



**Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

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Jed W. Morison  
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Minutes  
February 26, 2015**

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

Members Excused: Beth Savage, Renee Stein

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 Vice President Craig.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the minutes of the Organization meeting held on January 22, 2015, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ninos moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on January 22, 2015, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Finance Report:** Mr. Fadel reported that the Finance Committee met and reviewed the 2015 budget. After the first month of the year expenditures are at 6.3% and revenue is at 3.4%. Our approved budget for 2015 is \$247 million.

The committee reviewed contracts and also bids received for renovations at Bixby Living Skills Center, and window replacement at the Johnstown Early Childhood Center. They recommend approval.

Mr. Fadel 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 reviewed personnel actions for the past month which included the retirement of Martin Kerscher, Legal Counsel and Carol Rantala, Principal at Northeast School. Gwynn Kinsel has been hired as Legal Counsel to replace Mr. Kerscher.

Dan Darling also updated on the OEA tentative agreement. OEA membership has ratified so it is now with the County Commissioners for their consideration.

Staff is preparing for a dependent eligibility check, consistent with the recommendation of the Commissioners' Human Service Levy Committee.

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

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Our March 26, 2015 meetings will be held at West Central School. There will not be a committee meeting in advance of the Board meeting. Rather, there will be a Board in-service and tour of West Central. Board in-service agenda items will include School Services, DODD Transition Plan and Conflict Free Case Management.
- March is DD Awareness Month. On March 3 there will be a kick-off ceremony at the Statehouse Atrium. This year's theme is 'Can Do! Like You.'
- The Superintendent held two public meetings this week to provide updates and seek feedback on School Consolidation, DODD Transition Plan, Disability Rights Ohio, and Conflict Free Case Management.
- Based on review of enrollment trends and other factors, Administration is recommending that we consolidate both schools into West Central School, effective with the 2015/2016 school year. We will ask the Board to consider this proposal in the March meeting.
- If the Board approves the recommendation to consolidate the two schools, we will consider repurposing Northeast for our ARC Industries Business and Employment offices, central maintenance and ARC Industries scanning operations. We would then no longer be required to lease the Marilyn Lane building.
- The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) is expected to submit their 'Transition Plan' to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by March 17, 2015. This plan is intended to show how DODD will come into compliance with the CMS rule that was adopted in January, 2014.
- DODD has also been asked by CMS to submit a "Plan of Correction" regarding Conflict Free Case Management. We do not know when this will be submitted but speculate it will be this Spring.
- The Governor's State Budget proposals were introduced on February 2, 2015. The Ohio House of Representatives is now considering the proposals. The Senate will then consider before Conference Committee and return to the Governor.

Within the budget, there are several initiatives of interest to Boards of Developmental Disabilities, including:

- Phase out of Independent Providers
  - Conversion of TDD waivers to IO, SELF or Level 1 waivers
  - Addition of Nursing Services for the IO waiver
  - Additional State funded IO and SELF waivers
  - Increase Medicaid Asset Limit to \$2,000
  - Changes to Intermediate Care Facilities
  - Increase of 6% in Homemaker Personal Care Provider rate
- Board member Dean Fadel and Superintendent Morison are participating on the Joint Leadership Team, which meets regularly to discuss the budget and develop strategies to support or amend certain initiatives.
  - We were honored to have two of the stars of The Ohio State University basketball team visit us at ARC Industries West on February 18. Shannon Scott and Sam Thompson signed hundreds of autographs, hats, shirts and posters and talked to folks for over an hour.
  - The Franklin County Criminal Justice and Community Corrections Planning Boards held their annual meeting yesterday. Superintendent Morison has been appointed by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to serve on these Boards. Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer is the Superintendent's alternate.

## RESOLUTIONS

- a. Mr. Fadel moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Chief Business Officer as presented to and received by the Finance Committee February 26, 2015, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ms. Crawford moved to approve Board Member In-Service Training Plan, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Ninos moved to accept bid for interior renovations at Bixby from Ultimax, in the amount of \$125,250.00 and a contingency of \$15,000.00, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Crawford moved to go to bid for Bixby septic system improvements, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ms. Ninos moved to accept bid for window replacement at Early Childhood, Johnstown Road, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize Superintendent to renew contract with Children's Center for Developmental Enrichment (CCDE) for early intervention services, up to \$7,000 per child, not to exceed the amount of \$140,000.00, for up to twenty children, for a period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. CCDE accepts this funding as payment in full and will not request payment from school district, family, or the Board, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Ms. Ninos moved to adopt the recommendation of Hearing Examiner, Jeff Cabot, dated January 27, 2015, which affirms the determination of staff and Superintendent and declares that C.R. is not eligible for services provided by the Board, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Ms. Crawford moved to proclaim March as DD Awareness Month, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Bob Garrett, Instructor Assistant at Northeast School, spoke to the Board. He indicated that he believed many of the Northeast School staff were not provided an opportunity to voice their opinion about the possible move to consolidate the two schools. He invited Board members to visit Northeast School so they would be able to compare the two schools before a final decision is reached.

For the benefit of those in attendance, Superintendent Morison recapped the various ways management has communicated with staff, parents and students so there would be ample opportunity for input. 1) Union representatives were notified; 2) Mr. Brownley sent a letter to all school staff and families; 3) This was communicated in 'NewsBits' and 'Dateline'; 4) Superintendent has personally spoken to school staff and two public meetings were held for updates on school consolidation and other topics.

Carla Lynch, Instructor Assistant, at Northeast School asked if it would be possible to implement a 'robo-type' phone calling system to contact staff about inclement weather conditions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The February 26, 2015 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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