REGULAR MEETING

Minutes
March 26, 2015

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, Gwynn Kinsel, Marcy Samuel, Dot Yeager

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 February 26, 2015, second by Ms. Crawford.  Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report:  Ms. Savage reported that the Finance Committee did not meet today due to the Board member in-service, however, they did review written materials.  It was noted that expenditures at the end of February were 19.4% and revenue was 3.9%, recognizing that we have not received the first real estate tax payments yet.  Bill payments approved by the Chief Business Officer were also reviewed.

During the in-service prior to the Board meeting, members received an update on the State budget.  One of the proposals will result in a reduction in revenue of over $3 million due to loss of tangible personal property tax replacement revenue.

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 did not meet today. Members were able to review a report of personnel actions for the month of February indicating that there were 4 new hires and 6 resignations or retirements.

In the Board in-service, members were able to tour West Central School and saw some of the excellent work done by our school staff. DD Awareness Month activities have been going on this month, including a Family Fun Night held at West Central.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- The Superintendent thanked West Central School Principal, Barbara Michael-Jones, Mike Ross, Assistant Principal, and Director of Schools, Jack Brownley, for hosting our meeting.

- State budget discussions are continuing. Topics generating significant discussion include: independent providers, tangible personal property tax replacement reimbursement, Intermediate Care Facilities provisions, additional waivers, Medicaid asset limit and more. Our County Boards Association is doing good work with legislators.

- We will host, for our Self-Advocate Advisory Council, a Legislative Advocacy Day on April 17 at Bixby Living Skills Center (4200 Bixby Rd., Groveport) beginning at 10:30 a.m.

- The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities has submitted their Transition Plan to CMS. Much of the plan requires further planning. They would like to have a 10 year transition period, rather than 5 years, or effective in 4 years since one year has already transpired.

- The ‘Conflict Free Case Management’ issue is still up in the air. We believe the State would like 10 years to transition, however CMS has yet to provide much direction to DODD on this. We expect more clarity when DODD submits their IO waiver renewal application.

- As discussed in our Board In-Service, we are recommending that the Board approve our recommendation to consolidate Northeast and West Central School into West Central, effective August, 2015. If approved, Jack Brownley will work with a committee on details. They had a preliminary meeting on Tuesday.

- We will have our Spring Staff Development Day next Friday, April 3. Mr. Morison will provide an agency update and update on state and federal initiatives to our Adult Services staff at Xenos at 8:00 a.m. Our Early Childhood Department will bring back many of the people who helped to establish the services we enjoy today. Transportation and School Departments have also done an excellent job arranging for the day.
- Plans are continuing for the possibility of consolidating our two transportation compounds into one located at 2879 Johnstown Road. Marcy Samuel, Director of Program Operations, Joyce Barrowman, Transportation Director and Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer, and her staff are working through the details, including parking.

- We are tentatively planning for an auction of unneeded equipment at ARC South on April 11. Ms. Yeager is also continuing our work with the Commissioners’ staff on the sale of the building.

- The Superintendent indicated that we were pleased to welcome Gwynn Kinsel to our staff as Legal Counsel this past Monday.

RESOLUTIONS

a. Ms. Savage moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Chief Business Officer as presented to and received by the Finance Committee March 26, 2015, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize Superintendent to allocate up to $3,000 for scholarships in support for Ohio Developmental Disabilities Technology Conference about assistive technology in employment settings on an annual basis, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Ms. Craig moved to authorize Superintendent to renew contract with Childhood League for early intervention and preschool services not to exceed the amount of $1,071,537.00 for a period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize Superintendent to enter into new contract with YMCA of Central Ohio for the occupancy of up to three preschool classrooms and for food services at West Central School, for the period from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, at an annual cost of $6 per square foot for occupied space and at various federal reimbursement rates for breakfast, lunch and snack, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried with one abstention by Mr. Bickley.

e. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize Superintendent to enter into contract with SPARK, LLC for a career development summer program for 45 students for the period beginning April 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015 for $60,000.00, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize Superintendent to accept bid from Oscar W. Larson Company for fuel management system replacement in the amount of $31,620.00, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Ms. Crawford moved to add salt surcharge of $15 for each salting at each site to snow removal vendor pricing, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.
h. Ms. Craig moved to authorize Superintendent to submit grant proposal to Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for funding of replacement of wheelchair tie-downs, accessible vans, and propane fueling station and to approve resolution as attached, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

i. Mr. Fadel moved to approve recommendation to consolidate Northeast and West Central schools into West Central School, to be effective in August, 2015, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

j. Ms. Crawford moved to approve out-of-state travel for Jan Montgomery, Director of ARC Industries West and Jackie Boyle, Habilitation Specialist, to accompany participants who will present their artwork at the YAI National Conference in New York City on May 5-7, 2015, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously. (Mr. Morison pointed out that the Board will assist with registration fees only and the ARC Industries Board will sponsor the Sunapple artists.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - None

ADJOURNMENT

The March 26, 2015 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by motion of Ms. Savage.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bickley
Secretary

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