

The following actions were taken by the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board at their regular meeting held August 25, 2020 via face to face and remote meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Nona Rupp.

A Moment of Silence was observed for former NWOESC Special Education Supervisor, Holly Kobee, who passed away recently.

REPORTS:

•OSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON: Brian Baker shared updates regarding CARES funding, Broadband Connectivity Grants, and guidance soon to be released from the Ohio Department of Education on serving students with disabilities during the public health crisis of COVID-19.

•CFO/TREASURER: Homer Hendricks presented two additional leave options for staff added by the Family First Coronavirus Relief Act (FFCRA) through December 31, 2020. These leaves are paid out at different rates according to the reason for staff taking the leave. He also reviewed additional information related to the Dynamix energy project at the Archbold facility and Independence Education Center. The project would include a solar field, HVAC control updates, and LED lighting in Archbold along with a new boiler system at the IEC. The entire project would result in energy cost savings at both facilities; however, the savings would be more significant at the Archbold facility. Mr. Hendricks discussed 21st Century Grants for fiscal year 2021 with no new grants received this year. The following grants are continuing this year:

Swanton Middle School	\$150,000.00	Year 4 of 5 Year Grant
Delta Elementary School	\$150,000.00	Year 4 of 5 Year Grant
Defiance Middle School	\$150,000.00	Year 4 of 5 Year Grant
Patrick Henry Elementary School	\$150,000.00	Year 4 of 5 Year Grant
Wauseon Middle Schools	\$131,250.00	Year 4 of 5 Year Grant
Holgate Middle School	\$112,500.00	Year 4 of 5 Year Grant

•DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION: Jill Gilliland shared that preschool screenings will primarily be conducted via zoom or in person at the ESC. Updates on activities included: Our team is communicating frequently with families in order to move the preschool enrollment process forward during this very tight time frame this year. Lisa Giesige, NWOESC HI itinerant intervention specialist, and Emily Hehl, ESC LEW audiologist are preparing to distribute equipment to students throughout our four county area and beyond. Remote learning plans are being developed for our various service areas. Staffing needs are being monitored as we adjust to students being educated at school and online this year. Thank you to our team for being flexible and hard working in this unique time!

•DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Josh Clark shared that Dr. Casey Reason provided a two-day virtual workshop on remote learning for over 160 area educators. Mr. Clark also reiterated the fact that the 2020-2021 school year is shaping up to be one for this history books, and that the General Education and Gifted department is willing to adapt professional development opportunities to fit educators' schedules, even if such adaptations mean offering professional development after normal school hours. Mr. Clark provided the Board of Education an update on county events, and highlighted the events that have already been cancelled, and the ones that may be able to move forward with a virtual option. Lastly, Mr. Clark informed the board of the multiple OTES 2.0 trainings that will take place in September for both area administrators and administrators throughout the state. The OTES 2.0 trainings, hosted by NWOESC, will take place both virtually and face-to-face.

•DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS: Chad Rex highlighted the efforts of the technology department to help staff prepare for the new school year. New iPads were deployed to psychologists for assessments, the Opportunity School was relocated into the IEC through the hard work of Corey Todd and Chuck Lero, staff equipment was replaced or updated, and website and mobile app work was accomplished this month. Mr. Rex also reported that he is coordinating the mask pickup from the ESC of Lake Erie West

which will then be delivered to member districts, 4CCC and ESC teachers and students. Cleaning kits were created and distributed to ESC play based assessment teams and to the IEC. Chad Rex was excited to share that the new electrostatic sprayer and the floor scrubber were received. Mr. Rex commented that Larry Davis and Chuck Lero have done stellar work in preparing the main office and the IEC buildings, respectively, for the school year.

Approved the following items under the consent agenda format:

- Minutes from the regular board meeting held July 28, 2020.

•FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

•AGREEMENTS

-NwOESC to provide to Anthony Wayne Local Schools, Hearing Impaired Classroom & Related Services for the period of 8/15/20-6/15/21.

-NwOESC to provide to Anthony Wayne School District, Instructional Services at the Liberty Education Center for the 2019-20 academic year.

-NwOESC to provide to Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West, Audiology Services for the period of 7/1/20-6/30/21.

-NwOESC to provide to Napoleon Area City Schools, ESL Instructional Assistant Services for the period of 8/15/20-6/15/21.

-NwOESC to provide to Otsego Local Schools, Visual Impairment (VI) Services for the period of 8/15/20-6/15/21.

-NwOESC to provide to Paulding Exempted Village Schools, Audiology Supported Services for the period of 8/15/20-6/15/21.

•LEAVES

FMLA and Disability

•RESIGNATIONS

- Dempsey Garrett, Paraprofessional, effective 8/6/2020
- Loeffler Pamela, Paraprofessional, effective 8/13/2020
- Merritt, Raellen, Intervention Specialist, effective 8/18/2020

•EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

CONTRACTS

Certified Limited

Name	Contract	Length
Hoellrich, Cadalynn	CERT-1 Yr	8/1/2020-7/31/2021
Plageman, Cassandra	CERT-1 Yr	8/17/2020-7/31/2021
Wolf, Bethany	CERT-1 Yr	8/24/2020-7/31/2021

Classified Limited

Name	Contract	Length
Campbell, Debra	CLASS-2 Yr	8/1/2020-7/31/2022
Eicher, Andrea	CLASS-2 Yr	8/12/2020-7/31/2022
Flores, Jenna	CLASS-2 Yr	8/10/2020-7/31/2022

Herring, Debora	CLASS-2 Yr	8/1/2020-7/31/2022
Hicks, Tina	CLASS-2 Yr	8/12/2020-7/31/2022
Hill, Erin	CLASS-1 Yr	8/1/2020-7/31/2021
Lawniczak, Sara	CLASS-2 Yr	8/1/2020-7/31/2022
Ordway, Jodi	CLASS-2 Yr	8/1/2020-7/31/2022
Rhodes, Haley	CLASS- 2 Yr	8/18/2020-7/31/2022
Rinck, John	CLASS-2 Yr	8/1/2020-7/31/2022
Roddy, Deborah	CLASS-2 Yr	8/1/2020-7/31/2022
Roth, Dustin	CLASS-2 Yr	8/1/2020-7/31/2022
Willey, Alexis	CLASS-2 Yr	8/1/2020-7/31/2022

21st Century Site Coordinators

Swanton Middle School – Amanda Carrizales, Julie LaPoint

21st Century Teachers

Defiance Middle School – Amanda Barger, Danielle Fuhrmann, Haylee Ziegler

Holgate High School – Christine Yenser

Patrick Henry Elementary – Tina Altman

Pike-Delta-York – Jon Mignin

21st Century Program Assistant

Patrick Henry Elementary – Jackie Bower

Pike-Delta-York Elementary – Jamie Knauss

Substitute Paraprofessionals

Heather Blanchard, Rita Brand, Cheryl Buchhop, Carissa Fritch, Melissa Miles, Robyn Reeves, KaSandra Romero, Hannah Smith, Rachel Smith, Cheryl Tresnan-Reighard, Heather Voyer

Substitute Teachers

Jerrell Barnhill, Norman Beck, Allison Bentley, Adam Bjorlin, Brian Bok, Joy Chase, Adriana Dockery, Kay Ford, Carolyn Gray, Marsha Hawley, Anthony Hench, Donald Johnson, Kennett Kania, Amber Kreisler, Mark Mercer, Melissa Miles, Caylin Morstadt, Carolyn Nagel, Jacob Nobis, Cindy Rosebrock, Judy Rosebrock, Sebastian Rue, Rebecca Rupp, Caryn Saeger, Frederick Schultz, Cory Sidle, Bruce Smith, Kelly Smith, Susan Stewart, Cheryl Tresnan-Reighard, Gary Vogelsong, Heather Voyer, Kimberly Warner, Doug Williams, Bethany Wolf, Brandy Worthington, Cassi Wyse

Substitute Speech Language Pathologist

Foltz, Martha

Student Teachers/Interns/Volunteers

Barnes, Amanda, Student Teaching as a BGSU student, Spring Semester, 2021 placed with Glenda Funnell

Dunkle, Kaylee, Field Experience as a Defiance College student, Fall Semester, 2020, placed with Amie Ham

Leatherman, Rachel, Student Teaching as a BGSU student, Spring Semester, 2021 placed with Alyssa Brown

Meier-Wenger, Chloe, Methods Placement as a BGSU student, Fall Semester 2020, placed with Kaela Prigge

Meier-Wenger, Chloe, Student Teaching as a BGSU student, Spring Semester 2021, placed with Kaela Prigge

Bus Drivers

Evergreen – John McWatters

Van Drivers

Nwoesc – Larry Davis, Mike Volkert

- Approved at no cost to Nwoesc the engagement of the law firms of Brennan Manna and Diamond and Ennis Britton to file a proof of claim on behalf of Nwoesc in the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York, In Re: Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., Chapter 11, Case No.19-23649 (RDD), in accordance with the terms of the engagement letter provided.

- Approved a resolution for Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center to opt out of career-technical education for students in grades seven and eight for the 2020-21 school year, and submit waiver as required by ODE.

- Approved an agreement with Dynamix Energy Services to install a 280kw DC Solar Array, Temperature Controls Replacements, and LED Lighting retrofits at the Nwoesc Nolan Parkway / Archbold Facility, as well as a new boiler system at the IEC as shown in the presentation.

- Approved a resolution that effective immediately and continuing through December 31, 2020, the Board authorizes employees to use available paid leave to supplement the amount of pay they receive under the FFCRA while using the emergency paid leave benefit when they are not otherwise entitled to receive their full wage. This option will be provided upon request of the employee. Use of paid leave to supplement an employee's pay must be consistent with board policies that define how such leave may be used.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Activate Healthcare Locations and Hours - updated information provided
- Vocational School Appointments – preliminary discussion regarding upcoming appointments for calendar year 2021 to Four County Career Center and Penta Career Center.

- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Kerri Weir shared a list of administrators new to the Northwest Ohio area: Ayersville - Rob Luderman, 7-12 Principal and Rafael Manriquez, Dean of Students; Bryan City – Mark Rairigh, Superintendent; Edgerton – Ben Wilhelm, 7-12 Principal; Hicksville – Mike Altman, MS Principal; Liberty Center – Greg Radwan, MS Principal; Pettisville – Ken Boyer, Interim Superintendent; Pike Delta York – Peter Nafziger, MS Principal; and Stryker – Beth Morr, Dean of Students. Recently the State Controlling Board approved the release of \$15.3 million in federal CARES Act funding for ESCs. Under this federal funding stream ESCs will be able to claim reimbursement for allowable expenditures back to March 13, the date of the federal emergency declaration. Earlier this month the Governor indicated masks were being made available to public schools by the Ohio EMA/Department of Public Safety and ODE, with delivery assistance from ESCs. Nwoesc is coordinating the distribution to member districts and our vocational school, with each district receiving an amount equivalent to their student ADM and Teacher FTE. Thanks to Chad Rex and Larry Davis their assistance in the effort and to all who are helping with delivery! In anticipation of a potential substitute shortage, the Business Office has ramped up recruitment efforts through upcoming newspaper ads in the Defiance Crescent, Bryan Times, Northwest Signal, Archbold Buckeye, Fulton County Expositor, and Village Reporter. This year, substitutes are being provided information from the Ohio Department of Health – COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for K-12 Schools - and are being directed to review the restart plans publicized by each district as applicable. Additional online training through Public School Works may be forthcoming. In an effort to capture all the new processes and guidelines in place that impact our main office operations due to COVID-19, Main Office Restart Guidelines were developed, shared with staff, and posted on our website. The guidelines will be instrumental with the office re-opening to the public effective September 1, 2020. In addition, Nwoesc has a link to all the district restart plans on our website, as a clearinghouse for staff and substitutes needing this

valuable information on school operations in response to the public health crisis. Remote Learning Plans are in process by various departmental workgroups for the following: IEC, Opportunity School, Preschool, Collaborative Classrooms (MD, Cross Categorical, and Hearing Impaired), Vision, Work Study, Work Transition and Related Services (OT, PT, Speech and APE). These plans detail how remote instruction will be carried out should there be a school closure throughout the year due to Coronavirus as well as how attendance, grading and professional development will be addressed. NwOESC strives to integrate to member district expectations when possible, yet also address considerations unique to our specialized programs, services and student populations.

- As all of the business of the evening was complete the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH.