

The following actions were taken by the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board at their regular meeting held September 26, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-President Deborah Gerken. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS:

•**CFO/TREASURER:** Mr. Homer Hendricks presented commercial paper investment reports to the Board from fiscal year 2023. He shared auditors will be onsite in October which is two months earlier than normal due to the switch from state auditors to an independent public audit firm. Mr. Hendricks reviewed new grant allocations and discussed three different EANS programs NWOESC is working on with ODE and non-public schools.

•**DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Mrs. Jill Gilliland shared that Supervisors, School Psychologists, and Teachers have been working with districts to enroll new students, accept or amend IEP's, and generally help with changes in services that go along with the start of a new school year. Related service providers are a great resource, as they ensure we have equipment for students and help the classroom teams to learn about positioning, communication devices, and other adaptations to address unique student needs. Kris Ritter is the point person for districts to contact if they are requesting behavior support services, behavior consultant services, or CPI training. Kris brings a great deal of experience in this area to the role and we look forward to building our capacity to meet these needs in the future. I'm proud of our teams!

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Andy Hunter explained that the department focused on professional development by successfully hosting Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) training from August 30th to September 1st. This comprehensive three-day training is essential for all new administrators, equipping them with the necessary skills to effectively evaluate teachers, ensuring a high standard of education within our schools. Mr. Hunter also pointed out that throughout the month, the curriculum department has made a substantial impact by collaborating with several schools, including Holgate, Edgerton, Edon, and Evergreen. We provided valuable teacher in-services and engaging presentations on a wide range of topics, such as Chat GPT, value-added assessments, and specialized math training. These interactions have not only been educational but also enjoyable, as we actively supported teachers in their professional development journeys. Finally, he pointed out that the state report cards were recently released assigning stars to the districts for last school year.

•**DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS:** Mr. Chad Rex reported that he is working on a plan to use the remaining E-Rate budget that is dedicated to internal connections at the IEC. He will be overseeing the submission of paperwork, evaluating quotes, and coordinating the project work over the next year. The other internal connection line item is for the wireless internet service at IEC. Mr. Corey Todd coordinated the department's annual technology disposal process. The obsolete and broken equipment was picked up by the recycling company after the completion of our paperwork and organizational efforts. Mr. Rex also shared that he met with NWOCA's new supervisor of district services, Shane Patacca, to discuss his role and to familiarize him with our organization. Mr. Rex helped Mike Remer in presenting the Career Canvas mural project to the Business Advisory Council and facilitated the first Technology Leaders meeting of the year. There were over 20 attendees at our first in person only meeting. Mr. Larry Davis and Mr. Rex met with the driver in-service planning team (some of the ESC district transportation supervisors) to debrief on the August event and start the conversation for next year's event. Mr. Rex shared that the ESC had 42 events in the conference rooms during the last month with a few large events from outside groups (e.g., Suicide Prevention Breakfast, Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission in-service). Mr. Rex spent time learning our new video surveillance system and met with Jestine Curry, IEC principal, to train and assist in real-time issues. He scheduled a training session for our new bus video surveillance system as well. Mr. Rex coordinated a team meeting to determine a plan for the implementation of the new panic buttons for the IEC campus. He is in the process of coordinating and executing that plan. Mr. Rex also met with a FMX representative to discuss our use of the request system. Mr. Rex highlighted reporting graphics that showed technology request submissions and completion trends as well as the last month's statistic of 194 completed technology requests and 60 complete maintenance requests.

- Approved the following items under the consent agenda format:

- Minutes from the regular board meeting and audit/finance committee meeting held August 22, 2023.

- AGREEMENTS**

- Above Pete's Garage to provide to NwOESC, 21st Century (Defiance MS), Extended Learning Opportunities Services for the period of 10/23/23-6/30/24.

- Above Pete's Garage to provide to NwOESC, 21st Century (Defiance Elem), Extended Learning Opportunities Services for the period of 10/16/23-6/30/24.

- Above Pete's Garage to provide to NwOESC, 21st Century (Hicksville Elem), Extended Learning Opportunities Services for the period of 2/1/24-6/30/24.

- Interim HealthCare to provide to NwOESC, Home Care and Health Care Staffing Services, for the period of 8/23/23-8/23/24.

- NwOESC to provide to Anthony Wayne Local Schools, Instructional Services at the Liberty Education Center for the 2023-24 academic year.

- NwOESC to provide to Anthony Wayne Local Schools, Hearing Impaired Classroom with Speech Therapy Services for the period of 8/15/23-6/15/24.

- NwOESC to provide to Anthony Wayne Local Schools, Hearing Impaired Classroom with Speech and Occupational Therapy Services for the period of 8/15/23-6/15/24.

- NwOESC to provide to Archbold Area Local Schools, Roots Analysis Services for the period of 7/1/23-11/30/23.

- NwOESC to provide to Bowling Green City Schools, Visual Impairment (VI) Services for the period of 8/15/23-6/15/24.

- NwOESC to provide to Defiance City Schools, Roots Analysis Services for the period of 7/1/23-11/30/23.

- NwOESC to provide to Defiance City Schools & Holy Cross Catholic School, Speech Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/23-6/15/24.

- NwOESC to provide to Defiance City Schools & St. John Lutheran School, Speech Therapist Services for the period of 8/15/23-6/15/24.

- NwOESC to provide to Eastwood Local Schools, Visual Impairment (VI) Services for the period of 8/15/23-6/15/24.

- NwOESC to provide to Edgerton Local Schools, Roots Analysis Services for the period of 7/1/23-11/30/23.

- NwOESC to provide to Hicksville Exempted Village Schools, Roots Analysis Services for the period of 7/1/23-8/31/23.

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- NwOESC to provide to Liberty Center Local Schools, School Psychologist Services for the period of 8/15/23-10/31/23.

-NwoESC to provide to North Baltimore Local Schools, Visual Impairment (VI) Services for the period of 8/15/23-6/15/24.

-NwoESC to provide to Rossford Exempted Village Schools, Visual Impairment (VI) Services for the period of 8/15/23-6/15/24.

-NwoESC to provide to Stryker Local Schools, ELL Specialist Services for the period of 8/15/23-6/15/24.

•PURCHASES

-Interstate Migrant Education Council to provide to NwoESC (OMEC), Annual Participation Fees in the amount of \$16,500.00 which is above the purchasing agent limit, with Title I-C Migrant (505-9240) funds.

-Quadient Leasing USA to provide to NwoESC, Postage Machine Leasing in the amount of \$22,152.00 (60 months, \$369.20/month) which is above the purchasing agent limit, from the General Fund (001-0000).

-Teaching Strategies for Early Childhood to provide to NwoESC, The Creative Curriculum for Preschool in the amount of \$53,760.00 which is above the purchasing agent limit, from the General Fund (001-0000).

•LEAVES

FMLA and Disability

•RESIGNATIONS

Maginn, Mariah, Paraprofessional, effective 8/30/2023 (position abandonment)

Mason, Jaimie, Paraprofessional, effective 9/6/2023

Wright, Sarah, Paraprofessional, effective 8/31/2023 (position abandonment)

Wolford, Kaitlyn, Paraprofessional, effective 7/31/2023 (position abandonment)

•EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

CONTRACTS

Certified Limited

Name	Contract	Length
Sachs, Abbey	CERT-1 YR	10/9/2023-7/31/2024

Classified Limited

Name	Contract	Length
Bailey, Lisa	CLASS-1 YR	9/5/2023-6/30/2024
Barry, Melissa	CLASS-1 YR	8/31/2023-7/31/2024
Brubaker, Jennifer	CLASS-1 YR	9/25/2023-7/31/2024
Delgado, Amber	CLASS-1 YR	9/25/2023-7/31/2024
Eckert, Stephanie	CLASS-1 YR	9/18/2023-7/31/2024
Hiler, Kristen	CLASS-1 YR	9/28/2023-7/31/2024
Jaqua, Savanha	CLASS-1 YR	9/25/2023-7/31/2024
Mason, Shalyn	CLASS-1 YR	9/27/2023-7/31/2024
Miller, Jennifer	CLASS-1 YR	9/27/2023-7/31/2024
Moreno, Katelyn	CLASS-1 YR	9/5/2023-7/31/2024
Smith, Amanda	CLASS-1 YR	9/20/2023-7/31/2024
White, Jessica	CLASS-1 YR	9/28/2023-7/31/2024

Certified Supplemental

Dowing, Mariah CPI-Trainer 7/1/2023-6/30/2024
Fouts, Jill CPI-Trainer 7/1/2023-6/30/2024
Ritter, Kris CPI-Trainer 7/1/2023-6/30/2024

Sidle, Shanna LPDC-1 YR 9/1/2023-6/30/2024
Olmstead, Patty LPDC-1 YR 9/1/2023-6/30/2024
Mabee, Susan LPDC-1 YR 9/1/2023-6/30/2024

Teaching Assignments for staff with licensure not aligned to positions listed- First Semester 2023-24

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location
Beck	Amy	PS Intervention Specialist	Montpelier Elementary School
Botjer	Kaylee	PS Intervention Specialist	Patrick Henry Elementary School
Cole	Rachel	Intervention Specialist	Independence Education Center
Cook	Adam	Intervention Specialist	Wauseon Primary
Estrada-Guerrero	Taylor	PS Intervention Specialist	Defiance Preschool
Gentit	Madison	Intervention Specialist	Independence Education Center
Haines	Brooke	Intervention Specialist	Edon Jr/Sr. High School
Hug	Skeat	Intervention Specialist	Independence Education Center
Klausing	Sandra	PS Intervention Specialist	Defiance Preschool
Prigge	Cailyn	PS Intervention Specialist	Tinora Elementary School
Rodger	Michelle	Intervention Specialist	Archbold/HI

21st Century Site Coordinators

Defiance Elementary- Deanne Held, Teresa Pfeiffer
Defiance Middle School- Melissa Barnhart, Mary Frank

21st Century Teachers

Defiance Elementary- Karri Ashbaugh, Rachel Gerken, Susan Goff, Travis Hammer, Kelly Hasselbring, Jennifer Long, Deborah Rogers, Melissa Schwarzman, Ellen Taylor, Nikki Wiemken
Defiance Middle School- Cynthia Cereghin, Jody Donsbach, Jodi Griffith, Olivia Hines, Jamie Kneeven, Amanda Kunz, Edward Miller, Lauren Perry

21st Century Program Assistant

Defiance Elementary- Sherry Baldwin, Lana Kiessling
Defiance Middle School- Stephanie Holbrook
Hicksville Elementary- Austin Renollet

Preschool Northeastern Kindergarten Camp

Jamie Ort

Substitute Paraprofessionals

Kerri Alspaugh, Turner Barrett, Kana Franklin, Megan Hahn, Jessica Keppeler, Ashley Kryder, Sara Lawniczak, Janell Miller, Madeline Thiel, Laura Waite, Christopher Walter

Substitute Teachers

Patricia Adamski, Addison Arnold, Hannah Arnos, Barbara Beaman, Cathy Beck, Leslie Beemer, Andrew Bentley, Kevin Boesger, Alyssa Bok, Kendal Bonney, Bradley Britton, Bruce Brown, Corin Brown, Amy Chambers, Heather Courtney, Sharon Crites, Erin Degroff, Amy Ensley-Noehren, Aubrey Florence, Rebecca Freeman, Elizabeth Fritsch, Sue Good, Lynn Groll, Taylor Heath, Jessica Keppeler, Allie Kroetz, Ashley Kryder, Stephen Lange, Jane Lavoie, Kristen Leaders, Michael Lemaster, Jane Lesniak, Adreana Lopez, Jaimie Mason, Vicki McBride, Weston McGuire, Sarah Millikan, James Moore, Janet Morr, Elizabeth Patrick, Alyssa Pitchford, Brooklyn Reineke, Stephanie Robinson, Rachelle Rowilson, Craig Rutter, Abbey Sachs, Dawn Sharpe, Keshia Shoup, Sherry Starry, Rick Straley, Deanna Temple-Frederick, Donna Fe Tenwalde, Isaac Vanarsdalen, Jamie Vogelsong, Joelle Waidelich, Emily Weatherhead, Emma Willitzer, Julia Yeager, Julie Zedlitz

Student Teachers/Interns/Volunteers

Drown, Rheya, Field Experience as a NW State Community College Student, Fall 2023, Placed with Jody Mohring

Langenderfer, Nicole, Field Experience as a UT Student, Fall 2023, Placed with Matthew Ferguson

Parcher, Delaney, Field Experience as a BGSU Student, Fall 2023, Placed with Jody Mohring

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A draft copy of the Administrative Team's departmental goals and priorities was shared with the board. The document captures on-going and new initiatives within and across departments for the 2023-24 school year. Areas of focus include program/service enhancements, staff recruitment/retention, social media/communications, operational processes for efficiency, and cybersecurity efforts, among other items.
- The minutes from the NWOESC BAC quarterly business advisory council meeting held on 5/9/2023 were shared with the board.
- The NWOESC Business Advisory Council Annual Plan FY24 has been completed and uploaded to ODE. It is available on the NWOESC website. Thanks to Andy Hunter and Mike Remer for their assistance in developing various council initiatives.
- The OESCA Awards Brunch at OSBA's Capital Conference will be held on Monday, November 13.
- The status of the upcoming vocational school appointments for Penta and Four County Career Center were discussed.

•**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Kerri Weir shared that the Four County Suicide Prevention Coalition, Northwest Ohio ESC, and the Four County ADAMhs Board held the 3rd annual Suicide Awareness Breakfast on September 13 at the ESC. Attendance was up (140) compared to last year (100). Various speakers shared information and resources to the group, which included education, clergy, veterans, law enforcement, business & industry, courts, health, social services, and community members. Superintendent Weir shared that she is in the 2nd year of a BASA Executive Committee appointment representing Region 1. The Executive Committee serves as the governing board for BASA and is made up of individuals elected by the membership from each of the 10 regions as well as the president, president-elect, and the past president, and those appointed by professional organizations/representatives including OALSS, OACTS, OESCA, The Management Council, Large Schools, and Central Office. This has been a great opportunity to serve and learn from others across the state. The insurance consortium, NBHP (Northern Buckeye Health Plan), will be meeting soon to set the rates for health, dental, and vision increases for 2024. NWOESC Director of Special Education, Jill Gilliland has been selected as the recipient of the 2023 Kathe Shelby Award by the Ohio Department of Education's Office for Exceptional Children. Named in honor of Kathe Shelby, OEC's Director from 2008-2011, the annual award recognizes an outstanding special education leader in Ohio. The award is presented as part of OCALICONLINE, the premier autism and

disabilities conference being held virtually November 14-17, 2023. NwOESC is proud of Jill for her leadership and looking forward to celebrating this prestigious recognition with her later this fall.

- As all the business of the evening was complete, the meeting adjourned at 6:46PM. The next meeting will take place on October 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH.