

The following actions were taken by the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board at their regular meeting held March 26, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Nona Rupp. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS:

•**OSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON:** Brian Baker provided a legislative update. The Senate Education Committee held a second hearing on SB 34 and heard testimony from proponents of the bill. This legislation would make changes to the law regarding school employee and educator conduct. The committee also heard SB 89 testimony. This bill proposes to make changes regarding career-technical education and funding for joint vocational school districts located in enterprise zones. The House Ways and Means Committee heard proponent testimony on HB 75. This bill would require boards of education that contest property values to pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify the property owner. The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee heard sponsor testimony on HB 111. This bill would require schools to transmit a transferred student's record within five school days. The committee also heard sponsor testimony on HB 121, which would allow an income tax credit to teachers for the purchase of instructional materials. Also heard was sponsor testimony on HB 122, which would expand Ohio's voucher program. Sponsor testimony on HB 123 was heard, which would make changes regarding school security and youth suicide awareness education and training. The final bill before the committee with sponsor testimony was HB 127, which would prohibit the creation of new academic distress commissions. The House Transportation and Public Safety Committee heard sponsor testimony on HB 118, which would make changes to the law regarding student transportation to and from school. Of consideration are increasing the fines for passing a school bus illegally. The House Finance Committee met and began hearings on the governor's proposed biennial budget. A newer component is funding for student wellness and success, supporting mental health counseling, wraparound supports, after school programming, and mentoring.

•**OSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON:** Sandy Friess reported on student achievement items of interest. Toledo City's Start High School manufacturing students recently saved the district about \$7,500 by helping solve a problem with the district's automatic faucets. The students manufactured a part needed to repair the faucets, which were failing. In a recent study considering the effect of later school start time, it was indicated that in Seattle high schools which pushed back start times from 7:50 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., sophomores started achieving better grades. Researchers had students wear activity trackers, which revealed the teenagers were getting more sleep "closer to their natural sleep pattern" on weekends. Experts have long argued for later start times in middle and high school. A new study used activity trackers worn on the wrist to see how such a delay affected kids in a real school. It showed kids slept more, got better grades and missed fewer days of class when their school day started somewhat later. Adolescents are different from younger kids. Most adolescents do not feel ready for bed until after 10:30 p.m. That is because puberty shifts everyone's circadian rhythms, the 24-hour cycles our bodies naturally follow. Circadian rhythms help regulate when we fall asleep and when we waken. The shift is related to melatonin, the hormone that helps us fall asleep. Even with their shifted rhythms, teenagers still need eight to 10 hours of sleep each night.

•**CFO/TREASURER:** Homer Hendricks shared districts have begun approving their service agreements for 2019-2020 and those returned are on the agenda. Some are delaying as they wait on clarification regarding the new federal procurement standards and ODE's guidance regarding ESC agreements. He also briefly discussed the governor's state budget proposal. Mr. Hendricks also plans to attend the NW Region Cupp Patterson Funding meeting at Apollo Career Center on April 2. This group of superintendents and treasurers put in a great deal of work to help create a bipartisan funding proposal at the request of Representatives Cupp and Patterson of the last 15 months. He also reviewed agreements with Auditor of State's Local Government Services section to compile our annual financial statements and Northern Buckeye Education Council for internet services.

•**DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Jill Gilliland shared an update on Early Childhood Screenings. NWOESC staff are part of the teams that conduct screenings in Henry, Defiance, and Williams counties for

children birth through age 5. Approximately 280 children have attended screenings to date in Defiance, Fulton, and Henry counties. Additional dates are scheduled in March and April. IEC staff members recently reviewed functional behavior assessments and behavior intervention plans for students. Teams reviewed data to determine which interventions had been successful and where adjustments are needed. We are investigating the possibility of having a therapy dog at the IEC next year. A staff member and her dog are going through a program for a therapy dog and handler, and the staff member is interested in bringing the dog to the IEC. Policies and guidelines are being developed. The recent newsletter from the NWOESC work transition classes was shared, along with a flyer from parent mentor, Nichol Herold, inviting parents to a session on STABLE accounts, and an article covering Defiance College Pay It Forward grant awarded to the IEC.

•**DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Kris Dobbelaere provided a pictorial summary of events and happenings within her department. Included were Franklin B. Walter Celebration, IEC Literacy, STEAM Roundtable, and the NBAL competition. The most recent edition of the "Consultant Ed Talks" newsletter was shared, which includes a wealth of information from the department consultants. Topics in this edition included More than Numbers: Data, Trust & Culture; Mathcounts competition; Differentiation in the Classroom; and Resident Educator program updates.

•**DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY:** Chad Rex highlighted the development of the Northwest Ohio ESC's mobile app. Design and development meetings have taken place. The development company is in the process of completing the initial version. Mr. Rex stated that he has met with administrators at the IEC regarding the school having a dedicated part of the app. A specific date of release is not known at this time. The goal continues to be July 2019. Mr. Rex attended the MACUL conference, a leading educational technology conference, recently and is excited to utilize the new knowledge and resources that it supplied.

Approved the following items under the consent agenda format:

•Minutes from the organizational and regular board meeting held February 26, 2019.

•Financial Transactions

•**DONATIONS**

-Farmers & Merchants State Bank to the Franklin B. Walter Celebration and Scholarships - \$1,000.00

-Paulding Putnam County Electric Cooperative to EdCamp held in October 2018 - \$100.00

-First Presbyterian Church-Findlay to Migrant Health Fair Programs - \$1,000.00

•**AGREEMENTS**

-Auditor of State, Local Government Services Section, to provide to NwoESC, Basic Financial Statement Compilation Services for the fiscal years ending 6/30/19, 6/30/20 and 6/30/21.

-NwoESC to provide to Antwerp Local Schools, Audiology Supported Services for the period of 3/01/19-6/30/19.

-To approve Annual Service Agreements with the following districts for the 2019-20 school year per R.C. 3313.845:

- Bryan City Schools
- Central Local Schools
- Holgate Local Schools
- Montpelier Exempted Village Schools
- North Central Local Schools
- Pike-Delta-York Local Schools
- Swanton Local Schools

•LEAVES

FMLA and Disability

•RETIREMENTS

Janet Bostater, Paraprofessional, effective 7/1/2019
Randy Britton, School Psychologist, effective 7/31/2019

•EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

CONTRACTS

Classified Limited

Name	Contract	Length
Chavez Arreola, Marta	CLASS-1 Yr	4/1/19-12/31/19
Florez, Barbara	CLASS-1 Yr	4/1/19-12/31/19
Hernandez, Maria	CLASS-1 Yr	4/1/19-12/31/19
Martinez, Josefina	CLASS-1 Yr	4/1/19-12/31/19
Pacheco, Betty	CLASS-1 Yr	4/1/19-12/31/19

21st Century Teachers

Pike-Delta-York Elementary – Deborah Patterson
Wauseon Middle School – Mallory Carroll

21st Century Specialized Education Assistants

PDY Middle – Constance Hasapes

Substitute Paraprofessionals

Tomi Farmer, Sara Lawniczak

Substitute Teachers

Heidi Foster, Kaitlyn Kuhn, Hillary Moore, Chris Roberts, Amy Thomas

•Approved a service agreement with Northern Buckeye Education Council to purchase internet access for the period of 7/1/19-6/30/22 (3 years). Final billing will include discounts as part of the federal e-Rate program.

•Amended tuition reimbursement agreements for Kallie Gensler, Katherine Jimenez, Josh Clark, and Alison Luderman to switch to Drake University to complete gifted licensure rather than continue with Muskingum University, at a cost savings. All other aspects of prior agreements remain in effect.

•Approved a Resolution to Suspend Certificated Staff Contract(s) in Accordance with Section 3319.17 of the Ohio Revised Code due to the elimination of the Migrant Region VI Summer and Fall Program and Services.

Kristi Bettinger,	Migrant Teacher
Amanda Carrizales,	Migrant Teacher
Angiala Franz,	Migrant Teacher
Julie LaPoint,	Migrant Teacher
Ruth Nastal,	Migrant Teacher
Amber Norden,	Migrant Teacher
Melissa Pinkava,	Migrant Teacher
Samuel Wesche,	Migrant Teacher

•Approved a Resolution to Suspend Classified Staff Contract(s) in Accordance with Section 3319.172 of the Ohio Revised Code due to the elimination of the Migrant Region VI Summer and Fall Program and Services.

Lynne Clay,	Migrant Bus Driver
Lisa Rupp,	Migrant Bus Driver
Kerri Simon,	Migrant Bus Driver
Susan Starr,	Migrant Custodian
Denise Burgoon.,	Migrant Head Cook
Tiffany Anderson,	Migrant Paraprofessional
Elise Marks,	Migrant Paraprofessional
Brooke Ostrander,	Migrant Paraprofessional
Kristy Shinaver,	Migrant Paraprofessional
Stephanie Smith,	Migrant Paraprofessional
Dannica Culler,	Migrant Records Clerk
Noemi Carrizales-Fouty,	Migrant Region VI Coordinator

•Approved a joint agreement - 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 Liberty Center Local School District effective immediately.

•Entered into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual. No action was taken.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

•Reviewed the following Policy Recommendations and Updates (first reading):

Policy 0100	Definitions	revised
Policy 5610.03	Emergency Removal of Students	revised
Policy 6320	Purchasing and Bidding	revised
Policy 6325	Procurement – Federal Grants and Funds	revised
Policy 6605	Crowdfunding	revised
Policy 7540.02	Web Accessibility, Content, Apps and Services	revised
Policy 8390.03	Therapy Dogs	new
Policy 8400	School Safety	revised

- NwoESC Business Advisory Council Quarterly Update – Minutes from the NwoESC BAC meeting on 12/4/18 were shared.
- Presentation, discussion, and acceptance of public comment on Independence Education Center/Northwest Ohio Opportunity School Calendar for the 2019-20 School Year – Anticipated adoption at the 4/22/19 meeting.

•**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Kerri Gearhart reported that communication is occurring with member districts on the “opt in” or “withdrawal” processes for the Northwest Safety and Special Education Financing District (NWS&SEFD). The group of potentially interested districts will be meeting soon for further discussion and planning. Event planning for the start of the 2019-20 school year is well underway, taking many hands for all to come together. The administrative team and ESC staff who assist in the development and coordination of these important events are appreciated. Events and dates include:

- NwoESC Administrators' Conference - Friday, August 2, 2019 (Keynote Dr. Jeff Zoul)
- Bus and Van Driver Training - Monday, August 5, 2019 (Nancy Blackwelder)
- New Staff Orientation - Tuesday, August 6, 2019
- Annual Fall Staff Meeting - Thursday, August 8, 2019 (Diana Patton 2.0)

Ms. Gearhart shared that NwoESC appointee to the Four County Career Center Board of Education, Carol Kleck, was recently recognized by the Northwest Region of OSBA for 45 total years of board service. Congratulations to Carol for her longstanding commitment and dedication to education.

•As all of the business of the evening was complete, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm. The next meeting will take place on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH.