

The following actions were taken by the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board at their regular meeting held September 26, 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. School district local report card results were released recently by ODE. School training and safety grant funds (the greater of \$2500 or \$5.65 per student) are being distributed to all of Ohio's public, chartered nonpublic, and county boards of developmental disabilities schools. Bills recently introduced include HB722, which would prohibit using state funds for agreement not to disparage; SB325, which amends background check policies and sexual misconduct policies for public and chartered nonpublic schools; and HB726, which amends clearances by licensed health professionals of concussed student athletes. OSBA will be holding a legislative breakfast for the northwest region in October in preparation for the upcoming general election.

OSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON: Mr. Jim George provided information relevant to student achievement. Many Ohio Schools are taking steps to improve student health, including employing nurses and training staff to recognize medical conditions. Social pressures, academic expectations and concerns about personal safety are among the stressors some students wrestle with as they return to school. Clinical psychologist Dr. Nicholas Westers states that anxiety serves useful purposes, but if a child begins losing sleep or refuses to go to school, then parents should consult a physician. School administrators should consider regularly telling parents about the positive ways students interact at school through phone calls and notes home. More than 90% of school district leaders across the country say their top priority for education technology is to personalize learning for students, according to a survey from the Center for Digital Education. About 75% of districts offer blended-learning options, and more educators are expressing concern about student data and privacy issues, according to a study summary article in THE Journal.

CFO/TREASURER: Mr. Homer Hendricks reported arrangements have been made for OSBA's Capital Conference this year. With the hiring of Sharon Badenhop, the business office is back to full staff just in time to begin preparing the GAAP conversion report for the annual audit. The Local Government Services division of the Auditor of State's office has completed this report for NwOESC over the last several years and came in Friday to start this year's process. NBHP/OHI is conducting open enrollment this fall— November 1-16, with an active open enrollment through the Benelogic's online portal. The Essentials of Human Resources seminar attended recently was outstanding and provided great information as we strive to improve human resources' processes and better serve employees. OESCA's fall conference was another great event of learning sessions and networking. Treasurers were provided an excellent track of fiscal and business operations sessions by OESCA including updates from ODE, STRS, and SERS. Training and professional development opportunities continue regarding eFinancePlus.

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION: Mrs. Jill Gilliland reported that recruitment in the area of school psychology continues. NwOESC would like to continue employing interns who would possibly be longer-term employees. A summary of professional development was shared: LAMP training for speech therapists; CPI for educators in the four county area; NWOESC staff have attended training for OTES, ELA, and COS. Lynn McKahan, SST Region 1 Director, met with school psychologists in our four county area recently to discuss ETR development.

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Mrs. Kris Dobbelaere shared an overview of the collaboration with NWOCA and the STEAM Coalition. Also shared were professional development opportunities as well as the Education Consultants' Newsletter.

DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Chad Rex shared updates on the drone initiative he is assisting interested districts research and implement. This will be a continued effort with sights set on some districts joining the Safety Third Racing league's winter season. Mr. Rex also reported that he co-presented with the director of technology from Hamilton County ESC at ODE's "New Technology Coordinator Symposium" on

September 14 in Columbus. They will be co-presenting again on October 9 at ODE's regular technology coordinator symposium. Mr. Rex also reported that the technology leader network meetings will begin on Friday, September 28 and continue meeting monthly through May.

Approved the following items under the consent agenda format:

- Financial Transactions

- AGREEMENTS**

- Deshler Lanes to provide to NwoESC, 21st Century (Patrick Henry Elem), Recreational and Mentoring Services for the period of 10/5/18-4/25/19.

- Holgate Lumber Company to provide to NwoESC, 21st Century (Holgate MS/HS), Career Readiness, Service Learning, and Youth Mentoring Services for the period of 12/1/18-6/30/19.

- Holgate Performing Arts Council to provide to NwoESC, 21st Century (Holgate MS/HS), Extending Learning Opportunities Services for the period of 9/1/18-6/30/19.

- Kurt's Karate to provide to NwoESC, 21st Century (Patrick Henry Elem), Positive Youth Development Services for the period of 10/1/18-4/30/19.

- Laurie's Empty Nest, LLC to provide to NwoESC, 21st Century (Delta MS), Positive Youth Development Activities, Character Development, and Self Esteem Experiences Services for the period of 10/1/18-3/30/19.

- Project Respect to provide to NwoESC, 21st Century (Holgate MS/HS), Positive Youth Development Activities, Mentoring, Character Development, and Self Esteem Experiences Services for the period of 10/1/18-5/30/19.

- The RIDGE Project, Inc. to provide to NwoESC, 21st Century (Wauseon MS), Positive Youth Development Activities, Character Development, and Self Esteem Experiences Services for the period of 10/1/18-5/9/19.

- NwoESC to provide to Archbold Area Local Schools, Extended School Year-Home Instruction/Job Training Services for the period of 8/1/18-8/21/18.

- NwoESC to provide to Archbold Area Local Schools, Home Instruction/Tutor Services for the period of 8/22/18-2/1/19.

- NwoESC to provide to Holy Cross Catholic School, Speech Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/18-6/15/19.

- NwoESC to provide to St. John Lutheran School-Freedom Township, Occupational Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/18-6/15/19.

- NwoESC to provide to St. John Lutheran School-Freedom Township, Psychologist Services for the period of 8/15/18-6/15/19.

- NwoESC to provide to St. John Lutheran School-Freedom Township, Speech Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/18-6/15/19.

- NwoESC to provide to St. Mary Catholic School, Speech Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/18-6/15/19.

- NwoESC to provide to St. Mary Catholic School, Occupational and Physical Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/18-6/15/19.

-NwOESC to provide to University of Toledo, Site for Student Learning Experience of Direct Patient/Client Care for the period of 8/1/18-7/30/23.

•LEAVES

FMLA and Disability

•RESIGNATIONS

Nicole Roth, School Nurse, Effective 9/27/2018

•EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

CONTRACTS

Certified Limited

Name	Contract	Length
Fraker, Christine	CERT-1Yr	8/7/18-7/31/19

Classified Limited

Name	Contract	Length
Badenhop, Sharon	CLASS- 1Yr	9/17/18-6/30/19
Radel, Victoria	CLASS- 1Yr	9/19/18- 7/31/19
Reimund, Maryann	CLASS- 1Yr	9/10/18-7/31/19

Classified Continuing

Name	Contract	Beginning
Cox, Sharon	CLASS-CONT	8/2/2018

21st Century Teachers

Defiance MS – Austin Carr, Haylee Holbrook, Corey Jordan
Delta Elem – Jennifer Bollinger, Katie Butler, Kelly Kane, Kimberly Mewborn, Michelle Shelt
Delta MS – Renee Kane, Kylie Reckner, Amy Roth, Chad Smith
Holgate - Matthew Boff, Dane Held, Samuel Ryan
Patrick Henry – Kaylee Botjer (Spurgeon), Marie Myers, Cheryl Shively
Swanton – Kimberly Kahl, Julie LaPoint, Bethany Lopez
Wauseon-Gwendolyn Kinsman, Lauren Martinez, Kaitlyn Szozda, Tricia Yoho

21st Century Program Assistant

Defiance- Michelle Hill
Patrick Henry-Jackie Bower
Swanton-Charlene Blankenship
Wauseon- Tara Tedrow

21st Century Specialized Education Assistants

Defiance – Kati Finn
Holgate – Lori Clady
Patrick Henry – Connie Panches

21st Century Drivers

Holgate – Nancy Gerken

Substitute Paraprofessionals

Steven Chapa, Barbara Figgins, Jessica Fleetwood, Adam Fox, Cecelia Fox, Patricia Graffice, Megan Hopkins, Sandra Manon, Melissa Peck, Connie Salisbury, Tara Thatcher, Karen Unverferth

Substitute Teachers

Leanne Anthony, Anjelita Avers, Mark Tyler Bacon, Caitlin Barrera, Treya Brown, Chayli Buenger, Steven Chapa, Kevin Clark, Jennifer Cobb, Makayla Dennis, Barbara Figgins, Heather Folck, Adam Fox, Cecelia Fox, Paul Garrett, Christine Helberg, Kathrine Hindall, Sandra Manon, Norma Marks, Michael McClure, Megan McIntosh, William McKinney IV, Gina Meier, Natalie Miller, Robert Olwin, Cheri Oxender, Michael Remer, Shannon Saffell, Laura Schindler, Holly Schultz, Howard Shining, Joseph Steurnagel, Elizabeth Strick, Tara Thatcher, Dakota Ulrich, Janet Wyse

Bus Drivers

Evergreen – Nicholas Kerekes

IEC – Mary Ann Reimund

Student Teachers/Interns/Volunteers

Altman, Melissa, Endorsement Practicum as a Mount St. Joseph University Student, Fall Semester, 2018 Placed with Glenda Funnell

Law, Ashlynn, Occupational Therapy Internship as a UT Student, Fall Semester, 2018 Placed with Matthew Ferguson

Nenadal, Madison, Methods Placement as a BGSU Student, Fall Semester, 2018 Placed with Shannon Briskey

Nenadal, Madison, Student Teacher as a BGSU Student, Spring Semester, 2019 Placed with Shannon Briskey

Clark, Emma, Methods Placement as a BGSU Student, Fall Semester, 2018 Placed with Christi Ranzau

Clark, Emma, Student Teacher as a BGSU Student, Spring Semester, 2019 Placed with Christi Ranzau

•Approved the following retire/rehire contract (Placements based on board approval rate. Funds paid from 21st century grant).

Name	Contract	Length
Fauver, Warren	CLASS-1 Yr	9/1/18-6/30/19

•Approved motion to rescind the purchase of a 2019 Chevrolet Express Passenger Van (12 passenger) from Christy Motor Sales.

•Approved the purchase of a 2019 Ford Transit-150, Low Roof Passenger Van from Terry Henricks Ford.

•Approved an agreement with Whittle Consulting Group, Ltd. for creation and/or revision of job descriptions for NWOESC personnel.

•Approved a lease agreement with MailFinance, Inc. to provide a Neopost metered mailing system. The rate includes meter rental and maintenance of the meter.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

•**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Ms. Gearhart reported the first meeting of the NWOESC Business Advisory Council was held on September 4, 2018. District Superintendents, County Economic Development Directors, 4CCC, NSCC, and the ESC/NWOCA STEAM leadership attended. The group reviewed guidelines, received updates, and began preliminary discussion on focus for the year. NWOESC is continuing to provide support to several member school districts in processing home schooling requests and applications. Approximately 185 applications have been processed for the current school year, involving roughly 450 children. According to ODE reports, approximately 30,461 students were homeschooled in Ohio during the 2016-17 school year. NWOESC has again been awarded a wellness grant to help promote staff health and wellbeing. The initiative for the 2018-19 school year is entitled, “Be, See, and Feel the Difference.” NWOESC teachers who will be evaluated with the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) are again busy developing their Student Learning Objectives (SLO’s) for the year. Teachers are required to develop and submit one SLO to the committee for review. The SLO’s are part of the student growth measurement of Ohio’s evaluation system, which accounts for 50% of a teacher’s

overall evaluation. This year fifty-eight (58) staff members will be evaluated with OTES and one (1) staff member with OPES. In working with the Fiscal Committee throughout the 2017-18 school year, a plan for reimbursements to districts hosting NwoESC Consortium Classrooms was developed and will be implemented for the 2018-19 school year. The first phase of our Operational Review, as required by Senate Bill 3 for all ESCs in Ohio, took place on Tuesday, September 11 for NwoESC. The Auditor of State's Office intends to develop a profile report of each ESC in Ohio along with global recommendations on best practices for consideration. The FY19 High Performing ESC Application has been submitted to ODE for review. In total, NwoESC's five selected services (Administrative Searches, Speech Therapy, Northwest Ohio Opportunity School, Gifted Supervision, and School Psychology) demonstrated a 25.45% total cost savings through efficiencies gained via consortium staffing and shared services.

- As all of the business of the evening was complete, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at the NwoESC office located at 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH.