

**MAHONING COUNTY BOARD OF  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**BOARD MEETING**

DATE: September 16, 2019

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Leonard Kirtz School

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President O’Nesti

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. ROLL CALL**

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Gary G. O’Nesti	<u>PRESENT</u>	_____
Mrs. Marilee Meloy	_____	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mrs. Jodi Kale	<u>PRESENT</u>	_____
Mr. Peter Noll	<u>PRESENT</u>	_____
Mrs. Andrea Patton	<u>PRESENT</u>	_____
Mr. Joseph Pecchia	<u>PRESENT</u>	_____
Mr. Anthony Sertick	<u>PRESENT</u>	_____

**Adopt a motion to excuse absent Board members.**

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mr. Sertick

Discussion: Excuse Marilee Meloy

Roll Call: Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Kale Aye  
Mr. Noll Aye

Mrs. Patton Aye  
Mr. Pecchia Aye  
Mr. Sertick Aye  
Mr. O'Nesti Aye

The President declares the motion Approved

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Adopt a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019 Board Meeting with any additions or deletions.**

Motion: Mr. Pecchia Second: Mr. Noll

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mrs. Kale Aye  
Mr. Noll Aye  
Mrs. Patton Aye  
Mr. Pecchia Aye  
Mr. Sertick Aye  
Mr. O'Nesti Aye  
Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_

The President declares the motion Approved

## III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Adopt a motion to approve the agenda with any additions or deletions.**

**\*\*\* Please note the addition of item number 8 under New Business Before the Board.**

Motion: Mrs. Patton Second: Mrs. Kale

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mr. Noll Aye  
Mrs. Patton Aye

Mr. Pecchia Aye  
Mr. Sertick Aye  
Mr. O'Nesti Aye  
Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Kale Aye

The President declares the motion Approved

#### **IV. FINANCIAL BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

**Adopt a motion to acknowledge the payment of bills for the month of August 2019.**

Motion: Mr. Noll Second: Mr. Pecchia

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mrs. Patton Aye  
Mr. Pecchia Aye  
Mr. Sertick Aye  
Mr. O'Nesti Aye  
Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Kale Aye  
Mr. Noll Aye

The President declares the motion Approved

Monthly Reconciliation: Mr. Kern, Business Manager, reported that the student activity were reconciled and sent to the County Auditor's office for review.

#### **V. ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Pecchia, reported that the Ethics Committee did meet prior to tonight's meeting and reviewed the contracts that are on the agenda under items 2 and 6 in New Business Before the Board. The Committee is recommending full Board approval and support.**

**Adopt a motion to approve the Ethics Committee Report as presented by Chairperson, Mr. Pecchia.**

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mr. Noll

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mr. Pecchia Aye  
Mr. Sertick Aye  
Mr. O’Nesti Aye  
Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Kale Aye  
Mr. Noll Aye  
Mrs. Patton Aye

The President declares the motion Approved

**VI. ROUTINE BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

**President O’Nesti appoints Mr. Anthony Sertick to serve on the Programs, Service Initiatives, and Personnel Committee and on the Board Capital, Facilities and Grounds Committee.**

**1. Adopt a motion to acknowledge the August 2019 Personnel Report of Superintendent Whitacre.**

Motion: Mr. Sertick Second: Mr. Noll

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mr. Sertick Aye  
Mr. O’Nesti Aye  
Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Kale Aye  
Mr. Noll Aye  
Mrs. Patton Aye  
Mr. Pecchia Aye

The President declares the motion Approved

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE BEFORE THE BOARD**

NONE

## VIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- Special Recognition
  - Centre at Javit – Julian Kocanjic
  - Community Services – Cameron Rodriguez

### **Human Resources Report**

- **Welcome New Staff**
  - Cera Dodrill, Language Development Specialist-LKS (8/19/19)
- **Anniversary Milestone**
  - Jackie Casalini – 20 years
  - Megan Klein – 5 years
  - Jim Huncik – 5 years
  - Bill Whitacre – 5 years
  - Rhonda Brocious – 5 years
- **Administrative Report**
  - YDC: There continues to be talks and planning amongst several local agencies including, Mental Health and Recovery Board, ALTA, Easter Seals, Meridian Services, TCBDD, MCBDD, and a few service organizations to create a multi-functional site at the former YDC campus.
  - Canfield Fair: We had another successful year at our informational booth at the fair. We again partnered with area providers.
  - Washington D.C.: Superintendent Whitacre and three other County Board Superintendents, members of OACB and the DD Council, will be traveling to Washington D.C. on September 25 and 26 to meet with lawmakers to discuss the long-term sustainability in Ohio's DD system.
- Board Finance Committee Report – No meeting held
- Board Programs, Service Initiatives & Personnel Committee Report – No meeting held
- Board Capital Facilities and Grounds Committee – No meeting held

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Jack Gruber, parent, requested an update to the website in regards to Board minutes and an updated Board member photo.

**X. OLD BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

NONE

**XI. NEW BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

**1. Adopt Board Resolution 2019-010, as if fully written herein, approving the moral obligation payment for residential and day services in the amount of \$67,675.46 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 5126.05.**

Motion: Mr. Pecchia Second: Mr. Noll

Discussion: The moral obligation is in regards to a house fire at a local providers home, the individuals needed services when they were displaced.

Roll Call: Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Kale Aye  
Mr. Noll Aye  
Mrs. Patton Aye  
Mr. Pecchia Aye  
Mr. Sertick Aye  
Mr. O’Nesti Aye

The President declares the motion Approved

**2. Adopt a motion to approve a first amendment to the 2019 contract for transportation services with CSS (Consumer Support Services) for an additional amount of \$5,000.00, bringing the total not to exceed amount of the contract to \$15,500.00. The term of the contract remains January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. This contract amendment has been**

**approved as to form by the Mahoning County Prosecutor's office and was reviewed in the Ethics Committee.**

Motion: Mrs. Patton Second: Mr. Sertick

Discussion: There was an increase of individuals not receiving waiver services and therefore, a need to increase the contract amount.

Roll Call: Mrs. Kale Aye  
Mr. Noll Aye  
Mrs. Patton Aye  
Mr. Pecchia Aye  
Mr. Sertick Aye  
Mr. O'Nesti Aye  
Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_

The President declares the motion Approved

**3. Adopt a motion to approve a vendor and service contract with Ohio Guidestone, for the purpose of providing the "Bridges Out of Poverty" training for staff on Friday, October 11, 2019. The total not to exceed amount of this agreement is \$1,500.00. This agreement was placed on a form that was previously approved as to form by the Mahoning County Prosecutor's office.**

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mr. Pecchia

Discussion: The speaker will be provided for the upcoming staff in-service on October 11.

Roll Call: Mr. Noll Aye  
Mrs. Patton Aye  
Mr. Pecchia Aye  
Mr. Sertick Aye  
Mr. O'Nesti Aye  
Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Kale Aye

The President declares the motion Approved

**4. Adopt a motion to approve out of state travel for Superintendent Whitacre to Washington D.C. September 25-26, 2019.**

Motion: Mrs. Patton Second: Mr. Sertick

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mrs. Patton Aye  
Mr. Pecchia Aye  
Mr. Sertick Aye  
Mr. O'Nesti Aye  
Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Kale Aye  
Mr. Noll Aye

The President declares the motion Approved

**5. Adopt a motion to approve the first reading of a draft revision to Policy 3122 – Family Support Services.**

Motion: Mr. Noll Second: Mrs. Kale

Discussion: The update represents minor changes for requirements

Roll Call: Mr. Pecchia Aye  
Mr. Sertick Aye  
Mr. O'Nesti Aye  
Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Kale Aye  
Mr. Noll Aye  
Mrs. Patton Aye

The President declares the motion Approved

**6. Adopt a motion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with Eastern Gateway Community College for educational services at the Centre at Javit for the period of September 17, 2019 through May 15, 2020. The amount of this MOU shall not exceed \$3,000.00. The MOU has been reviewed and approved as to form by the Mahoning County Prosecutor’s Office, and has been reviewed by the Ethics Committee.**

Motion: Mr. Pecchia Second: Mr. Noll

Discussion: This is a long standing agreement for adult literacy services.



Roll Call: Mr. Sertick Aye  
Mr. O'Nesti Aye  
Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Kale Aye  
Mr. Noll Aye  
Mrs. Patton Aye  
Mr. Pecchia Aye

The President declares the motion Approved

**7. Adopt a motion to renew the contract with Attorney Christopher Sammarone, as if fully written herein, the amount of the contract is not to exceed \$22,000.00 and is effective November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020. The contract has been approved as to form by the Mahoning County Prosecutor's office.**

Motion: Mrs. Patton Second: Mrs. Kale

Discussion: This is a renewal of a long-standing contract with Attorney Sammarone.

Roll Call: Mr. O'Nesti Aye  
Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Kale Aye  
Mr. Noll Aye  
Mrs. Patton Aye  
Mr. Pecchia Aye  
Mr. Sertick Aye

The President declares the motion Approved

**8. Adopt a motion to create, post and fill one (1) Temporary Service Coordinator position in the Early Intervention Department. The salary range for this position would be \$17.05 - \$33.84 per hour.**

Motion: Mr. Sertick Second: Mr. Pecchia

Discussion: This position is needed due to the long-term parental leave of a current staff member through March 2020.

Roll Call: Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Kale Aye  
Mr. Noll Aye

Mrs. Patton Aye  
Mr. Pecchia Aye  
Mr. Sertick Aye  
Mr. O'Nesti Aye

The President declares the motion Approved

## XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adopt a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss:

### X1. Personnel Matters

- To consider the appointment of a public employee or official;
- To consider the employment of a public employee or official;
- To consider the dismissal of a public employee or official;
- To consider the discipline of a public employee or official;
- To consider the promotion of a public employee or official;
- To consider the demotion of a public employee or official;
- To consider the compensation of a public employee or official; or
- To consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or official.

- 2. Purchase or Sale of property
- 3. Pending or imminent court action
- 4. Collective Bargaining Matters
- 5. Matters required to be kept confidential
- 6. Security matters
- 7. Hospital trade secrets
- 8. Veterans Service Commission Applications

Motion: Mrs. Kale

Second: Mr. Noll

Roll Call: Mrs. Kale Aye  
Mr. Noll Aye  
Mrs. Patton Aye  
Mr. Pecchia Aye  
Mr. Sertick Aye  
Mr. O'Nesti Aye  
Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_

The President declares the motion Approved

Time: 6:30 p.m.

**Adopt a motion to reconvene the Board meeting from executive session.**

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mrs. Patton

Roll Call: Mr. Noll Aye  
Mrs. Patton Aye  
Mr. Pecchia Aye  
Mr. Sertick Aye  
Mr. O'Nesti Aye  
Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Kale Aye

The President declares the motion Approved

Time: 7:13 p.m.

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Adopt a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mrs. Pecchia

Roll Call: Mrs. Patton Aye  
Mr. Pecchia Aye  
Mr. Sertick Aye  
Mr. O'Nesti Aye  
Mrs. Meloy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Kale Aye  
Mr. Noll Aye

The President declares the motion Approved

Time: 7:14 p.m.

**The next Board Meeting will be October 21, 2019  
at Leonard Kirtz School at 6:00 p.m.**