

The following actions were taken by the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board at their organizational and regular meeting held September 28, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice President Ron Crawford.

REPORTS:

•**OSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON:** Mr. Brian Baker reported on several legislative items of interest. Gov. Mike DeWine announced the Ohio Vax-2-School program. It will provide 50 scholarships worth \$10,000 each and five \$100,000 scholarships to an Ohio college or university for career or technical education. The program is open to Ohioans ages 12 to 25. Additionally, DeWine indicated that he spoke with Attorney General Dave Yost who agreed to prioritize required background checks for school bus drivers, educators, nurses and other health care professionals. The Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee held sponsor testimony on SB 200, sponsored by Sens. Andrew O. Brenner (R-Powell) and Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo), which would require a school district to allow a 12th-grade student enrolled during the 2020-21 school year to re-enroll in that grade in the 2021-22 school year, regardless if that student met graduation requirements, and require the student to be eligible for interscholastic athletics. The committee also held sponsor testimony on SB 214, which would require the state superintendent of public instruction to develop model curriculum on Asian American history and require schools districts to include instruction in Asian American history for K-12 students starting in the 2022-23 school year. The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee passed and accepted a substitute version of SB 1, which would require students who enter the ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2021, to complete at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of financial literacy. The amendments change the applicability date to July 1, 2022, and would exempt certain teachers from the financial literacy license validation requirement. The bill also would allow students to take the financial literacy course as an elective or in lieu of one-half unit of a mathematics course. However, the mathematics course cannot be Algebra II, or its equivalent, or a course for which the State Board of Education requires an end-of-course exam. Additionally, the changes would provide flexibility to school districts regarding the educational requirements of substitute teachers for the 2021-22 school year.

•**OSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON:** Dr. Christine Smallman shared items related to student achievement. Regarding increasing student engagement in science lessons, teachers can leverage the power of science when working to address learning challenges brought on by the pandemic. Emphasizing science instruction, using evidence-based strategies and routines and exploring real-world phenomena will pique students' interest and help them with vital skills while giving more attention to a core academic subject that has too often been neglected. High school students use interior design skills on campus. Interior design students at a Texas high school are using their skills to create gathering spaces on campus for students and staff. The goal of the project is to revive some open spaces at the school, making them more welcoming. CODA, an acronym for child of deaf adults, will give broad movie audiences an inside look at deaf culture and the use and nuances of American Sign Language (ASL) accompanied by spoken English and captions as it tells the story of the Rossi family and Ruby, the only hearing member. The PG-13 movie stars Academy Award-winner Marlee Matlin. "CODA" will become the first feature film ever released in theaters with open captions always visible on the screen. Dr. Smallman will be working with the board members over the next few months to obtain student achievement articles of interest from area districts for publication in future issues of the OSBA Success newsletter.

•**CFO/TREASURER:** Homer Hendricks shared an update on OSBA Capital Conference. He presented Amy Colegrove-Mitchell as the new personnel specialist replacing Lynae Waidelich. Mr. Hendricks updated the board on local and federal grants including a new 21st Century grant for Hicksville Middle School and a School Navigator grant at the IEC. He announced the auditors would be starting their annual review in early October. Mr. Hendricks concluded with an overview of the recent Connect and Collaborate OESCA Conference held in Columbus.

•**DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Jill Gilliland shared that the focus of Preschool PD this year is emergent literacy. Teachers and paras who are employed and/or supervised through the Northwest Ohio ESC attended Heggerty Training on August 30th. Alissa Brown, Northwest Ohio ESC preschool teacher at Northeastern, led a break-out session for paras on the topics of co-teaching, communication in the

classroom, small groups, and documentation. Hilary Opdycke, who had been employed as a paraprofessional, has moved into a new role as Adaptive PE teacher. Thank you to Kathy Soards and Special Education Supervisors for their communication regarding positive COVID cases.

•**DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Andrew Hunter shared that OTES 2.0 evaluator trainings were hosted in September to credentialed area evaluators in the new evaluation system. Due to districts experiencing a lack of substitute teachers, the Curriculum Department has returned to offering virtual professional development called “Snack Size PD” that can be downloaded by teachers to view at their convenience. Lastly, Mr. Hunter shared that Sally Kovar has been working as part of her Family Engagement Liaison position to put district counselors and administrators in touch with community organizations that offer helpful resources in times of crisis.

•**DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS:** Chad Rex reported that the technology department is working with a vendor to conduct a technology assessment on our Google Workspace environment as it relates to policy and procedures in the IT administrative environment. Mr. Rex shared that Corey Todd has worked diligently to set up and deploy several new laptops to employees. The technology department is also in the process of setting up and deploying iPads to supervisors that will be using an app called OTES On The GO as a part of their employee evaluation process. Mr. Rex explained that the Northwest Ohio Technology Leaders networking group began their meetings and had 29 attendees. Regarding operations, Mr. Rex shared that a weatherization assessment was conducted at the main building on September 28th. The report will be reviewed for potential action steps to take that would improve our HVAC climate and efficiencies. Mr. Rex and Mr. Larry Davis coordinated the pickup and distribution of another round of masks as well as gloves. Mr. Davis continues to work with our energy project engineers and contractors on the solar array project. Mr. Chuck Lero and Mr. Davis coordinated the replacement of a circuit board for the boiler room door at the IEC. Mr. Lero reports that we passed the Ohio Department of Agriculture inspection for spraying processes. The IEC heating system is scheduled for a check and a controls review. The board and administrative team viewed progress on the solar array project currently underway and set for completion in November.

•Approved the following items under the consent agenda format:

•Minutes from the regular board meeting and finance-audit committee meeting held August 24, 2021.

•**FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS**

-Above Pete’s Garage to provide to NWOESC, 21st Century (Holgate MS/HS), Extended Learning Opportunities Services for the period of 10/1/21-6/30/22.

-Current Office Solutions to provide to NWOESC, Copier Service and Lease Agreements for seven copiers/printers at the Main Office and IEC for the period of 60 months upon equipment delivery anticipated in October 2021.

-Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West to provide to NWOESC, Audiology Services for the period of 7/1/21-6/30/22.

-Henry County Health Department to provide to NWOESC, 21st Century (Holgate MS/HS), Extended Learning Opportunities Services for the period of 10/1/21-6/30/22.

-Rachel Wixey & Associates to provide to NWOESC, EANS Program Client Services for the period of 8/23/21-6/30/22.

-NWOESC to provide to Anthony Wayne Local Schools, Hearing Impaired Classroom & Related Services-Speech Therapy for the period of 8/15/21-6/15/22.

-NWOESC to provide to Anthony Wayne Local Schools, Hearing Impaired Classroom & Related Services-Speech and Occupational Therapy for the period of 8/15/21-6/15/22.

-NWOESC to provide to Anthony Wayne School District, Instructional Services at the Liberty Education Center for the 2021-22 academic year.

-NWOESC to provide to Antwerp Local Schools, Audiology Supported Services for the period of 8/15/21-6/15/22.

-NWOESC to provide to Antwerp Local Schools, Independence Education Center Services for the period of 8/15/21-6/15/22.

-NWOESC to provide to Edgerton Local School/St. Mary Catholic School, Intervention Specialist Services for the period of 8/1/21-6/15/22.

-NWOESC to provide to Edgerton Local School/St. Mary Catholic School, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Services for the period of 8/1/21-6/15/22.

-NWOESC to provide to Napoleon Area City Schools, ESL Instructional Assistant Services for the period of 8/15/21-6/15/22.

-NWOESC to provide to Otsego Local Schools, Visual Impairment (VI) Services for the period of 8/15/21-6/15/22.

-NWOESC to provide to Swanton Local Schools/St. Richard Catholic School, School Psychologist Services for the period of 8/15/21-6/15/22.

-NWOESC to provide to Swanton Local Schools/St. Richard Catholic School, Speech Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/21-6/15/22.

-NWOESC to provide to Sylvania City Schools, Hearing Impaired Classroom & Related Services for the period of 8/15/21-6/15/22.

•LEAVES

FMLA and Disability

•RESIGNATIONS

Behnfeldt, Angela, Paraprofessional, effective 9/24/2021

Lesinski, Jordan, Paraprofessional, effective 9/30/2021

Shanks, Ashley, Paraprofessional, effective 9/10/2021

•EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

CONTRACTS

Certified Limited

Name	Contract	Length
Cook, Adam	CERT-1 Yr	9/8/2021-7/31/2022
Opdycke, Hilary	CERT-1 Yr	9/13/2021-7/31/2022
Schmidt, Chantelle	CERT-2 Yr	8/1/2021-7/31/2023

Classified Limited

Name	Contract	Length
Badenhop, Valerie	CLASS-1 Yr	9/27/2021-7/31/2022
Bradford, Cherish	CLASS-1 Yr	9/29/2021-7/31/2022
Britton, Bradley	CLASS-1 Yr	9/29/2021-7/31/2022
Brodbeck, William	CLASS-1 Yr	9/29/2021-7/31/2022

Case, Kiersten	CLASS-1 Yr	9/8/2021-7/31/2022
Colegrove-Mitchell, Amy	CLASS-1 Yr	9/20/2021-6/30/2022
Geahlen, Amber	CLASS-1 Yr	9/27/2021-7/31/2022
Grunden, Ashlee	CLASS-1 Yr	9/27/2021-7/31/2022
Mosko, Candace	CLASS-1 Yr	9/17/2021-7/31/2022
Mueller, Lisa	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2021-7/31/2022
Rutledge, Alicia	CLASS-1 Yr	8/30/2021-7/31/2022
Sadowski, Emily	CLASS-1 Yr	10/12/2021-7/31/2022
Schaffner, Allison	CLASS-1 Yr	10/4/2021-7/31/2022
Volkman, Michele	CLASS-1 Yr	9/13/2021-7/31/2022
Zeiter, Ryan	CLASS-1 Yr	9/29/2021-7/31/2022

Classified Continuing

Name	Contract	Beginning
Nowak, Denise	CLASS-CONT	8/1/2021
Moll, Kathleen	CLASS-CONT	8/1/2021
Phillips, Tarra	CLASS-CONT	8/1/2021

Certified Supplemental

Mabee, Susan	LPDC-1 Yr	9/1/2021-6/30/2022
Sidle, Shanna	LPDC-1 Yr	9/1/2021-6/30/2022

SALARY NOTICES

Certified Notice

Name

Custar, Richard

21st Century Site Coordinators

Defiance Middle School-Melissa Barnhart, Emily Clark

Hicksville- Sandra Brown, Nathan Ferrell

21st Century Teachers

Defiance Middle School-Tammera Busch, Olivia Fett, Mary Frank, Kelly Gerken, Amy McDonald, Melissa Morton, Sara Ohm, Amanda Remaklus, Jackalyn Siebenaler

Delta Elementary-Kristi Bettinger, Jon Mignon, Michelle Stickley

Hicksville- Jamie Altman, Amy Karacson, Linda Linqvist, Melissa Miles, Ryan Miser, Jarod Rosebrock, Madison Stockman, Heather Taylor, Heidi Turnbull, Rachel Wehrman

Holgate School- Julie Schroeder

Patrick Henry Elementary-Susan Shanks, Taylor Ulik

Swanton Middle School- Kevin Heintschell, Nicholas Wcislek

Wauseon School-Christopher Thomas, Lauren Martinez, Trisha Yoho

21st Century Program Assistant

Delta Elementary-Linda Piasecki

Patrick Henry Elementary-Heather Wanless

Swanton School-Melanie Voight

Wauseon School-Victoria Godsey, Susan Benson

21st Century Specialized Education Assistant

Holgate School-Lori Clady

21st Century Drivers

Holgate-Nancy Gerken, Ken Muntz, Thomas Muntz

Wauseon-Sabrina Hartson, Heidi Klingensmith

Van Drivers

NwOESC–Ashley Babcock, Brent Saneholtz. Michele Volkman

Substitute Paraprofessionals

Leslie Beemer, Michael Brown, Jennifer Brubaker, Denise Decker, Brenda Detmer, Ezekiel Ferrell, Rene Hadding, Mary Hall, Taylor Heath, Linda Piasecki, Beth Sammons, Tasha Thompson

Substitute Teachers

Allison Alexander, Abigail Babcock, Allen Banks, Jerrell Barnhill, Brittani Becher, Leslie Beemer, Brittani Benavides, Tiffany Betz, Adam Bjorlin, Kevin Boesger, Michael Brown, Cassondra Clarke, Kathy Day, Megan DeGross, Brenda Detmer, Brittany Dominique, Jamie Englehart, Taylor Estrada-Guerrero, Ezekiel Ferrell, Jenna Flores, Andrea Flory, Jodie Frederick, Kimberly Garrow, Shawn Glenn, Heather Grigsby, Beth Headley, Danielle Herr, Pamela Kazmierczak, Eric Keller, Susan Kozumplik, Mary Lloyd, Kendall Lovejoy, Donald McCord, Kevin McQuade, Mark Mercer, David Miller, Laura Myers, Carrie Pratt, Kimberlee Priestap, Cailyn Prigge, Judy Rosebrook, Darian Schnitkey, Alysa Short, Lynette Skiles, Susan Stewart, James Stoll, Joseph Stutzman, Isaac VanArsdalen, Donald Walton, Thomas Weaver

Substitute Nurse

Mary Mauro

Substitute Job Trainer

Julie Zenz

Student Teachers/Interns/Volunteers

Hoops, Hannah, Field Experience as a University of Toledo Student, Fall Semester 2021, Placed with Matthew Ferguson

Snow, Ashton, Methods Placement as a BGSU Student, Fall Semester, 2021 Placed with Christi Ranzau
Snow, Ashton; Student Teaching as a BGSU Student, Spring, 2022 Placed with Christi Ranzau

•Appointed Andrew Hunter as Title IX Coordinator (along with Jill Gilliland who was previously appointed) for the purpose of coordinating the Center's efforts to comply with applicable Federal regulations regarding nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities for 2021.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- NwOESC Business Advisory Council –Minutes from the 05/11/2021 Quarterly Meeting were shared.
- NwOESC Business Advisory Council – The Annual Plan FY22 was reviewed.

- NwOESC Board of Education Vacancy Advertisements – Districts 6 and 8 vacancies are being advertised on our website, via social media and in area newspapers. Those interested should complete the application process by October 22, 2021.

•**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Kerri Weir shared the Administrative Team is in process of setting up district visits customized to the requests of member districts. The purpose of the visits are to review and discuss current services and programs, answer questions about programming and/or billing, and to strengthen partnerships with member districts. In addition, presentations to local district boards of education are being offered to share basic information about ESCs and how our work supports that of member districts. The Four County Suicide Prevention Coalition, Northwest Ohio ESC and the Four County ADAMhs Board recently held an event - Suicide Awareness Breakfast: “A Community Conversation” - at the ESC facility to bring awareness to individuals and groups regarding the prevalence of suicide in northwest Ohio, information on resources available in the area, and to extend an invitation to those interested in getting involved in awareness, prevention and support efforts. Roughly 80 individual attended the breakfast. Additional offerings are being considered. Schools in Warren County will implement a new pilot quarantine plan that has been approved by the state in an effort to keep healthy students in school and keep sick students at home. The governor may expand this program if it is successful. NwOESC will be working with the Swanton Local School District on a grant submission - Each Child Reads – for dyslexia supports in preschool, kindergarten and first grade. This grant will focus on supporting programs to perform a comprehensive needs assessment of early literacy instructional practices and programs and address literacy in early learning. NBHP (Northern Buckeye Health Plan) will be meeting soon to set the rates for health, dental, and vision increases for 2022 for area schools and agencies participating in the consortium. Preparation is underway with OSBA to conduct a board member basics training at our facility, open to district and ESC board members and central office administration across our service area. The event will be held at the NwOESC on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM with dinner provided.

•As all of the business of the evening was complete, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm. The next meeting will take place on October 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH.