



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

May 14, 2020

Board Members Present via teleconference: John Bickley, Linda Craig, Marie Crawford,
Beth Savage, Renée Stein, Bill Wilkins

Board Members Excused: Michael Underwood

Staff Present via teleconference: Jed Morison, Jack Brownley, Lee Childs, Gwynn Kinsel,
Amy Magginis, David Ott, Dot Yeager

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

MINUTES

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held via teleconference on April 23, 2020, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Chief Business Officer Dot Yeager provided the Budget and Finance report to Board members. Dot reported that the Family Resources and Student Services reimbursements come in July. Expenditures are at 36% (Social Services is at 39.4% - 2 quarterly payments for match). The Finance Committee members received electronically the invoice list for approval.

Human Resources & Ethics Report: Human Resources Director David Ott provided the Human Resources report to the Board members indicating that April was a very light month for hiring and separations due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The official school year ends on May 29, 2020. Approximately 230 of our staff will be on summer break. Communication will be sent out to staff regarding their option to spread out their pay over 12 months for the next school year. Operation Feed has raised over \$4,000 – the Mid-Ohio Food Collective can buy \$10.00 of food for every \$1.00 donated. The Ethics Policy and the Travel Reimbursement Policy is on the agenda for approval. These revisions are included in the Clark, Shaffer, Hackett risk assessment recommendations.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Thank you to the Board members for participating in the Board In-Service, including Dot's cost projection analysis.
- Yesterday, we finished filming presentations for the West Central graduation. We plan to have the virtual graduation on May 20, 2020. West Central School and staff have done an excellent job with this.
- Following this Board meeting, I will be meeting with all of our Management and Supervisory staff to provide an update. We will also have discussion on preliminary planning for student and staff returns to our facilities. Students will return in August, assuming this is permitted and appropriate safeguards can be implemented.
- Our Early Childhood and School Summer Center programs had to be cancelled for this summer, consistent with social distancing requirements and the Health Director's orders that currently continue through June. We are planning to continue with our Transition to Work Program, which will be provided virtually.
- We are continuing, with our preventive measures related to COVID-19. Most staff are working from home through May and we expect a phased-in return to our facilities. We will be especially careful with those who have health issues and may allow some to continue to working from home for a period of time.
- The lawsuit that was filed against the state in 2016 alleging institutional barriers to community based care for individuals with developmental disabilities has been settled. Judge Sargus approved a modified settlement agreement.
- The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities has recently provided guidance for adult day service providers to provide services. Different options and payment rates have been provided. All require no more than 10 people to be present and there is an option that will allow for services to be provided online. This is a temporary change due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Special thanks to Board member, Renée Stein for representing the Board so well recently on WOSU radio. Renée spoke very well from the perspective of a parent and a Board member.
- Christine Hunter, teacher in our Early Childhood Education program also spoke on the radio show and did an excellent job explaining how she interacts with her students and families.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ms. Stein moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as presented via electronic means to Board members on the Finance Committee on May 14, 2020, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ms. Craig moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with the Ohio State University College of Education (Buckeye Behavior Support) to provide support in early language, functional communication, beginning reading skills and behavioral supports for the year beginning August 1, 2020 and ending July 31, 2021, at a total cost not to exceed \$70,314, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew contract with the Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities for early intervention/early childhood education services and community-based recreation experiences for adults for the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021, in the amount not to exceed \$2,122,000, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew agreement with Easter Seals Central and Southeast Ohio, Inc., for early intervention services for toddlers not to exceed the amount of \$926,700 for the period beginning August 1, 2020 and ending July 31, 2021, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for dental services, for an additional one-year term, beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, for an amount not to exceed \$320,616, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ms. Crawford moved to approve revision to Ethics Policy #4.1 in the Board Policy Manual, second by Ms. Stein. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Craig moved to approve revision to Staff Travel Reimbursement Policy #5.7 in the Board Policy Manual, second by Ms. Stein. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS --

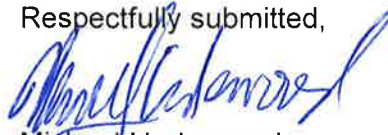
ANNOUNCEMENTS - The Superintendent gave special thanks to the Board for being very supportive with their insights and comments. The staff appreciates your support. President Savage thanked the staff for all they are trying to do to get us all through this situation.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

ADJOURNMENT

The May 14, 2020 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Ms. Savage.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Underwood
Secretary

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