

The following actions were taken by the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board at their regular meeting held July 23, 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. Gov. Mike DeWine signed into law House Bill 166, the state biennial budget bill. Before approving the legislation, the governor line item vetoed 25 provisions, seven of which would have affected schools. Funding simulations for fiscal years 2021 and 2022 are available for school districts and for joint vocational schools. Simulations for educational service centers are not yet available. The Joint Education Oversight Committee heard testimony on the Progress component of the state report card. The Senate Judiciary Committee conducted a first hearing on SB 143, which creates the offense of aggravated bullying, which is a third-degree misdemeanor.

•OSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON: Sandy Friess reported on student achievement items of interest. Ms. Friess reported how the lack of technology at home affects learning gaps. According to an analysis of census data by The Associated Press, approximately 17% of students in the U.S. lack access to home computers and 18% do not have broadband internet at home. This equates to nearly 3 million students across the country. Data show students with access to the internet at home are more likely to have higher scores in math, science and reading. Without a computer or internet at home, homework presents a nightly challenge. Districts, local government and communities have worked to identify solutions to the equity issue. Ideas include installing wireless internet on buses, loaning out hot spots, and compiling lists of Wi-Fi-enabled restaurants and other businesses where children are welcome to linger and do schoolwork. Students without internet at home are more likely to be students of color, from low-income families or in households with lower parental education levels. Researchers have indicated the disadvantage for minority students is an injustice that should be addressed.

•CFO/TREASURER: Homer Hendricks shared quarterly financial reports. The Assistant Financial Officer-Human Resources position has been posted and interviews will be conducted in early August to have the position filled as quickly as possible. The biennial budget process has completed, with flat funding for ESCs and some increases for districts. ODE has approved most of the federal grants for the 2019-20 school year. We are still awaiting approval of new 21st Century grants for this school year along with state grants for Parent Mentor and School Psychology Intern that were delayed by the budget process. The High Performing ESC application is due at the end of August, which when approved provides us with \$26 per student funding compared to \$24. It is the fourth year for this process, which requires ESCs show a net 5% savings across five service areas as compared to what it would cost districts to provide on their own or through a private provider.

•DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION: Jill Gilliland shared that NWOESC staff members will participate in OPEPP (Ohio Partnership for Excellence in Paraprofessional Preparation) next year. This program is offered through ODE and provides coaching based on individualized goal setting for our programs. The special education department continues to work toward filling positions for the 2019-20 school year. Ms. Gilliland shared about teachers at Edon School collaborating through a musical partnership involving the Edon Choir and Vocal Music Director, Ms. Frastasci, and NWOESC Intervention Specialist, Lindsay Eckley. In the partnership, Ms. Frastasci's students planned and implemented a specially designed music curriculum with Ms. Eckley's elementary students. Activities were adapted to meet the needs and the students, and included using musical instruments, singing, and dancing. Students also created a music video for Edon alumni serving in the Armed Forces.

•DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY: Chad Rex provided updates on the conference room project that is now complete. The projectors and projection screens are installed and are exceeding expectations. Mr. Rex also shared that the BWC School Safety and Security Grant application has been submitted, the transition to the new LPDC licensing software is complete and various hardware updates and improvements are underway.

Approved the following items under the consent agenda format:

- Minutes from the regular board meeting held June 28, 2019.

- Financial Transactions

- DONATIONS**

- Spectrum Eye Care to the Migrant Health Care Fund - \$4,000.00

- Findlay First Presbyterian Church to the Migrant Health Care Fund - \$1,000.00

- Maumee Valley Presbytery to the Migrant Health Care Fund - \$782.73

- Northstar BlueScope Steel for Delta Preschool - \$300.00

- LEAVES**

- FMLA and Disability

- RESIGNATIONS**

- Elizabeth Fitzenreiter, Intervention Specialist, effective 7/31/2019

- Amy Kramer, Special Education Supervisor, effective 6/30/2019

- Josefina Martinez, OMEC Migrant Recruiter, effective 6/10/2019

- Alison Morrow, School Psychologist, effective 6/30/2019

- Stephanie Schmucker, Assistant Financial Officer, effective 7/19/2019

- Susan Smith, Paraprofessional, effective 7/31/2019

- RESCINDED JOB OFFER**

- Heather Westrick, effective July 8, 2019

- EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- CONTRACTS**

- Certified Administrative**

Name	Contract	Length
Saneholtz, Brent	ADM-2 YR	8/1/19-6/30/21

- Certified Limited**

Name	Contract	Length
Jones, Melinda	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/19/7/31/20
Reindel, Shelby	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/19-7/31/20

- Classified Limited**

Name	Contract	Length
Hiler, Abigail	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/19/7/31/2020

- Classified Limited Summer
Enrichment**

Name	Contract	Beginning
Suffel, Cynthia	CLASS-1 Yr	6/17/19-8/31/19

- 21st Century Site Coordinators**

- Delta Elementary School – Ellen Bernal

- 21st Century Teachers**

Defiance Middle School – Mary Frank

Delta Elementary School – Kristi Bettinger, Katie Butler, Jon Mignin, Kirsten Mignin, Deborah Patterson, Michelle Shelt, Michelle Sticklely

Holgate High School – Michelle Hohenberger, Julie Schroeder

Patrick Henry Elementary School – Deborah Bennett, Taylor Gerken, Beth Hoops

Wauseon Middle School – Amber Fryzel, Allison Hilton, Sheila Vernot

21st Century Program Assistant

Delta Elementary School – Angelina Barnes, Olga Hall, Jamie Knauss

Holgate High School – Lori Clady

Patrick Henry Elementary School – Heather Wanless

21st Century Specialized Education Assistants

Patrick Henry Elementary – Jackie Bower

Substitute Paraprofessionals

Jenny Ackerman, Melissa Andres, Brynn Ballmer, Jerrell Barnhill, William Blystone, Bonnie Boff, Margaret Bornholdt, Josie Boyd, Rita Brand, Zachary Brown, Jennifer Brubaker, Carol Carpenter, Angela Chaney, Sharie Clausen, Brenda Detmer, Deborah Drewes, Sandra Eitniewar, Deborah Farlow, Michelle Fee, Jenna Flores, Erin Ford, Adam Fox, Jodi Frank, Susan Gerig, Shawn Glenn, Patricia Graffice, Marlo Hanak, Amber Hansel, Teresa Hansen-Smith, Makayla Hayes, Lisa Hendricks, Cameron Hewson, Michelle Hoffman, Heather Hollstein, Megan Hopkins, Janelle Hoschak, Donald Johnson, Jessica Keene, Rebecca Komisarek, Janice Leopold, Pamela Menz, Mary Ann Mitchell Hurst, Kristy Meyers, Amanda Nowak, Laura Parker, Cynthia Pawlaczyk, Melissa Peck, Manda Plum, Robyn Reeves, Michelle Retcher, Rebecca Rupp, Connie Salisbury, Darlene Sauder, Dawn Sharpe, Dennis Siebeneck, Rachel Smith, Susan Stalter, Patricia Sutter, Jacquelyn Underwood, Laura Vasko, Jennifer Volz, Melanie Wyse

Substitute Teachers

Kari Altstaetter, Lowynn Atkinson, Michelle Bailey, Terry Baldwin, Jerrell Barnhill, Sandra Bechstein-Wiederman, Adam Bjorlin, William Blystone, Rylee Bower, Josie Boyd, Zachary Brown, Karen Chamberlin, Angela Chaney, Joy Chase, Sharie Clausen, Courtney Cobb, Jennifer Cobb, Ronald Coles, Susan Coll, Susan Cowell, Carla Davis, Kathryn Day, Brenda Detmer, Ashlee Dietsch, Sandra Eitniewar, Diane Elchinger, Erica Farley, Deborah Farlow, Karen Findling, Jenna Flores, Adam Fox, Lisa Frame, Kimberly Garrow, Shawn Glenn, Carol Goldsmith, Carolyn Gray, Jeffery Gribler, Amber Hansel, Teresa Hansen-Smith, Michelle Hoffman, Kent Holsopple, Leslie Jessing, Donald Johnson, Jessica Keene, Kim Kern, Candace Keller, Rodney Koch, Paul Kyser, Kristen Leaders, Elizabeth Leupp, Mary Lloyd, Reuben Lopez, Mike Marshall, Donald McCord, Carol McInerney, Teresa Miller, Lennox Mitchell, Mary Ann Mitchell Hurst, Janet Morr, Bradley Myers, Sheryl Nickels, Debbie Nixon, Cara O'Neill, Amanda Oehlers, Rachel Orr, Christine Pannell, Karen Parrish, Katherine Polzin, Lexie Poulson, Michelle Retcher, Carol Rittenbery, Chris Roberts, Cheryl Roush, Cindy Rosebrock, Devin Rummel, Rebecca Rupp, Abbey Sachs, Christina Saneholtz, Laura Schwab, Holly Schultz, Thomas Schutte, Dawn Sharpe, Dennis Siebeneck, Jacqueline Singer, Gale Smith, Kelly Smith, Susan Smith, Thomas Smith, Susan Stalter, Jennifer Stark, Walter Steele, Joseph Steurnagel, Susan Stewart, James Stoll, Rick Straley, Sarah Stuckey Diaw, Rebecca Thatcher, Danielle Thieman, Katherine Timmes-Short, Jacquelyn Underwood, Laura Vasko, Gary Vogelsong, Karen Vollmer, Megan Wiles, Lisa Youngker, Carly Zeiter, Maurice Zuver

Student Teachers/Interns/Volunteers

Dundore, Elizabeth, Methods Placement as a BGSU Student, Fall Semester, 2019 Placed with Brooke Varble

Dundore, Elizabeth, Student Teacher as a BGSU Student, Spring Semester, 2020 Placed with Brooke Varble
 Heitkamp, Alyssa, Methods Placement as a BGSU Student, Fall Semester, 2019 Placed with Brittani Reinbolt
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 Hoffman, Madison, Methods Placement as a BGSU Student, Fall Semester, 2019 Placed with Jody Mohring
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 Jones, Emily, Methods Placement as a BGSU Student, Fall Semester, 2019 Placed with Robyn Corron
 Jones, Emily, Student Teacher as a BGSU Student, Spring Semester, 2020 Placed with Robyn Corron
 Nye, Abby, Methods Placement as a BGSU Student, Fall Semester, 2019 Placed with Alissa Brown
 Nye, Abby, Student Teacher as a BGSU Student, Spring Semester, 2020 Placed with Alissa Brown
 Stainbrook, Laura, Methods Placement as a BGSU Student, Fall Semester, 2019 Placed with Cheryl Shively
 Stainbrook, Laura, Student Teacher as a BGSU Student, Spring Semester, 2020 Placed with Cheryl Shively
 Wahl, Caitlyn, Methods Placement as a BGSU Student, Fall Semester, 2019 Placed with Debra Wittenmyer
 Wahl, Caitlyn, Student Teacher as a BGSU Student, Spring Semester, 2020 Placed with Debra Wittenmyer
 Witchev, Abigail, Methods Placement as a BGSU Student, Fall Semester, 2019 Placed with Brooke Varble
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Certified Water Operator Stipend

Charles Lero as Certified Water Operator for the 2019-20 school year.

•Approved Kerri Gearhart, Superintendent, as the designee in place of the CFO/Treasurer, to sign the Treasurer's contracts, salary notices, and other employment documentation as required.

•Approved the following NwOESC 2019-20 Handbooks:

- Certified Staff Handbook
- Classified Staff Handbook
- Preschool Parent Handbook
- IEC Parent/Student Handbook
- Northwest Ohio Opportunity School Parent/Student Handbook
- 21st Century Staff Handbook
- 21st Century Parent/Student Handbook (Sample)
- LPDC Handbook
- Bus/Van Driver Handbook

•Appointed Brian Baker as the delegate and Ron Crawford as the alternate delegate to the Ohio School Board Association 2019 Capital Conference business meeting.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 2018-19 Annual Report on Food and Beverage sold on School Premises – report shared
- OSBA Northwest Region Fall Conference
 - Thursday, October 3, 2019, Tiffin Middle School, 103 Shepherd Drive, Tiffin, OH 44883
- Anticipated Board Vacancies effective January 1, 2020 – District 3 (Fulton County – Harding, Richfield, Spencer, Swan Creek, and Swanton Townships) and District 9 (Williams County - Brady, Bridgewater, Jefferson, Madison, Mill Creek and Northwest Townships)
- Assistant Financial Officer – Human Resources – in process of filling

•**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Kerri Gearhart shared advertisement has gone out for anticipated board vacancies in Districts 3 (Fulton) and District 9 (Williams). There may still be time for interested candidates to file with the Board of Elections for the upcoming November 2019 General Election. Administrative Searches across the area wrapped up recently. Upcoming events and agendas were shared including the Administrators' Conference (8/2/19), Driver Training (8/5/19), New Staff Orientation (8/6/19), and Fall Staff Meeting (8/8/19). Beginning in 2019, SB 226 provides for a permanent sales tax holiday on the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of August each year. The exemption applies per item, not total transaction, and works for purchases made via phone or online. This year, the dates are Friday, August 2 at 12:00 a.m. through Sunday, August 4 at 11:59 p.m. During the holiday, the following items are exempt from sales and use tax: Clothing priced at \$75 per item or less; School supplies priced at \$20 per item or less; and School instructional material priced at \$20 per item or less. 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. The screenings are comprehensive and the results are completely confidential. Dates are Thursday, October 10 (ESC), Friday, October 11 (IEC) and Saturday, October 12 (ESC).

•Entered into Executive Session for the purpose of investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or student. No action was taken.

•As all of the business of the evening was complete, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH.