

The following actions were taken by the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board at their regular meeting held March 1, 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 provided an update on legislative items of interest. Hearings are taking place on HB290, the “Backpack” bill. The proposed legislation would potentially change the way funding is allocated to schools. The Ohio Redistricting Commission voted to approve the state legislative district maps by a 4-3 vote. The approved maps did not receive bipartisan support, which makes the approved maps effective for only four years. The Ohio ESC Association (OESCA) is requesting that school districts work with their ESCs to complete a survey regarding the impact of the new definition of “integrated classroom” as it pertains to preschool special education rules. In order to assess the statewide impact of the rules, an informational/tutorial PowerPoint (PPT) presentation has been developed with embedded links to a survey that OESCA is requesting districts with preschool programs to complete. OESCA is asking its members to work with school districts and the staff that administer preschool programs to complete the survey by March 7.

•**OSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON:** Dr. Christine Smallman shared items related to student achievement. An elementary social studies and science teacher in Lake Placid, N.Y. noted that students’ social skills have rebounded faster than their academic skills following the isolation of virtual learning earlier in the coronavirus pandemic. It appears lesson content is less of an issue for students than the ability to learn. Students are relearning skills such as focusing in class and retaining information. In another report, President of the nonprofit Let Grow says a fear of failure may be interfering with students’ independence, and teachers can help build self-confidence by offering trust and helping students become competent. Allowing students to fail in a safe environment also teaches them that failure is not the end of the world, which emboldens students to try again.

•**CFO/TREASURER:** Homer Hendricks shared the fiscal year 2023 estimates were handed out to the districts in early February. NwoESC has requested districts contact us with any changes and return signed agreements by April 1. He discussed the ARP Homeless II grant consortium, the GEER II grant, and the EANS II program. Mr. Hendricks also reviewed recent seminars on cybersecurity and how it may impact the ESC’s insurance coverage in this area.

•**DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Jill Gilliland shared a draft program description for a new classroom that will be available in the 2022-23 school year. Edgerton Local Schools and the NwoESC are partnering to provide services geared toward elementary students identified with low incidence disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder. Placement is an IEP team decision, and we are currently posting vacancies, including a BCBA, teacher, and paras, for this classroom. We are excited to be able to fill this need in our area. Mrs. Gilliland also described the preschool to kindergarten transition process, along with the information that is gathered for students. We currently have 876 preschool students enrolled in NwoESC supervised preschool classrooms. Use of a google form and online enrollment for the 22-23 school year are allowing us to be more efficient in communicating with and gathering information from families across our service area.

•**DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Andy Hunter shared that the curriculum department has been fortunate enough to put on some really exciting professional development this month highlighted by bringing in author Myron Dueck to speak to a packed house about grading and assessment. Mr. Hunter also noted that a number of consultants are currently going through coursework to allow them to facilitate training on dyslexia and literacy support as the NwoESC prepares to aid districts in the required professional development hours for dyslexia support.

•**DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS:** Mr. Chad Rex reported that the video surveillance station was recently installed in the IEC administration office. New interactive panels for three classrooms were purchased and installed this month. Mr. Rex has been working on internet and network agreements as a part of the E-Rate funding process. Mr. Rex also shared that the Schedule Request system has been released to staff. The building automation system is now fully implemented and all technology, maintenance and meeting room requests are operational. Mr. Rex stated that the electrical components for the solar array have become available and Woolace Electric is in the process of installing. The target for connection and commissioning the solar array is the last week of April. Lastly, Mr. Rex explained that he and Ashleigh Repp are planning the annual driver training event. This training is available to our district's to support their van and bus driver training requirements. Archbold High School will be hosting the event on August 8.

•Approved the following items under the consent agenda format:

•Minutes from the organizational and regular board meeting held January 25, 2022.

•**DONATIONS**

-New Hope Community Church to Summer Honors Academy Meals - \$500.00

-Xperience Church to Summer Honors Academy Meals - \$250.00

•**AGREEMENTS**

-Above Pete's Garage to provide to NwoESC, 21st Century (Swanton MS), Extended Learning Opportunities Services for the period of 2/10/22-6/30/22.

-Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West to provide to NwoESC (EANS-Holy Trinity Catholic School), Revised Personnel Cost for Remedial Specialist for the period of 9/1/21-6/30/22.

-The Kipling Feldman, LLC dba Huntington Learning Center to provide to NwoESC (EANS-Holy Trinity Catholic School), Instructor Recruiting, Screening, Hiring, and Training Services for the 2021-2022 school year.

-NwoESC to provide to Hicksville Exempted Village Schools, Guidance Counselor Services for the period of 2/7/22-6/30/22.

-NwoESC to provide to Wauseon Exempted Village Schools, Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer Search Services for the period of 2/4/22-position is finalized or until agreed upon by both parties to terminate services.

-Approved Annual Service Agreements with the following districts for the 2022-23 school year per R.C. 3313.845:

- Ayersville Local Schools
- Bryan City Schools
- Central Local Schools
- Edgerton Local Schools
- Edon Northwest Local Schools
- Fayette Local Schools
- Swanton Local Schools

•**LEAVES**

FMLA and Disability

•**RESIGNATIONS**

Joy, Nichole, Paraprofessional, effective 2/9/2022

Mauro, Mary, Paraprofessional, effective 3/4/2022

•**EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**CONTRACTS**

**Certified Limited**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Length</b>
Veres, Diane	CERT-1 Yr	2/1/2022-6/30/2022
Warner, Page	CERT-1 Yr	6/1/2022-7/31/2022

**Classified Limited**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Length</b>
Carter, Debra	CLASS-1 Yr	1/28/2022-7/31/2022
Chavez-Arreola, Marta	CLASS-1 Yr	4/1/2022-12/31/2022
Florez, Barbara	CLASS-1 Yr	3/1/2022-12/31/2022
Galbraith, Barbara	CLASS-1 Yr	1/28/2022-7/31/2022
Gutierrez, Ileah	CLASS- 1 Yr	2/8/2022-7/31/2022
Hernandez, Maria	CLASS-1 Yr	3/1/2022-11/30/2022
Hiler, Abigail	CLASS-1 Yr	2/9/2022-7/31/2022
Hussey, Nichole	CLASS-1 Yr	2/14/2022-7/31/2022
Kroeckel, Alexis	CLASS-1 Yr	2/15/2022-7/31/2022
Martin, Ashley	CLASS-1 Yr	2/15/2022-7/31/2022
Thompson, Melody	CLASS-1 Yr	2/8/2022-7/31/2022

**SALARY NOTICES**

**Certified Notice**

**Name**

Volkert, Michael

**21st Century Site Coordinators**

Hicksville- Ashley Smith

**Substitute Paraprofessionals**

Kathleen Benson, Anthony Bernal, Pamela Bernath, Kristin Johnson, Jessica Keppeler, Kelsey Kuhn, Gary Langenderfer, Paula Lynott, Cassidy Wachtman, Julie Waldron, Elizabeth Yeaser

**Substitute Teachers**

Kathleen Benson, Anthony Bernal, Kamryn Boland, Larry Bowers, Taylor Doran, Brooklynn Grant, Jerica Hollenbaugh, Katelyn Huiskens, Kelsey Kuhn, Kristin Johnson, Jessica Keppeler, Tyler Kleeberger, Jenna Kocsis, Blake McClory, Zane Miller, Michelle Oyer-Rose, Dana Phipps, Rachel Pratt, Julie Shook-Drewes, Rebecca Short, Chayse Singer, Christine Spencer, Elizabeth Taft, Kelly VonDeylen, Julie Waldron, Erin Weber

**Van Drivers**

NwOESC – Lindsey Eckley

•Approved the following classified contract:

**Classified Limited**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Length</b>
George, Diana	CLASS-1 Yr	2/15/2022-7/31/2022

- Approved a service agreement with Northern Buckeye Education Council to purchase internet access for the period of 7/1/22-6/30/26 (4 years). Final billing will include discounts as part of the federal e-Rate program.

- Approved a resolution to authorize/amend specified employment agreements in regards to retirement contributions effective August 1, 2022.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Policy Updates and Recommendations – 1st Reading

Policy 1616	Staff Dress and Grooming	New
Policy 3216	Staff Dress and Grooming	Revised
Policy 4216	Staff Dress and Grooming	Revised
Policy 5511	Dress and Grooming	Revised
Policy 5772	Weapons	Revised
Policy 6110	Grant Funds	Revised
Policy 6114	Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds	Revised
Policy 6325	Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds	Revised
Policy 6423	Use of Credit Cards	Revised
Policy 7217	Weapons	Revised

- Salary Schedules for FY23 and 24 – Draft schedules were presented to and reviewed by the board.
- Redistricting Timeline and Process – With the release of recent federal census data, the full board and members of the administrative team will begin working through the redistricting process to meet the ORC timeline of July 1, 2022.
- OSBA Northwest Region Spring Conference; Thursday, March 24 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Findlay High School – Interested board members will be attending.

**•SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Kerri Weir shared that the Ohio Department of Education has awarded NwoESC a grant of approximately \$1.13 million to provide additional supports to member districts through FY24. The grant, Extended Learning/Learning Recovery Phase 2, will be used to build capacity in the areas of Reading/Dyslexia, Math and Social-Emotional supports as well as to provide robust professional development to area educators. An update on the status of the administrative searches in process at the North Central District (Superintendent) and the Wauseon Exempted Village District (Treasurer) was provided. The superintendent position is expected to be filled effective August 1, 2022 while the treasurer position is expected to be filled June 1, 2022. The Ohio Migrant Education Council/Director Jose Salinas is applying for a federal grant in partnership with nearby states. USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has made available \$645 million dollars in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio/OMEC plans to join with Pennsylvania (fiscal agent) and other states including Michigan, New York, Tennessee, & Iowa. If awarded, grantees will issue a one-time stipend to eligible farmworkers and/or meat processing workers for safety-related expenses including PPE and pandemic related childcare and healthcare costs. It is anticipated that this program will also help OMEC identify hard-to-reach migrant families in Ohio that can enroll in the Title I-C migrant education program. An OSBA Board Member Basics training was held at Northwest Ohio ESC on Wednesday, February 16. Forty participants enjoy dinner and an overview by OSBA Senior Executive Director, Board Management and Services, Teri Morgan, with positive feedback received. Planning is underway for the NwoESC’s many fall events as we look forward to kicking off the 2022-23 school year: PD Palooza – Tuesday, August 2, 2022; Administrators’ Conference 2022 –Friday, August 5, 2022; Driver Training 2022 - Monday, August 8, 2022; and the Annual Fall Staff Meeting 2022 – Tuesday, August 9, 2022. The 2023 Ohio Teacher of the Year nominations are open February 1 through April 8, 2022. The Ohio Teacher of the Year program elevates the teaching profession by identifying exceptional teachers, celebrating their effective, inspiring work both inside and outside of the classroom and providing opportunities for professional growth, leadership and advocacy. Nominees must hold a

professional Ohio educator license, work full-time with a minimum of five years of teaching experience in a state-approved public school, community school or career center. They also must work directly with students at least 50 percent of the time, have no previous recognition with the Ohio Teacher of the Year program, and plan to continue in active teaching status. Anyone may nominate a teacher. School administrators, colleagues, community members, parents or students may submit a nomination for one or multiple teachers from a district or school building through this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JWWMWK>. Regional and state award winners are selected in the summer and fall.

- 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.

- Approved the following certified contract:

**Certified Limited**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Length</b>
Dobbelaere, Kristine	CERT-1 Yr	1/20/2022-7/1/2022

- As all of the business of the evening was complete, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. The next meeting will take place on March 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH.