

**GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES OF THE
NORTHWEST OHIO EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER**

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The Governing Board of the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center met for the organizational meeting followed by the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 6:30 pm in the conference room of the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center and via teleconference. The notice for the teleconference access was shared with all local media including how the public and media could access the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Nona Rupp, President.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members present for roll call were: Mr. Brian Baker, Mr. Jim George, Mrs. Deborah Gerken, Mrs. Nona Rupp, Dr. Christine Smallman, Mr. Ross Stambaugh, Mrs. Lori Weber, and Mrs. Diane Wyse. Also present were the following members of the administrative team: Mrs. Kerri Weir, Superintendent; Mr. Homer Hendricks, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; Mrs. Jill Gilliland, Director of Special Education, Mr. Josh Clark, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development and Mr. Chad Rex, Director of Technology.

Board member Mr. Ronald Crawford was absent.

REPORTS:

•**OSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON:** Mr. Baker shared several legislative updates beginning with HB2 establishing the residential broadband expansion program. He reviewed SB22 establishing the Ohio Health Oversight and Advisory Committee to provide legislative oversight of the governor's executive orders and certain public health orders. Mr. Baker discussed HB67 waiving state testing requirements for the 2020-21 school year and requiring ODE to seek a federal waiver from testing. He presented HB66 requiring the state's tax expenditure report to include information on property tax exemptions and requiring a periodic review of each property tax exemption. Mr. Baker also reviewed HB6 modifying the laws governing school nurses who have a bachelor's degree and pharmacy technician trainees who are enrolled in an approved career-technical school program. He shared Governor DeWine asked school districts to design plans to help students make up for any lost learning due to the pandemic by April 1. Mr. Baker also discussed SB18 incorporating changes in the Internal Revenue Code into Ohio law as it relates to changes in federal adjusted gross income that impacts school districts that levy income taxes. He also shared HB43 permanently authorizing public bodies to meet via teleconference and video conference. Mr. Baker also reviewed SB23 allowing the use of cameras to capture images and videos of vehicles illegally passing a stopped school bus and establishing a civil penalty when a driver who illegally passes a school bus cannot be identified.

•**OSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON:** Dr. Smallman shared items related to student achievement opening with a Pickerington Local teacher who created a card game inspired by the classic story of the Three Little Pigs for math instruction to help students learn about math offline. She reviewed a recent report indicating that teachers committed to equity in their classrooms may still miss areas of bias in their practice and added there are ways educators can evaluate their pedagogy and classroom management tactics for signs of bias. Dr. Smallman summarized a report indicating that districts should take precautions to ensure data privacy in their operations, implementing safeguards that protect data.

•**CFO/TREASURER:** Mr. Hendricks presented the fiscal year 2022 program cost estimates were distributed to districts on February 9th. Districts have been asked to review these estimates and have the service agreements approved by April 1. He also announced all board minutes have been scanned and are in an online system through Strategic Solutions. This system allows the minutes to be searched more efficiently and PDF copies created easily. Mr. Hendricks also commended his staff for shuffling duties to assist in the coordination of the COVID-19 vaccines for NwoESC staff and substitutes.

•**DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Mrs. Gilliland reported that a Parent Mentor Supplemental Grant was awarded to the NwoESC with funds providing a dyslexia simulation and workshop for families and educators. The NwoESC is the hub for scheduling appointments for early childhood screenings with parents doing so online via a link from our website or by calling our office. The Special Education Department is happy to welcome Jennifer Nichols-Ewing to their team in the role of Special Education Office Coordinator.

•**DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Mr. Clark reported the curriculum and instruction department is planning for next August's PD Palooza Event, to be held at the NwoESC. Weston Kieschnick, a nationally recognized educator and speaker, will be the keynote presenter and the curriculum department and special education department will provide additional professional development opportunities. Mr. Clark also reported that county events continue to be a success in coordination with the education consultants and local health departments to make sure the events can happen safely. He went on to say that planning is underway for next year, as the curriculum department understands the important nature of bridging the COVID era with "normalcy."

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•**DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS:** Mr. Rex shared that he met with Sally Kovar, ESC education consultant, to discuss how the technology department could support the ESC community liaison project. He stated that he will report more details about this web resource in the coming months. Mr. Rex also highlighted the energy project's solar array progress. He reported that the groundwork on the west side of the building will begin in March and the infrastructure should be completed by May.

MOTION: #21-02-018 Approve Consent Agenda Items

•Mrs. Gerken moved to approve the following items under the consent agenda format:

•**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from the organizational and regular board meetings held January 26, 2021.

•**FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS**

APPROPRIATION MODIFICATIONS				February
Fund	Func	Object	SCC	
General Fund				
001	1100	100	0000	Regular Ed Instr-Salaries/Leaves 30,164.11
001	1100	200	0000	Regular Ed Instr-Benefits 1,744.93
001	1100	400	0000	Regular Ed Instr-Purchased Services -70,060.00
001	1100	500	0000	Regular Ed Instr-Supplies -10,365.00
				1100 Total -48,515.96
001	1200	200	0000	Special Ed Instr-Benefits -4,219.83
001	1200	400	0000	Special Ed Instr-Purchased Services 189,211.03
001	1200	500	0000	Special Ed Instr-Supplies 51,545.00
001	1200	600	0000	Special Ed Instr-Capital Outlay -25,500.00
				1200 Total 211,036.20
001	2100	400	0000	Pupil Support-Purchased Services -68,767.40
001	2100	500	0000	Pupil Support-Supplies 7,050.00
				2100 Total -61,717.40
001	2200	400	0000	Instr Support-Purchased Services -7,982.00
				2200 Total -7,982.00
001	2500	400	0000	Fiscal Support-Purchased Services -2,395.00
001	2500	800	0000	Fiscal Support-Other -5,000.00
				2500 Total -7,395.00
001	2600	400	0000	Central Support-Purchased Services 15.00
				2600 Total 15.00
001	2800	400	0000	Pupil Transport-Purchased Services -2,600.62
001	2800	500	0000	Pupil Transport-Supplies -1,000.00
001	2800	600	0000	Pupil Transport-Capital Outlay 5,631.62
				2800 Total 2,031.00
001	2900	400	0000	Central Support-Purchased Services 14,572.10
001	2900	500	0000	Central Support-Supplies 3,277.00
001	2900	600	0000	Central Support-Capital Outlay -2,000.00
				2900 Total 15,849.10
001	7200	900	0000	Transfers -1,120.00
				7200 Total -1,120.00
001	7500	900	0000	Refund of Prior Year's Receipt 6,211.77
				7500 Total 6,211.77
				Total General Fund 108,412.71
001	2700	200	9090	Building Maintenance Fund-Benefits -75.00
001	2700	400	9090	Building Maintenance Fund-Purchased Services -22,474.66
001	2700	500	9090	Building Maintenance Fund-Supplies 22,549.66
				001-9090 0.00
				Total All General Funds 108,412.71

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	Special Revenue/Grant Funds		
516	9211	FY21 Parent Mentor Supplemental	2,000.00
		Total All Grant Funds	2,000.00
		Total All Funds	110,412.71

•AGREEMENTS

-Externship/Field Experience Agreement between California University of Pennsylvania and NwOESC to place a student-teacher in the classrooms of NwOESC, for the period of 1/28/21-renewed every five years with annual review unless terminated by either party.

-To approve Annual Service Agreements with the following districts for the 2021-22 school year per R.C. 3313.845:

- Fayette Local Schools

•LEAVES

FMLA

Vanderveer, Katrina; Paraprofessional; est. start 2/22/21; 2 days plus intermittent

•RESIGNATIONS

Hill, Erin, School Nurse, effective 2/8/2021

Posey, Jodi, Paraprofessional, effective 2/19/2021

•EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

CONTRACTS

Classified Limited

Name	Contract	Length	Schedule & Column	Step	Rate
Blanchard, Heather	CLASS-1 Yr	2/1/2021-7/31/2021	Hourly-Grade 2	6	\$12.92/hr
Nichols-Ewing, Jennifer	CLASS-1 Yr	2/22/2021-6/30/2021	Hourly-Grade 6	6	\$17.27/hr

Certified Continuing

Name	Contract	Beginning	Schedule & Column	Step	Rate
Fouts, Jill	CERT-CONT	1/8/2021	Teacher/IS-MA+30	19	\$362.76/day

Substitute Teachers

Brittani Benavide, Rebekah Cales, Shellie Dales, Stephanie Duvall, Alexandria Fitch, Rebecca Mansel-Pleydell, Jared Nelson

Student Teachers/Interns/Volunteers

Koupal, Cozette, Speech-Language Pathologist Externship as a California University of PA Student, Spring Semester, 2021 Placed with Heidi Bell

Motion seconded by Mrs. Weber. Vote on motion: (*indicates first member to vote) Mr. Baker, aye; Mr. George, aye; Mrs. Gerken*, aye; Mrs. Rupp, aye; Dr. Smallman, aye; Mr. Stambaugh, aye; Mrs. Weber, aye; and Mrs. Wyse, aye. Motion carried.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Board Member Recognition - Distribution of OSBA Certificates/Plaques and Ohio Senate Letters of Honor. The Board was commended for their dedication and service to NwOESC and the students of Northwest Ohio. Special recognition was given to Mr. Brian Baker, honoring his 25 years of service as a NwOESC board member and 14 years on the Four County Career Center Board.
- Ohio Ethics Commission 2020 Financial Disclosure Statements due May 17, 2021
- Northwest Region OSBA Virtual Spring Conference - Thursday, March 11, 2021, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

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•**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Mrs. Weir reported on several items starting with the Pettisville Superintendent Search wrapping up with the selection of the final candidate. She shared the Ayersville Superintendent Search is progressing as their board has reviewed candidates and the round 1 interviews will begin in early March. Both positions are expected to be filled effective August 1, 2021. She presented the NwOESC Wellness Committee rolled out a “biggest loser” competition recently with 14 teams of 5 ESC staff participating. Teams have from February 1 through May 1 to compete on a percentage of body weight lost as well as physical activity. Mrs. Weir also shared information from Laura Kamp, NwOESC School Climate Facilitator, on her recent efforts including Sources of Strength (“Sources”), a strength-based approach to suicide prevention in conjunction with the Maumee Valley Guidance Center. Sources of Strength fits well with other School Climate offerings like PAX, Trauma-Informed and Resilient Schools training, and Social-Emotional Learning competency training. The goal is for each district to develop a strong PBIS framework that incorporates any or all of these to cultivate school communities that are enriching social, emotional, behavioral, and academic strengths. She presented a report on recent activities from Jose Salinas, Ohio Migrant Education Council (OMEC) Director. OMEC worked with the five regional migrant programs in 2020 to coordinate the distribution of Chromebooks and hotspots to connect summer school teachers with migrant students for the delivery of summer educational services during the COVID pandemic. OMEC also assisted the Ohio Department of Health’s (ODH) Rapid Response Team in the scheduling and coordination of summer COVID Pop-up Test sites in migrant farmworker communities throughout the state and has been asked to assist ODH in their effort to distribute the COVID vaccine to migrant farmworkers this spring. Training and re-certification of OMEC recruiters will begin in March in preparation to meet the families as they return to Ohio for another season. Director Salinas currently serves on ODE’s English Language Advisory Committee that is currently working on revising the Ohio Language Usage Survey. The new OLU form will include a question to help identify transient migrant families much quicker and more efficiently. Mrs. Weir shared NwOESC will again be serving as the territory lead and coordinating the 2022 Ohio Teacher of the Year (OTOY) Recognition program for the State Board of Education District 1 territory. Nominations are open through April 9, with regional and state award winners selected in the summer and fall. See the NwOESC website for more information and to submit a nomination.

•As all of the business of the evening was complete, Dr. Smallman moved for adjournment, motion seconded by Mr. George. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm. The next meeting will take place on March 23, 2021, at 6:30 pm at the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH.

President

Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer