



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

**Minutes
October 23, 2014**

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, Marcy Samuel, Dot Yeager

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

RECOGNITION

Mr. Ryan Phillips was presented with a 'Good For You' award by Superintendent Morison to recognize his good work as Director of Special Olympics and Community Recreation. Recently, Mr. Phillips was named by Ohio Special Olympics as 'Coach of the Year' for his outstanding leadership and as coach of Ohio's team.

MINUTES

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on September 25, 2014, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Ms. Savage reported that the Finance Committee met and reviewed expenditures by program category through the third quarter 2014. Expenditures are at 68.5% of budget and revenue is 93.2%. The hearing before the County Commissioners for the 2015 budget will be on November 19.

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 month. Activity has slowed now that school is back in session. Carol Rantala, Principal at Northeast School and John Fleming, Human Resources Assistant Director, will both retire in the next few months.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Superintendent Morison offered special thanks to all the Board members for attending the Star Awards. It was a great evening honoring several exceptional people.
- Our November 20 Board meeting will be held at ARC West, 250 W. Dodridge, with committee meeting starting at Noon and the actual Board meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.
- The annual Ohio Sibling Conference will be held on November 7-8 at the Airport Marriott. As Board member Dean Fadel said, 'it is like a college class for siblings'.
- We are excited about the Provider Fair (World's Largest), which will be held on November 19 at the Rhodes Center at the Ohio State Fairgrounds from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We expect over 200 Providers and over 1,000 visitors.
- The Superintendent attended a Transition Plan Committee meeting today. This committee will develop suggestions for the overall plan that will be sent from Ohio to CMS to outline how Ohio will come into compliance with the new CMS rule.
- We have been in communication with the Commissioners regarding some residential TIF (Tax Increment Financing) proposals that they need to consider. In the past we have not objected to commercial TIFs, however residential TIFs are a concern. When a TIF is approved, the additional tax that is due to increased value of the property goes to infrastructure for the TIF district. This means the taxpayer still pays the tax on our levy and other human services levies, however the funds go to the TIF rather than the human services agency. We would like the ability to negotiate how these funds are distributed.
- Our budget hearing before the Commissioners for the 2015 budget will be held on November 19 from 2:20-3:30 p.m. We will be on a panel with other human services agencies.
- Our Combined Charities campaign is off to a good start thanks to Dan Darling, this year's coordinator and his committee. Our staff has always been supportive in the past.
- Thanks to Pat Tietz and Sandy Tillett-Ferguson and their committee, we had an excellent in-service on power mobility on October 16. The program called "Go Baby Go", adapts toy cars so they can be driven allowing young children who are non-ambulatory to have mobility. The Dispatch had a nice write-up in the October 17 paper featuring a young child with spina-bifida.
- Dot Yeager and Marcy Samuel attended a forum sponsored by ARC of Ohio and Disability Rights Ohio (DRO) last Saturday. Forums are being held across the state to seek feedback on the DRO concerns and the CMS rule. Several family members, understandably, expressed concern regarding what will happen in the future. Questions centered around choice and their concern that they may lose options. One parent has started a 'Choice Campaign' to encourage other families to express their concern that choices should not be eliminated.
- Several staff will meet with representatives from the Center for Autism Services and Transition (CAST) next week. CAST is a part of the Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center. The clinic is designed for adults on the autism spectrum.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ms. Ninos moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Chief Business Officer as presented to and received by the Finance Committee October 23, 2014, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ms. Savage moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with the YMCA of Central Ohio for early intervention services, not to exceed the amount of \$104,265.00 for the period beginning November 1, 2014 and ending October 31, 2015, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried with Mr. Bickley abstaining.
- c. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with Nationwide Children's Hospital for early intervention services, not to exceed the amount of \$240,000.00 for the period beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Ninos moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with Creative Housing to provide respite, family resources, and other services not to exceed the amount of \$6,084,400.00 for a period beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to implement a market adjustment to appropriate pay ranges in the amount of 1% and authorization for the Superintendent to adjust up to an additional ½%, based on market conditions and job responsibilities, contingent on approval of the 2015 budget, to be effective January 2, 2015, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Bickley moved to provide support to the Best Buddies Ohio in the amount of \$1,000.00, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried with Ms. Savage abstaining.
- g. Ms. Craig move to authorize Superintendent to approve agreement recommended by the Franklin County Prosecutor to resolve Case # 07-809323 in the amount of \$99,000.00, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Mr. Fadel moved to approve bids for snow removal services from G.A.G., Inc. for a two year term beginning November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2016, with two one-year renewal options at the end of the original contract term, at the following rates: 1) Calcium bags for salting sidewalks/cement: \$25/bag (includes materials, labor and equipment); 2) Shoveling sidewalks: \$40/hr. (includes labor and equipment); 3) Plowing lots: \$95/hr. (includes labor and equipment); 4) Salting the lots: \$150/ton (includes materials, labor and equipment). Second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Ms. Craig moved to approve Superintendent Professional Development Plan in compliance with O.A.C. 5123:2-5-03D, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of Christine Brown, Mr. Morison updated members on various legislative and self-advocacy efforts in Franklin County and around the state.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Bickley
Secretary

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