

The following actions were taken by the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board at their regular meeting held June 28, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Brian Baker. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS:

•OSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON: Mr. Brian Baker shared a legislative update. In Federal news, Congress passed the bipartisan *Keep Kids Fed Act*, which extends free meals for all children until the end of the summer, among other provisions. The U.S. Department of Education is continuing to take action to support and invest in the teaching profession and address the teacher shortage many schools and districts across the country face. In State news, Governor DeWine signed into law HB 99, which establishes the Ohio Mobile Training Team and creates the Ohio School Safety and Crisis Center (Center) within the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The bill also requires a person a school board authorizes to have weapons in such a zone to submit to an annual criminal records check, complete no more than 24 hours of initial training established under the bill, and complete no more than eight hours of annual requalification training. Additionally, the bill permits a school board to adopt alternate curriculum, instruction and training, with center approval, and allows school boards to require additional training to those authorized. The bill also requires each district to provide a current list of the qualified personnel and requires the board to notify the public that the board has authorized one or more persons to go armed within a school it operates. Also signed into law was HB 140, which modifies the form of election notices and ballot language for property tax levies and HB 687, which makes capital appropriations for fiscal years 2023 and 2024, including \$600 million for Ohio Facilities Construction Commission and \$100 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds for school safety grants, among other provisions. HB 583, which would extend the current temporary flexibility for school districts regarding the educational requirements of substitute teachers until June 30, 2024, among other provisions, is pending signature. The State Board of Education unanimously approved Dr. Stephanie K. Siddens to serve as the interim state superintendent. They also approved a revision to the preschool children eligible for special education rule, which increases the maximum number of students with disabilities from six to eight and changes language to allow for 50% or fewer students with disabilities in a public school preschool general education or integrated classroom.

•OSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON: Dr. Christine Smallman reported on several topics of student achievement. A recent study found that per-student spending in Ohio for preschool-age students ranks 33rd among all states. Ohio is not serving at least 70% of 4-year-olds across state preschool, Head Start and special education. No funds received from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program went to preschools. Researchers from East Carolina University indicate struggling readers can get support by using mixed reality glasses, which display supplementary content to help boost reading comprehension. Through eye-movement tracking, glasses detect when a student is stuck on a word or concept and display audiovisual explanatory content. A South Carolina-based developer is working to pilot its new app, which introduces students to life sciences careers through virtual challenges. Some community colleges in California are placing fewer students in remedial classes, a move that has increased course completion and graduation rates. The state changed its strategy after research showed that Latino and Black students made up a majority of those placed in remedial classes. Despite growing up as digital natives, some educators believe that students need lessons and guidance on digital citizenship now more than ever. A Harvard Graduate School of Education principal investigator defines digital citizenship as “the responsible use of technology to learn, create and participate.” Digital citizenship now encompasses more than safety. Evaluating information and being able to decipher credible from non-credible sources of information is essential to K-12 students’ safety and community well-being. Nearly half of students in grades four-eight (40%) connected or chatted with a stranger online, according to a study by the Center for Cyber Safety and Education. 2 in 3 adults reported that fabricated news greatly confuses them about current events. These statistics have school districts seeking how they can better educate students to understand internet safety as a key component of digital citizenship. To access study links and learn more about digital citizenship, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/SU787>.

•**CFO/TREASURER:** Homer Hendricks reported the final fiscal year 2022 appropriation modifications along with the fiscal year 2023 appropriations. He discussed the annual property, liability, and fleet insurance coverage renewal. Mr. Hendricks presented detail on the new cyber insurance coverage in response to increased cyber-attacks since the beginning of Covid-19. He also shared the fiscal year 2022 final program costs packets were distributed to districts and several have already made their final payments.

•**DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Jill Gilliland reported that a partnership with A Renewed Mind is in place to offer summer therapy at the IEC. There are two separate sessions for small groups of students offered. Continuity of services has been a concern in the past, and this program allows students to continue in therapy that occurs at the IEC during the school year. Thank you to Andi Wolpert, A Renewed Mind therapist, Sara Fogt, IEC School Navigator, and Jessie Curry, IEC Principal, for making this program a reality. Mrs. Gilliland also reported on continued efforts to secure staffing in all areas including SLPs and Intervention Specialists.

•**DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Andy Hunter reported that 348 students were welcomed to this year's summer honors program at Archbold Elementary. He thanked all of the teachers, Archbold administration, as well as coordinators Ashleigh Repp, Ashley Ensign, and Jane Myers. All of their hard work and effort made the event a huge success. In addition, that week the ESC hosted educator Bootcamp in conjunction with the economic development offices in Fulton, Henry, and Williams Counties. Area educators were able to tour factories in the area learning about job opportunities and the needs of their communities. Thanks to all who assisted to make this program possible. Finally, he reported that the finishing touches were being put on the professional development planning for the 2022-2023 school year.

•**DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS:** Chad Rex shared that he has been researching and developing plans that put us in a better position relative to cyber security. Plans will be deployed over time and as the cyber insurance and security needs are defined and clarified. Corey Todd continues to work on action items from our Google Admin Console audit. Recently, he implemented email setting changes that are essential to preventing phishing attacks, etc. Corey spent several days conducting routine maintenance on the IEC Chromebook in order to have them properly stored and configured for the coming year. Several projects and programs are requiring technology purchases for the coming year. Mr. Rex has been busy with creating plans, soliciting quotes and submitting requisitions. Mr. Rex recently attended an administrator training with Remind to provide him with information to better support our implementation of this communication tool used by IEC and our staff. Mr. Rex and Corey Todd have been keeping up with the staff changes that occur during this time of year. Updates to the directory have been made so that the directory on our website is accurate. Mr. Rex highlighted the good news regarding the solar field project. Toledo Edison signed off on the project and we are able to turn the solar field on. The final date is scheduled to be June 29. The landscape project at the ESC office was recently completed. Thank you to Four County Career Center, Ruff Cut, Plants Plus Nursery and Larry Davis for their work. Larry Davis has been hard at work coordinating the annual cleaning and detailing of our fleet of vehicles. Chuck Lero and his summer help have been working diligently to prepare the IEC building for the next school year. In addition to the standard work, there was a large effort to dispose of obsolete and non-functional items.

•Approved the following items under the consent agenda format:

•Minutes from the regular board meeting held May 24, 2022.

•**DONATIONS**

-Archbold United Methodist Church to Summer Honors Academy Snacks.

•**AGREEMENTS**

-National School Board Association to provide to NwoESC, National Connection-BOCES/Agency Membership, for the period of 7/1/22-6/30/23.

-NWOCA to provide to NwoESC, NOVA Services for the period of 8/1/22-7/31/23.

-Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities to provide to NWOESC, Annual Membership for the period of 7/1/22-6/30/23.

-Ohio Coalition for the Equity and Adequacy of School Funding to provide to NWOESC, Annual Membership for the period of 7/1/22-6/30/23.

-OESCA to provide to NWOESC, OESCA and AESA Membership Dues for the period of 7/1/22-6/30/23.

-NWOESC to provide to Elmwood Local Schools, Visual Impairment (VI) Services for the period of 8/15/22-6/15/23.

-NWOESC to provide to University of Toledo, Site for Student Learning Experience of Direct Patient/Client Care for the period of 7/1/22-7/30/27.

-NWOESC to provide to Williams County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Summer Enrichment Program Services for the period of 6/5/22-7/31/22.

•RESIGNATIONS

- Alig, Melanie, effective 7/31/2022
- Babcock, Makalya, Paraprofessional, effective 6/2/2022
- Bradford, Cherrish, Tutor, effective 7/31/2022
- Brown, Alissa, Intervention Specialist, effective 7/31/2022
- Cooley, Kristen, School Psychologist, effective 6/23/2022
- Cramer, Chantelle, Intervention Specialist, effective 7/31/2022
- Hammersmith, Emily, Intervention Specialist, effective 7/31/2022
- Harvey, Becca, Remediation Teacher, effective 7/31/2022
- Hastings, Steven, Special Education Supervisor, effective 8/2/2022
- Herring, Debora, Paraprofessional, effective 7/31/2022
- Jones, Jacob, Intervention Specialist, effective 7/31/2022
- Knueven, Jamie, Special Education Supervisor, effective 8/5/2022
- Leatherman, Rachel, Intervention Specialist, effective 6/3/2022
- Merrill, Rebekah, Paraprofessional, effective 7/31/2022
- Pelland, Jordan, Paraprofessional, effective 7/31/2022
- Reamsnyder, Nichole, Speech-Language Pathologist, effective 6/30/2022
- Yoho, Tricia, Intervention Specialist, effective 7/31/2022

•EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

CONTRACTS

Certified Administrative

Name	Contract	Length
Brown, Alissa	ADM-2 Yr	7/1/2022-6/30/2024
Sunderman, Cristin	ADM-1 Yr	7/1/2022-6/30/2023

Certified Limited

Name	Contract	Length
Ciepiela, Kayleigh	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Ferrell, Ezekiel	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Hug, Skeat	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Rufenacht, Tina	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Schubert, Katherine	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Sundbeck, Mindy	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/2022-6/30/2023
Veres, Diane	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/2022-6/30/2023
Wells, Jenna	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023

Classified Limited

Name	Contract	Length
Alvarez, Megan	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Bacon, Cassandra	CLASS- 1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Beck, Brittany	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Berry, Jessica	CLASS-1 Yr	6/1/2022-12/31/2022
Bolich, Cynthia	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Brubaker, Jennifer	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Herman, Sarah	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Marshall, Brittany	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Mireles, Alissa	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Ohlrich, Brittany	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Piasecki, Linda	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Powell, Carla	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Ricard, Kaila	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Rondeau, Jaclyn	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Sheets, Emily	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Smith, Kristen	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022/7/31/2023
Smith, Susan	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Spangler, Margaret	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Squires, Shaunda	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Thompson, Melody	CLASS-2 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2024
Thompson, Samantha	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023
Whitman, Lauren	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-7/31/2023

Certified Extended School Year

Name	Contract	Length
Chafins, Sarah	CERT-1 Yr	5/31/2022-8/15/2022
Fogt, Sara	CERT-1 Yr	5/31/2022-8/15/2022
Gribler, Cathy	CERT-1 Yr	5/31/2022-8/15/2022
McCann, Lindsey	CERT-1 Yr	5/31/2022-8/15/2022

Classified Extended School Year

Name	Contract	Length
Bidlack, Melissa	CLASS-1 Yr	5/31/2022-8/15/2022
Clark, Laurel	CLASS-1 Yr	5/31/2022-8/15/2022
Klausing, Sandra	CLASS-1 Yr	5/31/2022-8/15/2022
Neff, Amy	CLASS-1 Yr	5/31/2022-8/15/2022
Stein, Jason	CLASS-1 Yr	5/31/2022-8/15/2022
Thompson, Melody	CLASS-1 Yr	5/31/2022-8/15/2022

Certified Limited Summer Enrichment

Grant, Jennifer	CERT-1 Yr	6/6/2022-7/31/2022
Hoelle, Shanna	CERT-1 Yr	6/6/2022-7/31/2022
Sanders, Bayli	CERT-1 Yr	6/6/2022-7/31/2022

Classified Limited Summer Enrichment

Name	Contract	Length
Hutchison, Shelly	CLASS- 1 Yr	6/6/2022-7/31/2022

Keller, Emily	CLASS-1 Yr	6/6/2022-7/31/2022
Keller, Teresa	CLASS-1 Yr	6/6/2022-7/31/2022
Mann, Donna	CLASS-1 Yr	6/6/2022-7/31/2022
Posey, Kailyn	CLASS-1 Yr	6/6/2022-7/31/2022

Certified Supplemental

Downing, Mariah	CPI-Trainer-1 Yr	7/1/2022-6/30/2023
Fouts, Jill	CPI-Trainer-1 Yr	7/1/2022-6/30/2023

Olmstead, Patty	LPDC-1 Yr	9/1/2022-6/30/2023
Mabee, Susan	LPDC-1 Yr	9/1/2022-6/30/2023
Side, Shanna	LPDC-1 Yr	9/1/2022-6/30/2023

Classified Supplemental

Groll, Kelly	CPI-Trainer-1 Yr	7/1/2022-6/30/2023
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Certified Notice

Luderman, Alison

Classified Notice

Babcock, Ashley

Substitute Paraprofessionals

LeAnne Anthony, Jeri Beaverson, Pamela Bernath, Heather Blanchard, Janet Bostater, Cheryl Buchhop, Dawn Buskirk, Kelsey Crow, Denise Decker, Amy Ducat, Patricia Graffice, Megan Hahn, Christina Hammer, Anne Healy, Sally Hogrefe, Kelsey Kuhn, Rhonda Lamb-Moore, Sara Link, Stephanie Martinez, Denise Miller, Alissa Mireles, Cynthia Pawlaczyk, Martha Ringenberg, Jaclyn Rondeau, Rachelle Rowilson, Allison Schaffner, Bridget Slattman, Sue Smith, Heather Voyer, Jennifer Ziegler

Substitute Teachers

Allison Alexander, Mary Jo Andres, David Alt, Dawn Baldwin, Jerell Barnhill, Matthew Benecke, Anthony Bernal, Joseph Blake, Heather Blanchard, Erica Blanton, Larry Bowers, John Bucklew, Karen Chamberlin, Courtney Cobb, Ronald Cody, Ronald Coles, Johanna Costigan, Daniel Coutz, Kathy Day, Brenda Detmer, Toni Dorosz, Drena Doseck, Amy Ducat, Cherie Dupler, Diane Elchinger, Tammy Elling, Jamie Englehart, Patti Fee, Andrea Flory, Phillip Fogle, Ruth Font, Kay Ford, Christine Fraker, Jodie Frederick, James Gallehue, Nancy Gallehue, Kimberly Garrow, Pamela Gault, Shawn Glenn, Jeffery Gonzales, Noah Goodrich, Carolyn Gray, Kamry Gray, Jeff Gribler, Deborah Guelde, James Harris, Beth Headley, Charles Hess, Sylvia Hill, Ashley Hurst, Jami Jesse, Jeffery Keim, Chris Kirkum, Deb Langenderfer, Char Lee, Christine Long, Kendall Lovejoy, Jill Mack, Kathleen March, Thomas Mathers, Anne McCarty, Donald McCord, Carol McLnerney, Kevin McQuade, David Miller, Cathy Moll, Janet Morr, Ralph Myers, Taryn Myers, Grant Nicholls, Debbie Nixon, Michele Ordway, Wendy Otte, Michelle Oxender, Sheila Parcher, Julie Pauken, Steven Pieracini, Lexie Poulson, Elaine Prentiss, Allen Radlinski, Justin Reckner, Joseph Repka, Rebecca Rupp, Betty Sadowski, Rhonda Samples, Jill Sauter, Larry Saxton, Richard Selgo, Howard Shining, Jacqueline Singer, Bridget Slattman, Janet Smith, Sue Smith, Tara Smith, Sharon Sobota, Catherine Stockburger, Rick Straley, Alyssa Stoy, Paul Stoll, Susan Strubing, Jessica Stykemain, LuAnn Swary, Samantha Trausch, Isaac Vanarsdalen, Kelly VonDeylen, Heather Voyer, Melissa Warncke, Blake Watkiss, Grace Wenzinger, Ellen Wolfrum, Janet Wyse, Jennifer Ziegler, Debra Zimmerman

Bus Drivers

Evergreen - Gloria Baker, Anna Boger, Rita Brand, Theresa Burgess, Paula Christlieb, Darcy Feedback, Kathi Fruchey, Sally Hintz, Nicholas Kerekes, Rosalie Koch, Melissa Miller, Donna Neifer, Cynthia Pinkelman, Jeffrey Simon, Debra Slee, Dawn Spradlin, Lori VandeSande

Van Drivers

Evergreen - Brittany Cymbolin

- Approved tuition reimbursement agreements for Ashley Ensign and Jane Myers to obtain gifted licensure through Drake University.
- Approved/affirmed electoral districts and territories of the Northwest Ohio ESC as required in part under Ohio Revised Code Section 3311.054 and in correspondence with the release of federal decennial census data. No changes in districts and territories were made.
- Approved the purchase of electronic data sharing and management, database web access and web site support, network support, and server support services from META Solutions for the Ohio Migrant Education Center with Title I-C Migrant funds for the period of 7/1/22-6/30/23.
- Accepted the quote from Ohio School Plan for property, liability, and automotive insurance coverage for the period 7/1/22-6/30/23.
- Accepted the quote from Cowbell Cyber for cyber insurance coverage for the period 7/1/22-6/30/23.
- Approved the FY23 appropriation measure for general funds as listed with carryover of current year encumbrances to arrive at the expendable budget amounts, and all other funds (special cost centers of 9000 and higher) with encumbrances also to be carried forward with their ending cash balances and appropriations into the new fiscal year.
- Approved the transfer from the General Fund (001-0000) to the Building Maintenance Fund (001-9090) for fiscal year 2023. NBEC/NWOCA will be invoiced the identical amount for the fund with the combined resources allocated to pay all regular maintenance/custodial expenses in said fiscal year.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

-Draft copies of the following NwoESC Handbooks for 2022-23 were provided to the Board for review:

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

•**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Kerri Weir provided a summary of upcoming fall events: 8/1 - Driver Training with Jesus Villahermosa; 8/2 - PD Palooza with Gerry Brooks; 8/5 - NwoESC Administrators' Conference with Joe Sanfelippo; and 8/9 - NwoESC Annual Staff Meeting with Brock Mealer. It was reported that NwoESC administrative staff and directors have been working to finishing staff evaluations and inputting information into the state data collection system for teacher and principal evaluation – Ohio Evaluation System. Sixty-two (62) staff were evaluated in 2021-22. The Administrative Team recently attended a professional development offering on Business Strategy, offered through a collaboration of the Ohio ESC Association (OESCA) and the Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESAs). Individualized coaching will be available this fall through the program to assist in implementation of concepts learned. The annual Wellness Grant is close to submission to the NBHP healthcare consortium for 2022-23. The grant provides NwoESC resources to offer a wellness program to staff, with a variety of incentives and options for participation.

•Entered into Executive Session for the purpose of consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, or official. No action was taken upon exiting the session.

•As all of the business of the evening was complete, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. The next meeting will take place on July 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH.