REGULAR MEETING

Minutes
January 23, 2014

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

Members Excused: Marie Crawford

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 Stein.

MINUTES

Mr. Fadel moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on November 21, 2013, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Ms. Savage reported that the Finance Committee met and reviewed expenditures for the past two months finding all in order. As of the end of 2013 expenditures were at 92.9% of budget and receipts were at 101.5% of budget. The budget for 2014 approved by the Commissioners in December was reviewed. Dot Yeager and staff were commended for ending the year under budget.

Ms. Savage moved for approval of the Finance Report, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
**Human Resources Report:** Mr. Bickley stated that the Human Resources Committee met and reviewed personnel actions for the past two months finding all to be in order.

The OAPSE contract has been approved and is effective for 3 years for Bus Drivers and Assistants. The OEA tentative agreement was also reviewed and the committee will recommend approval.

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

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- On behalf of staff, Superintendent Morison thanked our outgoing President, Dean Fadel, for his leadership these past two years. His support and guidance has been invaluable as we have continued to see progress in many areas.

- As we begin 2014, it is a good time to reflect on many of the accomplishments in 2013, including:
  
  - Services to over 18,000 children and adults
  - Implementation of Transitions Developmental Disabilities (TDD) Waiver
  - ARC Industries celebrated 50 years of service
  - Continued support of self-advocacy
  - Continued emphasis on the importance of siblings
  - Renewal of 3 year CARF Accreditation
  - Recognition as “Wonderful Workplace for Young Professionals”
  - Maintained strong fiscal controls and met budget targets consistent with long term levy plans
  - Established financial partnerships with all Franklin County School Districts
  - And much more, thanks to an excellent staff, strong Board and supportive families and providers

- The 2014 calendar year is also expected to be a good year with continued work in many of these areas and plans to finalize and implement a strategic plan for our adult services operations.

- Our Accreditation review from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) will take place next week from January 28-30. Larry Macintosh, Tracey Crawford and many others have done an excellent job in preparation for this.

- We have had a very good response to our newest communication called 'NewsBits.' This goes out to about 2,000 individuals and others interested in receiving this simply need to give us their email address.

- Thanks to the efforts of Marcy Samuel and Dot Yeager and many others who have provided input, we have a draft report and recommendations for the future of adult services. Among other things, this report:
• Provides good perspective on the current landscape at the local, state and federal level
• Emphasizes the importance of maintaining options
• Acknowledges shift in enrollment from workshops to other day habilitation and vocational Providers.
• Recommends consolidation from 4 to 3 workshops, with ARC South merging into the other three shops or other options
• Emphasizes employment first
• Projects timeline to allow for better transition of individuals served and to hopefully allow staff transitions to be made through attrition rather than layoff.

We held a family support meeting on January 15 where we reviewed the report and will hold a similar public meeting on February 5 at 5:30 p.m. at this building to receive recommendations. We will also have a meeting with Self-Advocates on January 29, 2014 to discuss and further discussions are being held at the adult facilities.

- To date, we have had three calamity days for the schools and adult programs and four for the early childhood programs. If we exceed five calamity days for the early childhood and school programs, we will need to review make-up options.

- Thanks to the efforts of Jack Brownley, Cindy Massenelli, Ryan Phillips and others, we had a very successful staff bowling fundraiser for Special Olympics and future levy efforts last Saturday. Jack Brownley came up with this idea several years ago --- it is called “For the Fun of It.”

- Board members have received the schedule for Board meetings for 2014. We will normally meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., except for May and November when the meetings will be one week earlier. We will not meet in August or December unless a special meeting is required.

- Our March 27 meeting is tentatively planned to be held at ARC Industries East. More details will be provided as we get closer to that time.

RESOLUTIONS

a. Mr. Bickley moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Chief Business Officer as presented to and received by the Finance Committee January 23, 2014, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Mr. Fadel moved to approve the FCBDD 2014 Annual Action Plan and the Three-Calendar Year Plan for 2014 - 2016, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Ms. Craig moved to approve calendars for program year of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and to authorize Superintendent to approve program year calendar for same period for FCBDD classes held at South-Western and Reynoldsburg School Districts, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
d. Ms. Savage moved to authorize the expenditure of up to $62 million that the Board is required to pay according to ORC 5126.059 and 5126.0510 for its ongoing financial commitment in 2014, second by Ms. Ninos. **Motion carried unanimously.**

e. Mr. Fadel moved to go to bid for fire and security improvements at ARC East, second by Mr. Bickley. **Motion carried unanimously.**

f. Mr. Fadel moved to ratify a tentative agreement with OEA (Ohio Education Association) and to forward to the Commissioners for their consideration, second by Ms. Ninos. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Morison reminded everyone that there will be a Public Hearing on February 5, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Johnstown Road Administration Building to review the Adult Services Report and Recommendations.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Christine Brown talked about advocacy efforts and other projects during the past several months. The Franklin County Project STIR 2014 Strategic Plan was also distributed.

Board member, Linda Craig, commended Ms. Brown for her hard work and time spent helping others.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The January 23, 2014 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by motion of Mr. Fadel.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bickley
Secretary

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