

The following actions were taken by the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board at their regular meeting held September 27, 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:** Brian Baker shared a brief update on Ohio HB110, explicitly in regards to guidance on raffles conducted through booster clubs or organizations. HB 719 was recently introduced, which would amend section 3312.01 of the Revised Code regarding services provided by the Educational Regional Service System specifically related to reading, literacy, and English learners. Additionally, Mr. Baker shared the Ohio Legislature is on break and will reconvene in mid-November, however the US House and Senate has convened in DC.

•**OSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON:** Dr. Christine Smallman share information related to student achievement. The percentage of American teens who use Facebook today has dropped from 71% to 32%, according to a recent report. YouTube (95%) and TikTok (67%) are the teens' top social platforms, followed by Snapchat and Instagram, which have similar usage of around 60%. Dr. Smallman also shared that according to studies, incoming college freshmen have spent more than half of their high school years dealing with the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, including building closures, online learning and other disruptions, leaving many students academically malnourished. On a related note, US schools still fall below pre-pandemic enrollment. Roughly 49.5 million students were enrolled in public schools in fall 2021, according to preliminary data from the U.S. Department of Education — up slightly from 2020 but lower than pre-pandemic enrollment. However, prekindergarten and kindergarten enrollment has increased by 14% and 5% respectively.

•**CFO/TREASURER:** Homer Hendricks reviewed hotel reservations for this year's OSBA Capital Conference. He also commended the work of Brandi Nafziger, Amy Mitchell, and Kathy Soards in handling the increased number of employees this school year. Mr. Hendricks also reviewed grant program allocations including 21st Century, NBHP Wellness, GEER II, and Early Childhood Special Education.

•**DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Jill Gilliland shared a brief update on staffing. The Special Education Department has been fortunate to hire several new employees, however there are five full time paraprofessional vacancies remaining. The intent for this year is to hire additional ESC Floating Substitute Teachers and Floating Substitute Paras to cover vacancies in classrooms. Mrs. Gilliland also shared pictures from recent visits to preschool classrooms at Hicksville and Pike-Delta-York, and the PBIS kick-off day at the IEC. It is exciting to see all the great things happening in NWOESC programs!

•**DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Andrew Hunter explained that the Curriculum Department has been busy hosting evaluation trainings during the last month. He reminded the board that all districts will be utilizing OTES 2.0 and OPES 2.0 for their local evaluations this school year. Mr. Hunter also pointed out that the local report cards were released last week by the Department of Education and that there were a few changes to how schools were scored, transitioning from a letter score to a star system. Finally, he pointed out the work that Mike Altman has been doing as a Math Coach. Working with individual math teachers in the area as well putting on math specific trainings in the next month. Mr. Hunter commented that the work has been very positively received, and that he is excited to see the work expand.

•**DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS:** Chad Rex reported that he and Corey Todd have been working with assistance from NWOCA on the implementation of the Microsoft Azure, InTune and Office project. This will be an enhancement to the management and administration of all desktops, laptops and iPads. Mr. Rex shared that this month was full of grant related research, acquisition of equipment and deployment. The new round of Safety Grants has been a focus this month. NwoESC is submitting a proposal for the IEC/Opp School Campus. The first Technology Leaders meeting for 2022-23 was held on

September 16, with monthly meeting scheduled throughout the year. Pat Turpening has transitioned part of her work to front desk office specialist, and will be covering Monday through Thursday. Patricia Shotwell will continue covering Fridays. Chad shared that Chuck Lero provided a tour of the IEC to Eric Flory, Jewell Fire Department Fire Chief, upon request from Chief Flory and Jestine Curry, IEC Principal, with the tour going well. Mr. Lero is also working on the installation of additional interior and exterior electrical outlets at the IEC. Larry Davis is coordinating the next phase of the landscaping work at the ESC building, with work through Four County Career Center and Plants Plus Nursery. A landscaping project at the entryway of the IEC will be underway soon. Mr. Davis is finalizing parking lot signage project with the installation of custom signs (“no overnight parking” and “under video surveillance”) at specific locations on our property. Updated signage for “no smoking” and “no weapons” was previously put on exterior doors, with this work done through local contractor Three Cord. Lastly, Mr. Rex stated that several groups have applied to rent our facilities and we have migrated to the use of an online scheduling system, with all going well.

•Approved the following items under the consent agenda format:

•Minutes from the regular board meeting and finance-audit committee meeting held August 23, 2022 and policy committee meeting held June 28, 2022.

•**AGREEMENTS**

-Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West to provide to NwoESC, Audiologist Services for the period of 7/1/22-6/30/23.

-NwoESC to provide to Anthony Wayne Local Schools, Hearing Impaired Classroom with Speech Therapy Services for the period of 8/15/22-6/15/23.

-NwoESC to provide to Anthony Wayne Local Schools, Hearing Impaired Classroom with Occupational and Speech Therapy Services for the period of 8/15/22-6/15/23.

-NwoESC to provide to Defiance City Schools & St. John Lutheran School, Speech Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/22-6/15/23.

-NwoESC to provide to Napoleon Area City Schools/St. Augustine Catholic School, Occupational and Physical Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/22-6/15/23.

-NwoESC to provide to Napoleon Area City Schools/St. Augustine Catholic School, School Psychologist Services for the period of 8/15/22-6/15/23.

-NwoESC to provide to Napoleon Area City Schools/St. Augustine Catholic School, Speech Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/22-6/15/23.

-NwoESC to provide to Napoleon Area City Schools/St. John Lutheran School, Occupational Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/22-6/15/23.

-NwoESC to provide to Napoleon Area City Schools/St. John Lutheran School, School Psychologist Services for the period of 8/15/22-6/15/23.

-NwoESC to provide to Napoleon Area City Schools/St. John Lutheran School, Speech Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/22-6/15/23.

-NwoESC to provide to Napoleon Area City Schools/St. Paul Lutheran School, Occupational and Physical Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/22-6/15/23.

-NwoESC to provide to Napoleon Area City Schools/St. Paul Lutheran School, School Psychologist Services for the period of 8/15/22-6/15/23.

-NWOESC to provide to Napoleon Area City Schools/St. Paul Lutheran School, Speech Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/22-6/15/23.

-NWOESC to provide to Sylvania City Schools, Independence Education Center Services for the period of 8/15/22-6/15/23.

-NWOESC to provide to Sylvania City Schools, Hearing Impaired Classroom with Speech Therapy Services for the period of 8/15/22-6/15/23.

-NWOESC to provide to Sylvania City Schools, Hearing Impaired Classroom with Occupational and Speech Therapy Services for the period of 8/15/22-6/15/23.

•PURCHASES

-Dignified Learning to provide to NWOESC, RemoteEDx Project Work in the amount of \$112,500.00 which is above the purchasing agent limit, with FY22 RemoteEDx PLCO Grant funds.

-Dignified Learning to provide to NWOESC, RemoteEDx Project Work in the amount of \$172,000.00 which is above the purchasing agent limit, with FY22 RemoteEDx PLCO Grant funds.

•THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE

-Approve the payment of the following invoice requiring Board approval since a requisition was not submitted and encumbered prior to the incurrence of costs per board policy 6320 (then and now certification).

Interstate Migrant Education Council \$16,500.00

-Annual Participation Fees 7/1/22-6/30/23 from Title I-C Migrant

•LEAVES

FMLA and Disability

•RETIREMENTS

Schroeder, Jackie, Intervention Specialist, effective 12/31/2022

•RESIGNATIONS

Case, Kiersten, Paraprofessional, effective 7/31/2022

Smith, Kristen, Paraprofessional, effective 9/23/2022

Soards, Kathy, Assistant Financial Officer/HR, effective 12/31/2022

Stinner, Nicole, Paraprofessional, effective 8/16/2022

Worthington, Brandy, Paraprofessional, effective 8/22/2022

•EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

CONTRACTS

Certified Limited

Name	Contract	Length
Gombash, Scarllette	CERT-1 Yr	9/26/2022-7/31/2023

Classified Limited

Name	Contract	Length
Commisso, Shelly	CLASS-1 Yr	9/1/2022-7/31/2023
Esterline, Karrie	CLASS-1 Yr	9/1/2022-7/31/2023
Phillips, Harley	CLASS 1 Yr	9/1/2022-7/31/2023
Reinhart, Max	CLASS-1 Yr	9/1/2022-7/31/2023
Rose, Ellie	CLASS-1 Yr	10/6/2022-7/31/2023

Sassaman, Danelle	CLASS-1 Yr	9/1/2022-7/31/2023
Shaffer, Emma	CLASS-1 Yr	9/1/2022-7/31/2023
Spencer, Christine	CLASS-1 Yr	9/1/2022-7/31/2023
Torres, Betsy	CLASS-1 Yr	9/1/2022-7/31/2023
Wilhelm, Rebecca	CLASS- 1 Yr	9/13/2022-7/31/2023

Classified Extended School Year

Name	Contract	Beginning
Lee, Alessandra	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2022-8/31/2022

Salary Notices

Classified Notice

Name	
Stein, Jason	CLASS-CONT

Certified Supplemental

Volkert, Michael	CPI-Trainer	8/1/2022-6/30/2023
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Approval of Teaching Assignments for Positions Listed - First Semester 2022-23

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location
Gombash	Scarlette	Intervention Specialist	Pike Delta York
Proper	Tiffany	Intervention Specialist	Edon

21st Century Site Coordinators

Hicksville- Ashley Smith, Rachel Wehrman

21st Century Teachers

Hicksville- Katelyn Niehaus, Jackalyn Siebanaler, Kayla Vetter, Rachel Wehrman

21st Century Program Assistant

Diane Zeedyk

Substitute Paraprofessionals

Michael Beals, Emily Disbro, Tamantha Dockery, Krysann Dunbar, Ann Fitzenrider, Jeremiah Frank, Jennifer Graber, Taylor Heath, Jessica Keppeler, Pamelea Maddux, Laura Parker, Rachel Perkey, Madison Perry, Kiersten Smith, Sandra Thiel, Nichole Wallace, Malorie Winkler, Nancy Yambor, Ryan Zeiter

Substitute Teachers

Lowlynn Atkinson, Laura Ayers, Lisa Barrus, Michael Beals, Dorothy Beck, Vaughn Bentz, Teresa Brown-Welsch, Nicole Delaney, Emily Disbro, Austin Farnsel, Ann Fitzenrider, David Ford, Ella Ford, Adam Fox, Jeremiah Frank, Glen Fressie, Bryon Hansel, Carla Hinkle, Susan Hug, Donald Johnson, Andrea Knapp, Meghan Machacek, Beth May, Teresa Miller, Ruth Niederhauser, Noah Parsons, Cynthia Schlatter, Mary Segur, Kiersten Smith, Cheyenne Sponsler, Jane Strata, Sierra Tack, Kaylista Underwood, Michelle Valvano-Poling, Bryce Williams, Kent Winkler, Ryan Zeiter

Substitute Teachers (Temporary Non-Bachelor's Substitute Teaching License per HB 583- currently in pending status with ODE until September 23, 2022 conditionally employed per ORC 3319.36 and 3319.101)

Hailey Baldwin, Mackenzie Boecker, Candace Camp, Isabelle Cohara, Tamantha Dockery, Lyndsay Gladieux, Hayden Hartman, Taylor Heath, Kelsey Kuhn, Lisa Ludlow, Danielle McClay, Sarah Millikan, Jeremy Nobis, Rachel Perkey, Madison Perry, Monica Rhodes, Rachelle Rowison, Katelyn Short, Kiersten Smith, Taylor Snyder, Malorie Winkler

Substitute Office Coordinator

Sydney Fogle

Student Teachers/Interns/Volunteers

Cady, Grace, Field Experience as a BGSU student, Fall Semester 2022, Placed with Jody Mohring
Connelly, Claire, Field Experience as a BGSU student, Fall Semester 2022, Placed with Christi Ranzau
Duncan, Gwendolyn, Field Experience as a BGSU student, Fall Semester 2022, Placed with Kathryn Goodman

Dusseau, Bailey, Field Experience as a BGSU student, Fall Semester 2022, Placed with Robyn Hahn
Horstman, Riley, Field Experience as a BGSU student, Fall Semester 2022, Placed with Madelyn Kuhlman
Knight, Allison, Field Experience as a BGSU student, Fall Semester 2022, Placed with Julie Shawber
Savidge, Olivia, Field Experience as a BGSU student, Fall Semester 2022, Placed with Madelyn Kuhlman
Snyder, Emily, Field Experience as a BGSU student, Fall Semester 2022, Placed with Kathryn Goodman
Stevenson, Megan, Clinicals as a Rhodes State College student, Fall 2022, Placed with Matthew Ferguson
Treen, Ashlynn, Field Experience as a BGSU student, Fall 2022, Placed with Madelyn Kuhlman

Van Drivers

Evergreen - Jeremy Ruth

•Approved motion to name Jim George as the alternate delegate to the Ohio School Board Association Capital Conference business meeting to replace Nona Rupp.

•Approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS Four County Career Center (4CCC) Joint Vocational School District (“JVSD”) will have a vacancy on its board;
WHEREAS Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NwoESC) is a member of 4CCC and is authorized by the 4CCC “plan” on file with the State Board of Education to appoint an individual (“Appointee”) to fill the vacancy;
WHEREAS NwoESC has reviewed the statutory requirements for making the appointment, including those in Ohio Revised Code 3311.19 (as amended) and its requirements that members of a joint vocational school district board may either be a current elected board member of a school district board that is a member of the joint vocational school district or an individual who has experience or knowledge regarding the labor needs of the state and region with an understanding of the skills, training, and education needed for current and future employment opportunities in the state.
WHEREAS NwoESC has performed and documented its due diligence in considering the Appointee’s qualifications, including the Appointee’s qualifications to meet the legal requirements to serve;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NwoESC 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, 2023 and expire on December 31, 2025.

•Approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS Four County Career Center (4CCC) Joint Vocational School District (“JVSD”) will have a vacancy on its board;

WHEREAS Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NwOESC) is a member of 4CCC and is authorized by the 4CCC "plan" on file with the State Board of Education to appoint an individual ("Appointee") to fill the vacancy;

WHEREAS NwOESC has reviewed the statutory requirements for making the appointment, including those in Ohio Revised Code 3311.19 (as amended) and its requirements that members of a joint vocational school district board may either be a current elected board member of a school district board that is a member of the joint vocational school district or an individual who has experience or knowledge regarding the labor needs of the state and region with an understanding of the skills, training, and education needed for current and future employment opportunities in the state.

WHEREAS NwOESC has performed and documented its due diligence in considering the Appointee's qualifications, including the Appointee's qualifications to meet the legal requirements to serve;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NwOESC 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, 2023 and expire on December 31, 2025.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Minutes from the 05/11/2022 Quarterly Meeting of the NwOESC Business Advisory Council were reviewed.
- The NwOESC Business Advisory Council Annual Plan for FY23 was shared.

•**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Kerri Weir shared she is in process of completing individual reach outs to each of our member districts to offer administrative team feedback/dialogue meetings related to NwOESC services and supports and overall collaboration with our member districts. The Four County Suicide Prevention Coalition, Northwest Ohio ESC and the Four County ADAMhs Board held our second annual Suicide Awareness breakfast on September 15 at the ESC. Roughly 100 individuals attended, representing various community groups including education, clergy, veterans, law enforcement, courts, health and social service agencies. A host of information and resources was shared along with ways groups or individuals can become involved in suicide prevention efforts across northwest Ohio. It has been recommended by local law enforcement that NwOESC obtain naloxone/NARCAN® at our school campuses and main building for health/safety purposes. This medication is used for the emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose. We are moving towards implementation of this as well as the training that would correspond. Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) is a network of opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution programs coordinated by the Ohio Department of Health, with the Henry County site being a local source for information and support. The Ohio School Safety Center (OSSC) sent out word late last week that active shooter threats were being made to schools across the U.S. and in Ohio this recently. The OSSC is actively working with the Statewide Terrorism Analysis and Crime Center as well as schools and local law enforcement to support their efforts in investigation of these threats. While most of these recent threats were determined to be false through law enforcement investigation, the OSSC is recommending that schools and first responders take all threats seriously. NwOESC Administrative Team members and several educational consultants and special education supervisors are participating in a Business Strategy Framework Coaching pilot. The team is working through a process to design a solution that creates value to our customers through a new program or service. The team will be presenting their solution "Shark Tank" style go a panel of experts in mid-October. On a final note, it was shared that NBHP (Northern Buckeye Health Plan) will be meeting soon to set the rates for health, dental, and vision increases for 2023 for area schools and agencies participating in the consortium.

•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 7:29 p.m. The next meeting will take place on October 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH.