

The following actions were taken by the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board at their regular meeting held September 24, 2019.

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

The Board and Administrative Team observed a moment of silence in memory of Dreva Klinger, former NWOESC Office Secretary/Receptionist, who passed away recently.

REPORTS:

•**OSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON:** Brian Baker provided a legislative update. The Senate Education Committee accepted another version of HB 154 during its third hearing. The revised bill would maintain the proposed School Transformation Board and school improvement committees. The Senate Finance Committee conducted a first hearing on HB 2, which permits a collaboration of school districts, among others, and multiple industry sector partnerships to act as a regional sector partnership and be eligible for state grants and SB 85, which revises the signage requirements for school zones. The Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee conducted a first hearing on SB 126, which appropriates \$5 million to ESCs to assist with hiring social workers or mental or behavioral health professionals and to authorize a mental health professional to provide a crisis assessment to a suicidal minor, without parental consent. The Senate Judiciary Committee conducted a first hearing on SB 144, which requires student instruction on the prevention of and disciplinary procedures for harassment, intimidation or bullying and to create the offense of aggravated bullying as a third-degree misdemeanor. The committee also conducted a second hearing on SB 118, which increases the penalty for assault if the victim is acting as a sports official or the assault is committed in retaliation for the victim's actions as a sports official. The Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce Committee conducted a first hearing on SB 134, which increases the penalties for the offense of improperly passing a stopped school bus. It also allows images captured by school bus cameras to be used as corroborating evidence for such an offense and appropriates \$250,000 in grant funding each year for purchasing and installing cameras on school buses. A hearing on HB 4 was also conducted, which requires the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation to act as a liaison between the business community and the Ohio Department of Education or the chancellor of higher education with regard to industry-recognized credentials or certificate programs.

•**OSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON:** Sandy Friess reported on student achievement items of interest. Miami University and Lakota Local Schools in Butler County are boosting efforts to train students for the cybersecurity workforce. Miami University is building a Cyber Security Center to provide major and minor training opportunities. Lakota High School is launching a Cyber Security Academy this year with approximately 150 students enrolled. Students will graduate with industry certifications and a pathway to government clearance. According to the report, in every aspect of our lives, cybersecurity is important. Whether it is your banking site, mobile app or Facebook account, more and more of your information goes online, so there is increased need to be safe and secure. There is currently a gap in cybersecurity talent and the industry experts predict by 2021, 3.5 million jobs in cybersecurity will go unfilled.

•**CFO/TREASURER:** Homer Hendricks shared an update the hotel reservation for OSBA Capital Conference in November. He discussed filling the open payroll accountant position and beginning the annual GAAP audit report. Mr. Hendricks reviewed his attendance at the recent Connect and Collaborate OESCA Fall conference along with the upcoming SNUG national user group conference in October.

•**DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Jill Gilliland provided an update on PBIS plans and activities at the Independence Education Center. IEC staff have outlined activities and prizes that students can win or earn through the program. Students earn tickets to use for self-selected rewards by demonstrating positive behavior and by meeting personal goals. Ms. Gilliland has been visiting NWOESC classrooms and discussed the positive educational experiences that our staff members are creating for students.

•**DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Kris Dobbelaere shared that Mike Remer, Career Coach at Swanton Middle School, presented to area guidance counselors

about his work with students. Mrs. Dobbelaere also shared professional development that has been occurring at the NwOESC including Teacher Talks for 4th and 5th grade teachers, OTES training, Brunch n Learn for district administrators, ODE training on changes in graduation requirements, Value Added training and professional development for teachers of gifted students.

•**DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY:** Chad Rex highlighted his meeting with a representative from the ESC of Lake Erie West that focused on the STEAM initiative of drone racing and eSports in northwest Ohio. Discussion focused on how the two ESCs could collaborate in support of district efforts to bring drones into the classroom as well as the experiences of competitive efforts in racing and eSports gaming. Mr. Rex has also been working with a local office supply company to plan and provide solutions for OMEC and IEC that result in better efficiencies and performance.

Approved the following items under the consent agenda format:

•Minutes from the regular board meeting held August 27, 2019.

•**Financial Transactions**

•**DONATIONS**

-Wauseon Veterans of Foreign Wars to the IEC Activity Fund - \$1,000.00

•**AGREEMENTS**

-Above Pete's Garage to provide to NwOESC, 21st Century (Wauseon MS), Extended Learning Opportunities Services for the period of 10/01/19-6/30/20.

-Ayersville Local Schools to provide to NwOESC, Paraprofessional Services for the period of 8/15/19-6/15/20.

-Deshler Lanes to provide to NwOESC, 21st Century (Patrick Henry Elem), Recreational and Mentoring Services for the period of 10/1/19-4/30/20.

-Henry County Health Department to provide to NwOESC, 21st Century (Holgate MS/HS), Extended Learning Opportunities Services for the period of 8/26/19-6/30/20.

-The RIDGE Project, Inc. to provide to NwOESC, 21st Century (Defiance MS), Positive Youth Development Activities, Character Development, and Self Esteem Experiences Services for the period of 10/7/19-12/26/19.

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-NwOESC to provide to Holy Cross Catholic School, Speech Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/19-6/15/20.

-NwOESC to provide to St. Augustine Catholic School, Occupational and Physical Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/19-6/15/20.

-NwOESC to provide to Swanton Local Schools, Afterschool Program Services for the period of 10/1/19-6/30/20.

-NwOESC to provide to Wauseon Exempted Village Schools, ESL Instruction Services for the period of 8/15/19-6/15/20.

-NwOESC to provide to Wauseon Exempted Village Schools, School Nurse Consulting Services for the period of 8/15/19-6/15/20.

•LEAVES

FMLA and Disability

•RESIGNATIONS

Amber Ensign, Office Coordinator, effective 10/4/2019

Deborah Farlow, ESL Instructional Assistant, effective 8/29/2019

•EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

CONTRACTS

Certified Limited

Name	Contract	Length
Merritt, Raellen	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/19-7/31/20

Classified Limited

Name	Contract	Length
Bloss, Joshua	CLASS-1 Yr	9/9/19-7/31/20
Dalton, F. Louise	CLASS-1 Yr	9/1/19-7/31/20
Fritch, Carissa	CLASS-1 Yr	9/1/19-7/31/20
Hicks, Tina	CLASS-1 Yr	9/1/19-7/31/20
Iverson, Danette	CLASS-1 Yr	9/9/19-7/31/20
Ordway, Jodi	CLASS-1 Yr	9/9/19-7/31/20

Certified Supplemental

Brown, Alissa	LPDC-1 Yr	9/1/19-6/30/20
Mabee, Susan	LPDC-1 Yr	9/1/19-6/30/20
Mutzfeld, Deborah	LPDC-1 Yr	9/1/19-6/30/20
Wise, Rhonda	LPDC-1 Yr	9/1/19-6/30/20

SALARY NOTICES

Classified Notice

Name	Start Date
Dunbar, Kendall	10/7/19

21st Century Teachers

Defiance Middle School – Jodi Griffith, Haylee Ziegler

Patrick Henry Elementary – Scott Bley, Kaylee Botjer, Rebecca Wasson

Pike-Delta-York Elementary – Kara Chiesa

Swanton Middle School – Madeline Byers, Kori Reiser, Dakota Ulrich, Nicholas Wcislek

Wauseon Middle School – Christine Zirkle

21st Century Program Assistant

Wauseon Middle School – Susan Coll

After School Program Teacher

Swanton Elementary - Britteny Rolfes, Kristy Shinaver

Substitute Paraprofessionals

Michael Brown, Tammy Deskins, Andrea Eicher, Christian Miller, Emilee Piorkowski, Susan Randolph, Jennifer Ruetz, Marisa Wagner

Substitute Teachers

Jesse Aeschliman, Sara Bateman, Kevin Boesger, Michael Brown, William Brown, Kathryn Curlis, Kristen Davis, Zachary Davis, Tammy Elling, Elizabeth Fife, Caleb Horvath, Clay Keeley, Matthew Meyer, Kirby Miller, Justin Mourguet, Taryn Myers, Karen Pahl, Emilee Piorkowski, Jennifer Ruetz, Laura Schindler, Frederick Schultz, Barb Shaffer, Marisa Wagner, Colleen Wilson, Ryan Zeiter

Substitute Bus Driver

Jacob Bostelman

Student Teachers/Interns/Volunteers

Alexandra Trivelas Student Teacher as a BGSU Student, Fall Semester, 2019 Placed with Lynlee Reinking

Olivia Scheid Occupational Therapy Clinical as a University of Toledo Student, Fall Semester, 2019 Placed with Matthew Ferguson

- Approved a quote from GameTime DWA Recreation for freestanding playground equipment (3 items), engineered wood fiber and installation at the Independence Education Center campus.
- Approved the payment of the 2019-20 Interstate Migrant Education Council annual participation fee to the Council of Chief State School Officers as fiscal agent, with Title I-C migrant grant funds.
- Approved the resolution to appoint Brian Baker (Henry County) to the 4CCC Joint Vocational School District Board of Education for a three-year term of office to commence on January 1, 2020 and expire on December 31, 2022.
- Approved the resolution to appoint Nona Rupp (Fulton County) to the 4CCC Joint Vocational School District Board of Education for a three-year term of office to commence on January 1, 2020 and expire on December 31, 2022.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- NWOESC Business Advisory Council Meeting Minutes June 4, 2019
- Preschool Online Enrollment project
- Unified Talent for staff and substitute database

•**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Kerri Gearhart shared the NWOESC High Performing ESC Application has been submitted to the Ohio Department of Education. We anticipate hearing back from ODE in mid-October as to the status of our application. In total, the five selected services (Administrative Searches, Speech Therapy, Northwest Ohio Opportunity School, Occupational Therapy, and School Psychology) demonstrated a 23.21% total cost savings through efficiencies gained via consortium staffing and shared services. Swanton MS administration nominated NWOESC paraprofessional Lisa Meeker for the 2019 Ohio Middle School Support Staff recognition. Lisa will be receiving a regional award at the upcoming MS state conference in Columbus in November. Lisa was surprised by the administration, staff, and students at a special assembly and was recognized for her outstanding work as a paraprofessional in Swanton. Lisa has been a dedicated employee of NWOESC for the past nine years, previously working in Pettisville and Archbold, and most recently Swanton. NBHP (Northern Buckeye Health Plan) will be meeting soon to set the rates for health, dental, and vision increases for 2020 for area schools and agencies participating in the consortium. Archbold Chief of Police, Leo Wixam, will be working with NWOESC on a building wide A.L.I.C.E. training and a full-scale emergency management test drill. Stacey Parrish and Stu Schnitkey are helping to coordinate with Chief Wixam as part of safety and security efforts. NWOESC has again been awarded a wellness grant to help promote staff health and wellbeing. The initiative for the 2019-20 school year is entitled, "Be, See, and Feel the Difference 2.0". Committee members include Kerri Gearhart, Jill Gilliland, Kris Dobbelaere, Linda Schlosser, Corey Todd, Troy Slattman, Melissa Sears, Ashleigh Repp and Michelle Smith.

- 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 7:43 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH.