REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
November 20, 2014

Members Present: John Bickley, Marie Crawford, Beth Savage, Renee Stein

Members Excused: Linda Craig, Dean Fadel, Helen Ninos

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.

MINUTES

Ms. Savage moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on October 23, 2014, 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 month. Expenditures are at 81% and Revenue is at 95%. There will be a reduction in real estate tax due to lower property values, TIFs and abatements. The budget hearing for the 2015 budget with the Commissioners was held on Wednesday, November 19.

Ms. Savage moved for approval of the Finance Report, second by Mr. Bickley. 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 in order. Mr. Darling reported that the Combined Charities Campaign is continuing.

Three therapists from early childhood have asked for approval of out-of-state travel to Florida to attend an Assistive Technology Conference. They will provide cross training to instructors and students.

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

- The Superintendent thanked everyone at ARC Industries West for hosting our meeting and providing Board members with a tour of the excellent services provided here.

- Our Provider Fair went very well yesterday. Congratulations to the staff who worked so hard to make this happen. We had an excellent turnout.

- Our state association (OACB) will have their annual convention on December 3-5 at the Hilton at Easton. It should be an excellent conference with updates on the many initiatives impacting our services.

- The Transition Plan Committee of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, of which the Superintendent is a member, has developed a draft plan. The November and December meetings have been cancelled and may reconvene following stakeholder feedback. The draft report was distributed to Board members.

- We have a draft of our Annual Action/Strategic Plan and will have a public hearing on the draft plan on December 8 at 4:00 p.m. Based on feedback, revisions will be considered and a final draft will be presented to the Board for approval in the January meeting.

- The Board will not have a regular meeting in December. If a special meeting is required, we will poll Board members on dates and times.

- Our staff reports that the brothers who have been featured in the Dispatch are scheduled to move into their new home in December. Staff have done an excellent job working on these details and are hopeful that all goes well with no changes.

- The consolidation of the workshops has gone very well and will be complete by Thanksgiving. Staff and individuals from South have been terrific as well as the other adult locations who have welcomed everyone. We will now analyze building needs and make recommendations.

- We will have an open house retirement celebration for Marty Kerscher on Tuesday, December 16, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at 2879 Johnstown Road. Marty has done excellent work since 1979. We are hopeful that Board members will join us. Remarks will be made at 3:00 p.m.

- The Association for the Developmentally Disabled (ADD) has announced that they will merge with Hattie Larlam from Northwest Ohio.

- Our Self-Advocate Advisory Council will meet on December 11 and will begin planning for a Legislative Advocacy Day on April 17, 2015.
RESOLUTIONS

a. Ms. Savage moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Chief Business Officer as presented to and received by the Finance Committee November 20, 2014, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to purchase six buses from Cardinal Bus Sales in the amount of $674,874.00 according to bids received by the Metropolitan Education Council, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with Franklin County Residential Services to provide respite, family resources, and other services not to exceed the amount of $5,420,367.00 for a period beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Ms. Savage moved to increase the contract amount with ARC Industries, Inc. for the 2014 calendar year by $166,000.00 based on projected utilization, for a new contract amount of $2,186,000.00, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with ARC Industries, Inc. to provide increased staffing support for eligible adults employed at community worksites not to exceed the amount of $3,000,000.00 for a period beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Columbus City Schools for the Career Camp program, not to exceed the amount of $150,000.00 for a period beginning January 1, 2015 and ending July 31, 2015, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew the contract with CareStar to provide, at hourly rates not to exceed $61.80 per hour, service coordination activities for individuals enrolled on the Transitions Developmental Disabilities waiver, for the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

h. Mr. Bickley moved to renew agreement with The Epilepsy Foundation of Central Ohio for counseling, referral and prevention services for individuals with developmental disabilities, up to a maximum of $32,000.00 for the calendar year ending December 31, 2015, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

i. Ms. Crawford moved to renew agreement with Heritage Day Health Centers for the calendar year ending December 31, 2015, for comprehensive adult day services, for up to twelve people, not to exceed $100,000.00, second Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
j. Ms. Savage moved to authorize agreement for a temporary propane fueling station at the Transportation East Compound provided by Amerigas, at a per gallon cost of $2.00 per gallon for a six month period beginning December 1, 2014, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

k. Mr. Bickley moved to renew vehicle and liability insurance coverage with the Ohio School Plan, for the period beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 in the amount of $226,342.00, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

l. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize the second amendment to the lease agreement with the Columbus Regional Airport Authority for 2.805 acres of land at Johnstown Road for an initial annual rent of $42,300.00 and a renewal term of five years ending on July 31, 2020, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

m. Ms. Savage moved to go to bid for security cameras at Johnstown Road and for electrical/HVAC improvements at ECLC and Northeast Schools, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

n. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize Superintendent to renew Retainer Agreements with Blaugrund, Herbert, Kessler, Myers and Postalakis, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

o. Ms. Crawford moved to approve out-of-state travel for Sandy Ferguson, Speech Therapist, Stephane Blevins, Vision Specialist and Marcie Backus, Speech Therapist, to attend Assistive Technology Industry Association Conference on January 27-31, 2015 in Orlando, Florida, recognizing that staff will pay for their transportation and lodging, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

p. Ms. Savage moved to replace school lunch period with nutritional/personal care supervised instruction period, recognizing that nurses, therapists and instructional staff participate in this supervised instruction, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

q. Mr. Bickley moved to determine that FCBDD schools will be considered full-day kindergarten through grade 6 for purposes of curriculum/instructional minimum hours required, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

r. Ms. Crawford moved to designate Jed Morison and Dot Yeager as emergency contacts with Franklin County Homeland Security and EMA and to reduce their mobile/data communications taxable allowance to $35.00 per pay, with the understanding that they will purchase their own equipment (e.g., cell phone, laptops) and pay all of their mobile/data communication charges, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prior to the meeting, the Superintendent distributed information submitted by Ms. Christine Brown, that outlined the latest self-advocacy efforts and projects, including discussions with legislators.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - None

ADJOURNMENT

The November 20, 2014 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by motion of Ms. Crawford.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bickley
Secretary

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