REGULAR MEETING

Minutes
March 27, 2014

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

Members Excused: Renee Stein

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

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The Regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order by Vice President Craig.

MINUTES

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on February 27, 2014, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Ms. Savage reported that the Finance Committee met and reviewed expenditures for the past month. Expenditures are at 17.1% of budget and revenue is 3.2%. Ms. Savage also noted that we received our first property tax collection in March, however there has been a decline in this area due to lower property values.

We also received a positive settlement for the 2012 waiver match reconciliation.

Ms. Savage moved for approval of the Finance Report, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.

Human Resources Report: Mr. Bickley stated that the Human Resources Committee met and reviewed personnel actions for the past month finding all to be in order.

Three policy drafts were reviewed by the committee. The Board will not act on these at this meeting to allow time for comment. The policies are on sick leave, sick leave conversion and pre-disciplinary guidelines.
The committee was updated on discussions with ‘Careworks’, who will provide consultation services and manage FMLA for our Board, effective in June.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Special thanks to Karen Mills and the staff at ARC Industries East for hosting our meeting today. Also, special thanks and congratulations to Ethan Boerner for his performance in the video on bullying which will be viewed later in the meeting.

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has adopted a new rule related to Home and Community Based Services. The rule covers many topics, including person-centered services, integrated/community services, employment, conflict free case management and the rule applies to all services, including services in residential and day congregate settings. The state will have one year to develop a transition plan and CMS can approve plans for up to five years.

- The remodel/construction project at Northeast School for the Young Adult Services (YAS) program is substantially complete. We are awaiting clarification on one detail and plan to request a partial occupancy permit. Once received we will finalize plans for an open house and ribbon cutting.

- The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities is coordinating a presentation from representatives of other states on how they are responding to Department of Justice rulings related to congregate settings and other topics. The presentation will be on April 1.

- We have requested approval from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for additional calamity days. Because we operate a 5 or 6 week summer program, we feel this is justified and we will request similar approval from the Board tonight.

- Our Self-Advocate Advisory Council met earlier this month. Renée Stein, President of the Board, attended the meeting to meet the Council and hear updates and discussions with the members.

- The Mid-Biennium Review Bill has been introduced. Board member Dean Fadel has provided a summary of the sections of the bill that relate to developmental disabilities. The bill is over 1,600 pages and has been separated into several separate bills. Topics include shared services, eligibility definition change for young children, terminology changes, ICF/IDDs, supported living, etc.

- We plan to have a celebration of our excellent accreditation review and all the other good work our staff does every day on April 1 from 4:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Planks on Parsons. Staff and Board members are welcome to join us for pizza and an informal opportunity to say thanks to our staff.
- Our Annual Report is complete and available to those who have an interest. Special thanks to Linda Fleming for the outstanding job with layout of the report and to Carl Scott for the excellent job of printing the report.

- Marci Straughter, who is a member of our Self-Advocate Council, was recently appointed to the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council.

- DD Awareness month continues through the end of March. Two things of note: 1) Christine Brown did a great job at the kick-off at the Statehouse. Board members Dean Fadel and Linda Craig were present to hear her; and 2) Ohio Public Images provided recognition to Martin Kerscher, Amy Magginis and Carl Scott on the excellent work they do with ‘Dateline’.

RESOLUTIONS

a. Ms. Ninos moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Chief Business Officer as presented to and received by the Finance Committee March 27, 2014, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize out-of-state travel to New Jersey for Ryan Phillips, Director of Special Olympics and Recreation, to supervise Special Olympians at the Special Olympics USA Games, to be held from June 14-21, 2014, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Ms. Savage moved to recognize staff for excellent work related to accreditation and to authorize the Superintendent to submit the Accreditation Plan to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Morison read a resolution and took a moment to recognize three individuals, namely Larry Macintosh, Tracey Crawford and Karin Crabbe for their exceptional work related to the recent accreditation survey resulting in a 5 year accreditation. Mr. Fadel moved for approval of the resolution, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution attached to these minutes)

d. Mr. Fadel moved to approve Rent Subsidy policy #11.36, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Ms. Savage moved to authorize Superintendent to renew contract with Childhood League for early intervention and preschool services not to exceed the amount of $1,006,300.00 for a period beginning August 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Ms. Ninos moved to authorize Superintendent to renew contract with Children’s Center for Developmental Enrichment (CCDE) for early intervention services, up to $7,000.00 per child, not to exceed the amount of $140,000.00, for up to twenty children, for a period beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. CCDE accepts this funding as payment in full and will not request payment from school district, family, or the Board, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
g. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize Superintendent to renew contract with Children’s Center for Developmental Enrichment (CCDE) for school services for up to three school-age children, not to exceed the amount of $30,801.00 for a period beginning September 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. CCDE accepts this funding as payment in full and will not request payment from school district, family, or the Board, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

h. Mr. Fadel moved to revise basic services fee for Star Consultants for additional $12,845.00 due to the increase in scope of the Adult Services Building Improvements Project at ARC North, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

i. Mr. Fadel moved to go to bid to replace weather facing wood windows (two sectional tower windows and one sectional art room window) with aluminum windows at Johnstown Road Early Childhood site, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

j. Ms. Savage moved to authorize additional calamity days if Superintendent of Public Instruction approves additional calamity days for the 2013/2014 school year, recognizing that FCBDD will provide a 5 or 6 week summer program option for children enrolled in FCBDD Early Childhood or School programs, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Ninos moved to approve a temporary (approximately 6 months) Shared Services Agreement with the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities for early intervention services, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fadel moved to approve out-of-state travel for Teresa Kobelt, Director of Adult Services, to attend the Peale Inclusion Conference in Pittsburgh on April 9, 2014, recognizing there will be no out-of-state travel or lodging expenses, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with the Ohio Self-Determination Association (OSDA) to sponsor a Project STIR training in an amount not to exceed $5,000.00 and to agree to provide scholarships for some Franklin County participants, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None
HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Ethan Boerner, who works at ARC Industries East, shared a musical movie clip where he portrays an individual who is being bullied.

ADJOURNMENT

The March 27, 2014 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by motion of Ms. Savage.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bickley
Secretary

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