



**Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

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Jed W. Morison  
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Minutes  
January 22, 2015**

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, Marcy Samuel, Dot Yeager

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

**MINUTES**

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on November 20, 2014, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Finance Report:** Ms. Savage reported that the Finance Committee met and reviewed expenditures for the past month. As of the end of 2014 expenditures were at 91.4% of budget and receipts were at 99.3% of budget. Staff did an excellent job staying within budget and generating additional revenue, despite an approximate \$6 million reduction in real estate taxes. The 2015 budget of \$247.5 million was approved by the Commissioners.

The committee also discussed the sale of ARC Industries South and will recommend authorization.

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

**Human Resources Report:** Mr. Bickley stated that the committee reviewed personnel actions and noted that activity is light. A dependent eligibility audit will be conducted this year, per advice of the Human Services Levy Review Committee.

Received a report on negotiations and will recommend approval of a one year agreement with the Ohio Education Association (OEA).

The decline in student enrollment was discussed as it relates to a possible consolidation of the schools.

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

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- We are off to a good start of the year and want to thank Board members for your continued support as we navigate some of the anticipated changes.
- Tonight at 7:00 p.m., both Mr. Fadel and the Superintendent will participate in a webinar conducted by Ohio Association of County Boards on Advocacy. This will be in preparation for upcoming state budget discussions.
- We are working with our Self-Advocate Advisory Council on our own Legislative Advocacy Day, which will be held on April 17, 2015 at Bixby Living Skills Center, 4200 Bixby Road, Groveport, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Christine Brown is the Event Coordinator.
- Tomorrow is the deadline for comment on the CMS Draft Transition Plan. While this plan does not address the 'Conflict Free Case Management' rule, we are aware that officials at the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities are discussing this with Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) officials. The outcome of this discussion could have significant impact.
- We are in the process of analyzing our school enrollment and discussions have begun about the possibility of consolidating our two schools into one. I have asked Jack Brownley to study this and provide a report with recommendation by March 15, 2015.
- We are proud to report that one of our ARC North staff members, Shirley Jordan, has recently been recognized as one of twenty outstanding women. Shirley was also a Community Star Award winner this past Fall. In addition to her work with us, Shirley volunteers for Pelatonia and supports a number of causes. It is a well-deserved award.
- Special thanks to Dan Darling, Marcy Samuel, Becky Love and Jack Brownley for representing us in discussions with the OEA bargaining team. We have negotiated a fair agreement and, pending Board approval, will ask the Commissioners to approve.

- We have had two calamity days to date. Due to a change in the law, hours in session are counted, rather than the number of days in session. We have been in some discussion with Ohio Department of Education officials on their interpretation of this change in law.
- On January 15, 2015, Dot Yeager and Superintendent Morison met with the Franklin County Commissioners Human Services Levy Review Committee to update them on our levy status. It was an excellent meeting. Members of the committee commended the Board on maintaining stable services and finances during these challenging economic times.
- On the legislative front, the President has signed the ABLE Act and the Governor has signed a law that changes terminology on signage from 'handicapped' to accessible'. Members of our Self-Advocate Advisory council assisted in getting these laws passed.

## RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ms. Ninos moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Chief Business Officer as presented to and received by the Finance Committee January 22, 2015, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Fadel moved to approve the FCBDD 2015 Annual Action/Strategic Plan and the Three-Calendar Year Plan for 2015 – 2017, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Craig moved to approve calendars for program year of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 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. Ninos 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 for waiver match in 2015 and an additional \$3.7 million for Targeted Case Management, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Bickley moved to accept bid for security improvements at Johnstown Road from FSP in the amount of \$31,947.00 and a contingency of \$5,000.00, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ms. Craig moved to reject bids for Bixby Living Skills Center improvements and to advertise with an amended project estimate of \$150,000.00, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Ninos moved to approve change order for Ultimax to relocate electrical equipment for server room project to achieve proper cooling during switch to back-up power, in the amount of \$14,975.79, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.

- h. Mr. Bickley moved to go to bid for electrical, HVAC and generator improvements at ECLC, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Ms. Savage moved to go to bid for door replacement project at ECLC, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Mr. Fadel moved to go to bid for Johnstown Road bus lot improvements and West Central School parking improvements, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Ms. Ninos to authorize Superintendent to renew contract with Furniture Bank of Central Ohio for access to the Furniture Bank not to exceed \$12,900 for 100 client appointments, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- l. Mr. Fadel moved to enter into a 5 year copier lease, for two copiers in the Print Shop, according to the state term schedule with Gordon Flesch in monthly amounts of \$740.59 and \$923.21, respectively, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- m. Ms. Craig moved to revise current lease term for three 39-month copier leases, for 27 copiers at various locations, according to the state term schedule with Ricoh, at monthly rates of \$2,661.75, \$823.44, and \$344.69, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.
- n. Mr. Bickley moved to find that certain items of personal property, which are located at 4395 Marketing Place, are not needed for public use, and to authorize the sale of those items at public auction, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- o. Ms. Ninos moved to request the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to sell 4395 Marketing Place, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- p. Ms. Craig moved to revise FCBDD policy #11.11 titled Administrative Resolution of Complaints, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Ninos moved to ratify the proposed collective bargaining agreement for 2015 calendar year between FCBDD and OEA contingent upon OEA ratification, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Superintendent Morison announced that Board member, Dean Fadel, was elected as President of the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities Board of Trustees, effective January 26, 2015.

## **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Christine Brown updated members of the Board and staff on self-advocacy initiatives, noting that a Legislative Day is being planned for April 17, 2015.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The January 22, 2015 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by motion of Ms. Craig.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bickley  
Secretary

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