

The following actions were taken by the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board at their regular meeting held July 24, 2018. President Ron Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REPORTS:**

**OSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON:** Mr. Brian Baker provided a legislative overview. The General Assembly sent several bills to the Governor for signature. HB 87 requires funds that are returned to the state because of a community school enrollment audit to be credited back to certain public school districts. HB 312 deals with the use of credit cards and debit cards by school districts and other public entities. HB 318 prescribes qualifications and training requirements for school resource officers, appropriates \$12 million in grant funds to public and private schools for school safety programs and training, prescribes positive behavioral intervention supports requirements and revises suspension and expulsion policies for students in grades PreK through three. SB 216, which enacts the Ohio Public School Deregulation Act dealing with the administration of primary and secondary education programs. SB 299, which includes a provision establishing the Ohio CORPS Pilot Project. The House sent several bills to the Senate for consideration. HB 428 deals with student religious expression in public schools. HB 502, which requires certain public school employees to undergo biennial youth suicide awareness and prevention training. HB 540, which revises the statewide teacher evaluation framework. The House Federalism and Interstate Relations Committee heard sponsor testimony on HB 703, which deals with exemptions and other policies for carrying concealed handguns in public premises.

**OSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON:** Mr. Jim George provided information relevant to student achievement. According to Edutopia, using visual aids can help to boost student engagement. Edutopia also reported that teachers could help students take more responsibility for their learning by asking them to create their own vocabulary lists. Educators can help students understand the importance of good financial habits by sharing their personal experiences with money, especially challenges, NFL wide receiver Arrelious Benn says. Benn, who is working with an online financial-literacy program, aims to help young people develop skills and habits that lead to responsible, stable financial futures. In a study conducted by the U.S Department of Education, it was found that about one in five public school teachers are supplementing their income by working a second job, according to data from the 2015-16. According to a study by researchers at Stanford University and the Learning Policy Institute, girls outperform boys in math in low-income school districts while boys do better than girls in math in wealthier districts. The researchers do not know why these gaps exist but hypothesize that students in wealthier districts may be more influenced by gender norms. The research shows that in the places where “privileged” families cluster — wealthier school districts where men earn more than women, have higher levels of education and are more likely to work in business or science — boys outperform girls in math by a larger margin than in other communities. The findings are based on data from more than 260 million state tests given to students in grades three through eight in 10,000 U.S. school districts.

**CFO/TREASURER:** Mr. Homer Hendricks shared the Business Office was able to close out the fiscal year in the new software by a similar date as last year. The new fiscal system, eFinancePlus (eFP), did provide a few new challenges, but staff managed to work through them in a timely manner. The state has approved several of the grants for the 2018-19 school year. Still to be determined are approval of new 21<sup>st</sup> Century grants for the coming school year. The Business Office will also begin closing grants from this past school year over the next month as well. Over the next month, the CFO and Superintendent will be completing the High Performing ESC application, which when approved provides NwOESC with \$26 per student funding compared to \$24. It is the third year for this process and requires we show a net 5% savings across five service areas provided to our area districts as compared to what it would cost them to provide on their own or through a private provider. The OSBA Capital Conference registration process will begin soon.

**DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Mrs. Jill Gilliland provided a report on psychology staffing, special education staffing and preschool classroom location changes for 2018-19, which include Delta and Central Local relocations.

**DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Mrs. Kris Dobbelaere shared current collaboration efforts with NWOCA and the STEAM Coalition including visiting Spangler Candy STEM Camp. The General/Gifted Education department is planning for the 18-19

Professional Development with a focus on Literacy, Teacher Networking, and Gifted requirements in addition to many other topics. There will also be PD for Administrators with a focus on School Safety and support for beginning Administrators.

DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Chad Rex provided an update on the move to a different email system. Staff need to contact the technology department for any assistance with their accounts. Mr. Rex shared that the new website is planned to go live on July 30. Technology updates continue to happen at our IEC, specifically additional Chromebooks for the 6th-12th grades.

Approved the following items under the consent agenda format:

- Minutes from the regular board meeting held June 19, 2018

- Financial Transactions

**•AGREEMENTS**

- NwOESC to provide to Hicksville Exempted Village Schools, Paraprofessional Services for the period 8/15/18-6/15/19.

- NwOESC to provide to Liberty Center Local Schools, Extended School Year Speech or Language Impairment Services for the period 6/4/18-8/24/18.

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

- Pike-Delta-York Local Schools

**•LEAVES**

FMLA and Disability

**•RESIGNATIONS**

- Amanda Bok, Intervention Specialist, effective 7/2/18
- Shonda Hatfield, Paraprofessional, effective 7/31/18
- Nicole Hurst, Intervention Specialist, effective 7/10/18
- Allison Kelly, Office Specialist, effective 8/12/18
- Olivia Parks, Intervention Specialist, effective 7/6/18
- Jennifer Rittenhouse, Nurse, effective 6/15/18
- Stephanie Schmucker, Payroll Accountant, effective 7/22/18

**•EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**CONTRACTS**

**Classified Administrative**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Length</b>
Schmucker, Stephanie	CLASS ADM-2 YR	7/23/18-6/30/20

**Certified Limited**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Length</b>
Burke, Sheryl	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/18-7/31/19
Cai, Denise	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/18-7/31/19
Custar, Richard	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/18-7/31/19
Denham-Swank, Chanda	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/18-6/30/19
Gill, Scott	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/18-6/30/19
Jackson, Myriah	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/18-7/31/19

Stemen, Christine	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/18-7/31/19
Sutton, Joyce	CERT-1 Yr	7/1/18-6/30/19
Tripp, Nicole	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/18-7/31/19

**Classified Limited**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Length</b>
Bishop, Mackenzie	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/18-7/31/19
Gruen, Leah	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/18-7/31/19
Hug, Skeat P	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/18-7/31/19
Kessler, Kortney	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/18- 7/31/19
Kelly, Allison	CLASS-2 Yr	8/13/18-7/31/20

**Certified Limited Summer Enrichment**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Beginning</b>
Eidenier, Victoria	CERT-1 Yr	6/13/18-8/31/18
Masters, Lori	CERT-1 Yr	6/13/18-8/31/18

**21st Century Site Coordinators**

Defiance Middle School-Emily Clark, Mary Born  
 Holgate-Karen Thomas  
 Pike-Delta Elementary- Jessica York  
 Pike-Delta Middle School- Janey Allen Dunford  
 Patrick Henry Elementary-Bryan Hieber, Kathy Sonnenberg  
 Swanton Middle School-Amanda Carrizales, Julie LaPoint  
 Wauseon Middle School-Elise Marks

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Program Assistant**

Wauseon Middle School – Susan Benson, Victoria Godsey

**Substitute Paraprofessionals**

Mary Baker, Sara Bateman, Jeri Beaverson, Gary Bidlack, Rita Bilen, Bonnie Boff, Kassandra Brown, Carol Carpenter, Deborah Drewes, Kaydee Geldien, Amanda Gilmore, Cheri Goetz, Cameron Hewson, Judith Horning, Skeat Hug, Maryann Mitchell Hurst, Melissa Miles, Pamela Menz, Susan Morgan, Laura Parker, Mackenzie Robison, Jennifer Ruetz, Tara Thatcher, Laura Vasko, Jamie Vogelsong, Christine Wood, Jami Young

**Substitute Teachers**

Kari Altstaetter, Sara Bateman, Wendall Beck, Gary Bidlack, Bailie Brock, Kassandra Brown, Zachary Brown, Christine Fraker, Kimberly Fish, Mitchell Gerig, Vickie Gilcher, Judith Horning, Skeat Hug, Maryann Mitchell Hurst, Kim Kern, Olivia Krieger, Susan Krugh, Norma Marks, Melissa Miles, Natalie Miller, Cheryl Roush, Jennifer Ruetz, Katherine Timmes-Short, Matthew Storrer, Tara Thatcher, Marilyn Thomas, Julie Vanwormer, Gary Vogelsong

**Bus Drivers Summer Enrichment**

Teresa Keller, Donna Mann, Susan Schulenberg, Casey Sumner

**Paraprofessional Northeastern Kindergarten Camp**

Susan Kearney

**Bus Drivers**

Evergreen - Jeffery Abrams, Gloria Baker, Anna Boger, Tamara Bonaminin, Carrie Brown, John Burgan, Theresa Burgess, Paula Christlieb, Terrie (Ketring) Copeland, Brittany Cymbolin, Kathleen Donahue, Darcy Feeback, Kathi Fruchey, Susan Hanifan, Sally Hintz, Michael Huffman, Rosalie Koch, John McWatters,

Melissa Miller, Donna Neifer, Cynthia Pinkleman, Ashlee Ricker, Debra Slee, Jeffery Simon, Michael Smith, Dawn Spradlin, Lori VandeSande, Ronnie Whitehead, Anthony Williams

Northeastern - Jerry Beckman, Jennifer Brubaker, William Burkhart, Angela Bussing, Bryan Etzler, Michael Hall, Judith Hancock, Joetta Henry, Kathy Homier, Robert Kroeger, Cindy Leenen, Rhonda Lehman, William Meyer, Julie Sanders, John Wagner, Barbara Williamson

NwOESC - Sherryann Franks, Chelsea Wiley

#### **Van Drivers**

Evergreen - Brittaney Cymbolin, Douglas DeSloover, Carrie Hansen

Northeastern - Tammy Harr, Craig Rutter, Jennifer Saner

NwOESC - Kristen Bostelman, Sara Buchenberg, Sharon Cox, Amanda Doty, Tomi Farmer, Lisa Fox, Janet Lembach, Catlyn Pavel, Jodi Posey, Andrea Valdez, Michael Volkert, Holly (Leupp) Wichman

NwOESC/Wms Co Bd of DD - Teresa Keller, Donna Mann, Sue Schulenberg, Casey Sumner

- Approved a stipend for Charles Lero as Certified Water Operator for the 2018-19 school year
- Approved the purchase of a 2019 Chevrolet Express Passenger Van (12 passenger) from Christy Motor Sales
- Approved the following NwOESC 2018-19 Handbooks:
  - Certified Staff Handbook
  - Classified Staff Handbook
  - Preschool Parent Handbook
  - IEC Parent/Student Handbook
  - Northwest Ohio Opportunity School Parent Handbook/Student Handbook
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Staff Handbook
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Parent/Student Handbook
  - LPDC Handbook
- Appointed Brian Baker as the delegate and Ron Crawford as the alternate delegate to the Ohio School Board Association 2018 Capital Conference business meeting.

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

- 2017-18 Annual Report on Food and Beverage sold on School Premises
- OSBA Northwest Region Fall Conferences (5:30 PM)
  - October 4, 2018 – Sentinel Career & Technology Center (Tiffin)
  - October 18, 2018 – Vantage Career Center (Van Wert)

•**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Ms. Kerri Gearhart reported on the various events being planned for the start of the school year - Administrators' Conference (8/2/18); Driver Training (8/6/18); New Staff Orientation (8/6/18); Fall Staff Meeting (8/8/18). On-line learning platforms are being explored as NwOESC offers several online trainings in areas such as HQT, Child Abuse Prevention, Safety & Violence, and Communicable Disease Identification and would like to expand offerings to areas such as Gifted, Special Education, Preschool, and Curriculum practices. The realignment of migrant services across Ohio will be taking place this fall (August 2018). The new structure calls for a regional system with larger territories ensuring statewide access to programming. Because of this change, the Region VI program (Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams) will be renamed and expand to include Lucas, Paulding, Putnam, Hancock, Van Wert, Allen, Mercer, and Auglaize Counties. Putnam County ESC will coordinate the services in this new region, while NwOESC will remain the state fiscal agent for all of OMEC. Ohio recently joined 16 other states

in making permanent the sales tax free holiday the first weekend of August. With a "back to school" theme, all sales and use tax will essentially vanish from purchases of clothing \$75 or less, and school supplies and instructional materials \$20 or less. The exemption applies per item, not total transaction, and works for purchases made via phone or online. This year, the dates are Friday, August 3 through Sunday, August 5. NwoESC is partnering with the University of Toledo and ODE to have a School Psychology Intern for the coming year. Our intern will be assigned to complete her requirements with Lynette Olnhausen in the Swanton Local District. Biometric screening dates and locations have been scheduled for the fall. They are available to any staff and their spouses, regardless of whether they take medical benefits through the NwoESC or not. Labs test for a variety of conditions and results are completely confidential. Dates include: Thursday, October 11 (ESC); Friday, October 12 (IEC); and Saturday, October 13 (ESC). Usage of the Activate Clinics continues to grow. The Archbold site will be converting an existing room into a fourth exam room. A new site located in Napoleon is in process. Planning is underway for an informational meeting open to area boards of education and administrators on the topic of County School Financing Districts, with the tentative date of 9/13/18 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

•As all of the business of the evening was complete, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at the NwoESC office located at 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH.