school grounds. 3. Training for school employees and enhanced coordination with law enforcement agencies and first responders to ensure appropriate responses to incidents of violence in schools. 4. Preserving the balance between the right to own firearms and the protection of students and school employees from any act of violence.

- Appointed Sandra Friess to serve on the Building and Grounds Committee for calendar year 2018

#### **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Superintendent and Treasurer evaluation process
- Presentation, discussion, and acceptance of public comment on Independence Education Center/Northwest Ohio Opportunity School Calendar for 2018-19
- Presentation of Business Advisory Council Guidelines
- Overview of Substitute Management service agreement with Rachel Wixey & Associates
- Overview of Board Docs website for utilization in board policy review and update process

#### **REPORTS:**

OSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON: Mr. Brian Baker shared several legislative updates. The House Education and Career Readiness Committee passed HB 360, which deals with suspension and expulsion policies for incidents of harassment, intimidation or bullying. Sponsor testimony was given on HB 517, which designates the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month." Testimony was given on HB 491, which would require the State Board of Education to issue substitute licenses to qualified speech-language pathologists, audiologists, registered nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists and social workers. HB 442 testimony was given, which would permit international students possessing an F-1 visa to participate in interscholastic athletics. The House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee continued to hear testimony on HB 512, which would consolidate the state education agencies, and Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation into a new agency called the Department of Learning and Achievement. It also transfers much of the duties and authority of the State Board of Education and superintendent of public instruction to the new agency. The Senate Finance Committee held its second hearing on SB 246, which deals with positive behavioral intervention supports and suspension and expulsion policies for students in grades prekindergarten through three. A second hearing on SB 241 was held, which creates a new category of nonpublic schools, called "accredited nonpublic schools" and exempts such schools from certain state requirements.

OSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON: Mr. Jim George provided an overview of research on digital learning in the area of science. In a recent study, it was shown that web-based learning tools may help boost science knowledge among diverse student populations, including English-language learners and students with learning disabilities. According to the researchers, students with learning disabilities in the treatment group improved 18% on assessments of science knowledge from pre-test to post-test; and

English language learners increased 15%. Learners in the control group who were taught using the traditional methods showed an increase of 5%.

**SUPERINTENDENT:** Ms. Kerri Gearhart shared that the Franklin B. Walter Recognition Celebration held on March 12, 2018 was a great success. Kris Dobbelaere and her team did an excellent job coordinating the event, which recognized students and teachers from all our member districts and FCCC, including special education providers. Annette Rosebrock and Pat Turpening are assisting ten area districts interested in submitting 21st Century Learning Community Grants for FY19 by providing grant writing assistance in the hopes of securing more of these valuable grants for the future. Administrative searches are underway in Patrick Henry and Central Local. Preliminary discussions have taken place among NwoESC, NWOCA and Building Maintenance personnel Stu Schnitcky and Chuck Lero regarding summer projects. Planning for the start of the 2018-19 school year is underway. The administrative team and various departmental staff assist in the planning and coordination of events:

- The Administrators' Conference is set for August 2, with Westin Kieschnick presenting the keynote on Digital Learning.
- Bus and van driver training will take place on August 6 at the Archbold HS Auditorium, with nationally recognized safety expert, Jesus Villahermosa returning another year.
- New Staff Orientation is slated for August 6 to familiarize new staff with our mission, vision and departmental processes.
- The Annual Fall Staff Meeting is set for August 8, with Diana Patton sharing a message – “Be the Difference”.

**CFO/TREASURER:** Mr. Homer Hendricks reported on the current cash balance across all funds. The Auditor of State's office has released the annual audit report with the NwoESC receiving an unmodified opinion, or clean audit according to auditing standards. Mr. Hendricks commended the fiscal office staff for the great work throughout the year to insure all funds and fiscal processes are handled properly. Several districts have returned their service agreements for 2018-2019, and the remainder will be contacted soon. The payroll specialist position and personnel coordinator positions are in the process of being filled. The business office is beginning to work through processes for the next school year, including staff requisitions and annual inventory. Personnel coordinators are sending letters to current substitute staff inviting them to return to the substitute lists next year. Staff contracts and salary notices are being prepared for Board action at the April and May Board meetings. Required Ohio Ethics Commission filings are due by May 15.

**DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Mrs. Jill Gilliland provided an overview of the Parent Mentor program. Nichol Herold serves as the NwoESC Parent Mentor and provides information, resources, and other supports to those in the four county area through her work. The mission of the Ohio Parent Mentors is to provide the necessary support and resources to families of children with disabilities and the professionals who serve them. It is the ultimate goal to build positive, collaborative partnerships between families and schools to benefit students with disabilities.

**DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY:** Mr. Chad Rex shared the Website Development Team approved a mock up from eSchoolView and the project is in their development queue, with anticipated completion in early July. The Communications Team has continued to focus on research, ideas and strategies related to digital signage and social media. Currently, focus is on Twitter and LinkedIn. A presentation was made at the Ohio Educational Technology Conference in February on the Future Ready planning framework. NwoESC will continue to collaborate with ODE as trainings are implemented. A lunch and learn in partnership with John Mansel-Pleydell from NBEC/NWOCA was held for area administrators on “What's on the K12 Ed Tech Horizon”. The Technology Leaders group continues to meet throughout the year, with 32 registrants from 24 organizations attending the most recent meeting. The group has focused on topics related to STEAM such as virtual reality, augmented reality, drones, Esports and makerspaces.

•As all of the business of the evening was complete, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm. The next regular meeting of the board will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at the NwoESC office located at 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH.