REGULAR MEETING

Minutes
April 25, 2013

Members Present: John Bickley, Linda Craig, Marie Crawford, Dean Fadel, Helen Ninos, Beth Savage, Renee Stein

Members Excused: n/a

Staff Present: Jed Morison, Jack Beatty, Dan Darling, Linda Fleming, Martin Kerscher, Marcy Samuel, Dot Yeager

The Regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order by President Fadel. Mr. Fadel welcomed new Board member, Marie Crawford.

MINUTES

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on March 28, 2013, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Ms. Savage reported that the Finance Committee met and reviewed overall expenditures and receipts year to date. As of the end of March, expenditures are at 25% of budget and receipts are at 42%. It was noted that our first real estate collection for 2013 has been received in the amount of $87,050,511.00. Dot Yeager provided a report on expenditures by program category.

Resolutions were reviewed including a partnership proposal with ADAMH and the Franklin County Probate Court. The committee recommended approval.

Ms. Savage moved for approval of the Finance Report, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.
Human Resources Report: Mr. Bickley indicated that the committee met and reviewed personnel actions for the month noting that activity has been light as we approach the end of the school year. Two individuals, Linda Bundy, Physical Therapist, and Chris Lane, Service Coordinator, passed away earlier this month.

The committee reviewed resolutions and a proposed revision to policy #11.27 which relates to student activity funds and will recommend approval. It was also noted that there was a recognition of Mike Davis, a 42 year employee with the Board.

Mr. Bickley moved for approval of the Human Resources Report, second by Ms. Stein. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- On behalf of staff, Mr. Morison welcomed Marie Crawford, our new Board member. He indicated that we look forward to working with Ms. Crawford and appreciate her willingness to serve.

- We are continuing our discussion with Gahanna officials and residents related to the Sunapple Gardens proposal to be located at Northeast School. We postponed our request to be heard last night to allow us more time to further analyze the financials and other facts.

- Ryan Phillips, Director of Special Olympics and Community Recreation, has been named one of ‘Forty Under 40’ promising professionals by Columbus Business First. This recognition is well-deserved.

- West Central and Northeast Schools will hold their Senior Proms tomorrow, April 26. The schools do a great job with these events and the students love it.

- The budget bill discussions are continuing. The House has proposed hundreds of changes from the Governor’s original proposal. The bill is now with the Senate. Our State Association has been successful in getting amendments in the bill related to Employment First, preschool funding, Board member terms and we supported an increase in the DODD budget for provider rates. Special thanks to President Fadel, for helping to make all this happen.

- Our ‘Legislators Day’ on April 5 was a success. Christine Brown and Central Ohio Self-Determination Association came up with this idea. We hosted the event at our Bixby Center and helped with some of the details. It was a great day and we appreciated the attendance of Senators Bacon and Tavares and Representatives Curtin, Stinziano and Hackett.

- Following the Sandy Hook, Connecticut shootings the Governor allocated $5,000,000.00 for projects related to services for people who may have a dual diagnosis of mental illness and developmental disabilities. Thanks to Anne Russell, Supervisor in our Service Coordination Department, we have submitted a joint proposal from ADAMH, Family and Children First Council, and our Board to develop teams and services to support youth who have significant challenges. We will know if it is approved in June.
Our Board had ‘Active Shooter’ training on April 4, provided by the Ohio Attorney General’s office. All departments were represented. It was excellent training.

The Ohio Association of County Boards will have their Spring Conference on May 23-24. Please let Linda Fleming or the Superintendent know if you are interested in attending.

Please note that the May Board meeting will be on May 16, not the 23rd.

RESOLUTIONS

a. Ms. Stein moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Chief Financial Officer as presented to and received by the Finance Committee April 25, 2013, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Ms. Ninos moved to authorize Superintendent to enter into a contract with Children’s Center for Developmental Enrichment for the early intervention program, not to exceed the amount of $140,000.00 for a period beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Ms. Stein moved to authorize Superintendent to enter into a contract with Children’s Center for Developmental Enrichment for the school-age program, not to exceed the amount of $30,801.00 for a period beginning September 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Ms. Craig moved to amend the contract period with Columbus Public Schools for the Career Camp program from an ending date of July 17, 2013 to an ending date of July 31, 2013, second by Ms. Stein. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Ms. Stein moved to revise policy #11.27 for the establishment and operation of student activity funds at Northeast and West Central schools for the following specific purposes: to provide financial support for general student academic and extra-curricular activities, student academic support, student vocational training, specialized equipment and services supporting students, and for positive behavior support initiatives for students, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Ms. Craig moved to authorize Superintendent to negotiate partnership agreement with the Franklin County Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Board and the Franklin County Probate Court in an amount not to exceed $250,000.00 annually for guardianship services, including indigent guardianships and other services, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Stein moved to approve out-of-state travel to San Diego, California for Ryan Phillips, Director of Special Olympics and Community Recreation, to present at an Athletic Business Council Conference in November, 2013, recognizing that the Board will pay no expenses, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.
ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - None

ADJOURNMENT

The April 25, 2013 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by motion of Ms. Craig.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Craig
Secretary

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