



**Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

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Jed W. Morison  
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Minutes**

**November 16, 2023**

Board Members Present: John Bickley; Marie Crawford; Marci Straughter; Beth Savage; Michael Underwood; Bill Wilkins

Board Members Excused: Samuel Davis

Management Staff Present: Jed Morison, Lee Childs, Gwynn Kinsel, Larry Macintosh, Amy Magginis, David Ott, Rita Price, Dot Yeager

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

**MINUTES**

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting held on October 19, 2023, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Crawford moved to approve the minutes from the Special meeting held on November 1, 2023, second by Mr. Wilkins Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

Budget & Finance Report: Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer, provided the Budget and Finance report. The Finance Committee and Board members have received the October 2023 finance report. Expenditures are at 83.1% and Revenue is at 100.3% Ms. Yeager updated on the results of the 3-year Audit by DODD, great results with only \$76 difference. Superintendent/CEO Morison commended Dot and Larry on great work.

Human Resources & Ethics Report: David Ott, Director of Human Resources reported that the Human Resources Committee has received the recent personnel actions through the end of October 2023. Service Coordination Department has a group of new Service Coordinators starting. An All Manager meeting will be held on December 7, 2023 and departments will update on successes. Jennifer Schueneman is chairing the Combined Charitable campaign which has raised almost \$48,000, staff have always been very generous to Combined Charities, the deadline is December 1, 2023.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Thank you all for coming today to our last meeting for this year. It has been a good year thanks to your support and leadership and the good work of staff.

- We recognized Becky Love for her excellent service the other night. Becky retires at the end of December after 32 years as Director of Early Childhood Education and 51 years of service with the Board. Our new Director is Dr. Kathy Lawton, and she will do an excellent job.
- The Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) Convention will be on November 29 – December 1 at the Easton Hilton. We will be cheering (and a little lobbying) for Board member Samuel Davis, who is nominated for a seat on the OACB Board.
- The Superintendent distributed updated Board Reference Manuals from OACB.
- Our Self-Advocate Advisory Council will meet on December 5. While we kept meeting virtually during the pandemic and we held an in-person Legislative Advocacy Day this past Spring, this meeting will be in-person and special guests will include the current Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Kim Hauck; the former Director, Jeff Davis and we hope the new Superintendent/CEO. Our Council does great work. Thanks to Marci Straughter for representing the Board.
- We are conducting open enrollment for health insurance. Thanks to the leadership of Dot Yeager and our Insurance Committee, we have been very pleased with our current plan with Medical Mutual and this will continue next year.
- Our Director of Schools and Special Services, Jack Brownley, continues to have a very positive attitude as he fights cancer. He reports his treatments are generating positive results.
- We will have a public hearing on our Annual Action Plan and IDEA funds on December 4. We will bring the complete plan to you in the January meeting; however, one page of the plan needs to be approved prior to November 30, which is our projection of new waivers needed.
- Our budget for 2024 has been submitted to the Commissioners and reviewed with their staff. We have been told we will not be required to attend a hearing so we are assuming it will be approved.
- Probate Judge Mackey has officially appointed Dean Fadel and Karen Wilkins to the Board to replace Beth Savage and Bill Wilkins who will end their terms on the Board on January 25, 2024. Dean and Karen are both family members of people served by the Board and will be excellent Board members.
- Speaking of Bill Wilkins and Beth Savage, we would like to recognize them for their outstanding service to the Board. The Superintendent read the words that will be displayed with their picture in the Administrative building.
- Thanks to Dot's good work, the County Commissioners approved a resolution on Tuesday that approves the sale of 909 Taylor Station Road and 4395 Marketing Place.
- Ohio Education Association (OEA) has approved a 1-year contract extension which includes an increase in wages pending approval by County Commissioners.

## RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ms. Savage moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Chief Business Officer as presented to the Finance Committee on November 16, 2023, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with iamBoundless to provide enhanced respite, specialized services, family resources and other services not to exceed the amount of \$4,696,685 for a period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried with abstention by Ms. Savage.
- c. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into contract for facility-based respite services with iamBoundless for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 for homemaker personal care and room and board, not otherwise reimbursed by Medicaid, in an amount not to exceed \$797,345, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried with abstention by Ms. Savage.
- d. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with Creative Housing to provide housing, rent subsidy, family home renovations, and other services not to exceed the amount of \$7,326,000, for a period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, and for an additional amount, up to \$760,000 for matching funds potential projects to be funded jointly with DODD contingent on DODD approval and on FCBDD budget availability, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Wilkins moved to renew vehicle, liability, violence and property insurance coverage with the Ohio School Plan, for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 for an amount not to exceed \$200,000, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with Goodwill Columbus for community and facility based services, including but not limited to, adult day and non-medical transportation services, for participants not enrolled on a waiver, and other ancillary services as agreed upon by the parties, for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, not to exceed the amount of \$1,348,139, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Crawford moved to renew the Facilities Use Agreement with Goodwill Columbus for a two-year period ending December 31, 2025, with plans for the relocation of the program to be determined, necessitated by the pending sale of 4395 Marketing Place, second by Mr. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with Goodwill Columbus for adult day supports, non-medical transportation and related services in Work and Community Services program to participants not enrolled on a waiver and, for participants enrolled on a Medicaid waiver, to provide ancillary services not otherwise reimbursed by Medicaid, for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$2,200,192; with an option to renew upon mutual consent for one additional term, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with ARC Industries for adult services participants who are not enrolled on a waiver and for other value-added services for a period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, not to exceed the amount of \$11,164,039, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize FCBDD to become a member of the META Purchasing Cooperative effective November 16, 2023, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

- k. Ms. Savage moved to authorize FCBDD to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of five (5) – 48 passenger accessible school buses and to further participate with and authorize META Solutions (META) to advertise and receive bids on behalf of FCBDD as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of five (5) – 48 passenger accessible school buses, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- l. Mr. Wilkins moved to accept recommendation of Ethics Council for parent transportation for two students at West Central School, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- m. Mr. Bickley moved to approve 2024 Annual Plan per O.R.C. 5126.04 related to the Current Needs Waiting List, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- n. Ms. Straughter moved to approve Superintendent/CEO employment contract for Dot Yeager with the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, to be effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – none

**NEW BUSINESS** – Board Member Straughter updated fellow board members on tech ambassadors. [OhioTechAmbassadors.org](http://OhioTechAmbassadors.org) is the website. Ms. Straughter passed out information on the upcoming Project STIR training. Angel Sense are expanding throughout Ohio.

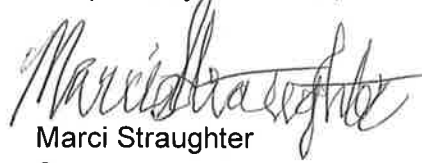
**ANNOUNCEMENTS** –

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** – Superintendent/CEO Morison shared Self-Advocate Christine Brown's update electronically with Board members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The November 16, 2023 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by President Underwood.

Respectfully submitted,



Marci Straughter  
Secretary