

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER OF MEDINA COUNTY
Regular Meeting – December 21, 2020
124 West Washington Street, Medina, Ohio

CALL TO ORDER

President Kollar called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for the roll call: Mr. Kollar.
Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Ravanelli, and Mrs. Weglewski attended by Zoom.

20-12-140 Motion by Mrs. Hamilton and seconded by Mrs. Weglewsik to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020, regular board meeting as presented.

VOTE: Mrs. Hamilton, yes; Mrs. Weglewski, yes; Mr. Ravanelli, yes; Mr. Kollar, yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

All meetings of the Board will be open to the public.

In order for the Board to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of 30 minutes of public participation will be permitted at each meeting. Each person addressing the Board will give his/her name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person will be allotted three minutes until the total time of 30 minutes is used. During that period, no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have had the opportunity to do so. Persons desiring more time should follow the procedure of the Board to be placed on the regular agenda. The period of public participation may be extended by a vote of the majority of the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Hatmaker

- A. Fund Statement – November 2020
- B. Reconciliation – November 2020
- C. Investment Review – November 2020
- D. List of Bills Paid – November 2020
- E. Funds Transfers or Adjustments
- F. Next Governing Board Meeting – January 25, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Clarke joined the Governing Board Meeting at 5:38 p.m. via zoom.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Meetings Attended

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. Legislative Liaison –Mrs. Hamilton gave an update on items currently being considered by legislature.
- B. Student Achievement Liaison – None
- C. Policy Committee – Mr. Kollar recapped the meeting held earlier in December.
- D. Business Advisory Council – None

Motion by Mrs. Weglewski and seconded by Dr. Clarke to approve resolution numbers 20-12-152, and 20-12-153.

CONTINUING OLD BUSINESS AND SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

20-12-152 Adoption of the substitute list addendum for the 2020-2021 school year. (Attachment A)

NEW BUSINESS AND SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

- 20-12-153** Accept the following resignations:
1. Jessica Krcal, Health Aide, effective December 9, 2020.
2. Debi Schnell, LPN, effective January 7, 2021.

VOTE: Mrs. Weglewski, yes; Dr. Clarke, yes; Mrs. Hamilton, yes; Mr. Ravanelli, yes; Mr. Kollar, yes.

Mr. Ravanelli left the Governing Board Meeting at 5:55 p.m.

- 20-12-154** Motion by Mrs. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Kollar to approve the 2020-2021 County Service Agreement Amendment (ORC 3313.843 and 3313.845): (Attachment B)

1. The Medina City School District for Teacher Mentor Services.

VOTE: Mrs. Hamilton, yes; Mr. Kollar, yes; Dr. Clarke, yes; Mrs. Weglewski, yes.

- 20-12-155** Motion by Mrs. Weglewski and seconded by Dr. Clarke to approve the 2020-2021 County Service Agreement (ORC 3313.843 and 3313.845): (Attachment C)

1. The Black River Local School District

VOTE: Mrs. Weglewski, yes; Dr. Clarke, yes; Mrs. Hamilton, yes; Mr. Kollar, yes.

- 20-12-156** Motion by Mrs. Weglewski and seconded by Mrs. Hamilton to approve the OSBA Policy Service Contract. (Attachment D)

VOTE: Mrs. Weglewski, no; Mrs. Hamilton, no; Dr. Clarke, no; Mr. Kollar, no.

- 20-12-157** Motion by Mrs. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Kollar to approve the Greater Medina Chamber of Commerce Membership Investment in the amount of \$295.00. (Attachment E)

VOTE: Mrs. Hamilton, yes; Mr. Kollar, yes; Dr. Clarke, yes; Mrs. Weglewski, yes.

- 20-12-158** Motion by Mrs. Weglewski and seconded by Mrs. Hamilton to approve FMLA leave for Donna Young starting 12/2/2020 and running approximately 12 calendar weeks.

VOTE: Mrs. Weglewski, yes; Mrs. Hamilton, yes; Dr. Clarke, yes; Mr. Kollar, yes.

- 20-12-159** Motion by Mrs. Weglewski and seconded by Dr. Clarke to accept the donations for the Del Graff Scholarship Trust Fund:

Ms. Jane Parker	\$25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fogel, Jr.	\$50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Reese	\$50.00
Mr. Homer Smith	\$200.00
Mr. and Mrs. David Smead	\$200.00
Mrs. Betty Einhart	\$200.00
Ms. Wilma Graff Jordan	\$100.00
Mrs. Lois Bangert	\$25.00

VOTE: Mrs. Weglewski, yes; Dr. Clarke, yes; Mrs. Hamilton, yes; Mr. Kollar, yes.

20-12-160 Motion by Mr. Kollar and seconded by Mrs. Hamilton to approve the job description for Nursing – School and Community Liaison as presented. (Attachment F)

VOTE: Mr. Kollar, yes; Mrs. Hamilton, yes; Dr. Clarke, yes; Mrs. Weglewski, yes.

20-12-161 Motion by Mrs. Weglewski and seconded by Mrs. Hamilton to approve:

A resolution to endorse the Fair School Funding Plan, as introduced in Senate Bill 376 and Substitute H.B. 305, and to encourage the 133rd Ohio General Assembly to pass the bill and include an updated methodology to fund Educational Service Centers consistent with the plan endorsed by the Ohio ESC Association.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled in *DeRolph v. State of Ohio* (1997) that Ohio’s method for funding schools through the state’s school foundation program was unconstitutional under Article VI, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in *DeRolph*, the Ohio Supreme Court declared that Ohio’s school funding system was over-reliant on local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the current school funding system in Ohio lacks a rational basis for determining both the cost of educating students and how the funding of education is shared between the state and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Ohio’s current biennial budget froze foundation funding for Ohio schools at 2019 fiscal year levels; and

WHEREAS, the current ESC funding system in Ohio lacks a rational basis for determining both the cost of funding ESC operations and the delivery of statutorily mandated services; and

WHEREAS, the number of client district students aligned to an ESC has increased by 13-percent but ESC funding has been reduced by \$12 million or 23-percent since 2008; and

WHEREAS, ESCs are a central component of the statewide system of support for technical assistance and academic, fiscal and operational support; and

WHEREAS, House Speaker Bob Cupp (R) and Representative John Patterson (D) convened a statewide workgroup, made up of practitioners, to devise a new formula that reduces the over-reliance on local property tax and creates equity in the state foundation system; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup carefully analyzed national research, best practices, actual Ohio school district spending data, and drew on their own extensive experience in educating students and operating school districts to make recommendations for a school funding system that meets the needs of all Ohio’s students in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed recommendations that laid out a rational, transparent, comprehensive and – most of all – fair system for funding schools based on the actual cost of providing a basic education for all students in Ohio (the “Base Cost”); and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed a method of sharing the funding of the Base Cost between the state and local taxpayers that is easy to understand and based on a fair, defensible measure of the capacity to generate funds locally; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup identified and provided a framework for providing additional resources to meet needs beyond those of basic education, including the areas of the social, emotional, safety, and mental health of students, the additional challenges driven by students living in poverty, with special needs, with limited English proficiency, and who are academically gifted; and

WHEREAS, based on the research and work outlined above, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup produced and recommended the Fair School Funding Plan, which was introduced in House Bill (H.B.) 305, and is currently incorporated into and improved upon in a companion bill in the Senate, Senate Bill (S.B.) 376; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor of Ohio have an opportunity to devise a funding formula, as outlined in the Fair School Funding Plan, that is an investment in Ohio's children and Ohio's future; and

WHEREAS, ESCs support state efforts to advance a funding formula that provides for a research-based, rational and fair system of funding schools for client school districts and for ESCs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Medina County, that the board formally endorses the Fair School Funding Plan, as introduced in S.B. 376 of the 133rd General Assembly (the Senate companion bill to Substitute H.B. 305), to ensure that K-12 schools in Ohio are funded using a rational school funding system that meets the needs of all Ohio's students in the 21st century.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the bill, before it is passed and enacted, should be further amended to incorporate funding for ESCs consistent with the plan endorsed by the Ohio Educational Service Center Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Ohio General Assembly should utilize a funding methodology for ESCs consistent with that approach for traditional public school districts – a methodology that is rational, transparent, comprehensive and – most of all – fair in funding ESCs based on the actual cost of operating the organization and delivering any services mandated under Title XXXIII of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the SB 376 and Sub. HB 305 should: fund ESCs at the greater of a \$559,795 base cost or \$42.67 per pupil, require the Ohio Department of Education to review and update the ESC base amount and per pupil operating subsidy every two years consistent with the biennial state operating budget, require ODE and the Auditor of State to collaborate with the Ohio Educational Service Center Association to develop a uniform, consistent and standardized methodology for reporting ESC operating revenue and expenditures no later than December 31, 2021, and eliminate the moratorium on districts aligning with an ESC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Treasurer is authorized to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution to community leaders; to members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate, Representatives Stephen Hambley, Darrell Kick, and Sharon Ray and Senators Matt Huffman and Larry Obhoff; and to the office of Governor Mike DeWine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

VOTE: Mrs. Weglewski, yes; Mrs. Hamilton, yes; Dr. Clarke, yes; Mr. Kollar, yes.

20-12-162 Motion by Mr. Kollar and seconded by Mrs. Weglewski to approve payment to Educational Service Center staff during the declared public calamity starting December 31, 2020, and extending through January 31, 2021.

VOTE: Mr. Kollar, yes; Mrs. Weglewski, yes; Dr. Clarke, yes; Mrs. Hamilton, yes.

20-12-163 Motion by Mrs. Weglewski and seconded by Dr. Clarke to rescind Kristine Rutledge's previously submitted resignation approved September 28, 2020 and modify her current contract, effective January 1, 2021, from full-time to part-time and maintain the same daily rate of \$343.28 for an estimated 20-30 workdays through the end of the school year.

VOTE: Mrs. Weglewski, yes; Dr. Clarke, yes; Mrs. Hamilton, yes; Mr. Kollar, yes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS
ESC Offices

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Weglewski and seconded by Mrs. Hamilton to move into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. for the purpose of:

Considering the employment of a public employee or official.

Considering the dismissal of a public employee or official.

VOTE: Mrs. Weglewski, yes; Mrs. Hamilton, yes; Dr. Clarke, yes; Mr. Kollar, yes.

President Kollar noted that no action was anticipated after the Executive Session.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:50 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Weglewski and seconded by Dr. Clarke to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

VOTE: Mrs. Weglewski, yes; Dr. Clarke, yes; Mrs. Hamilton, yes; Mr. Kollar, yes.

Minutes Approved:

President

Treasurer