



**MAHONING COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

BOARD MEETING

DATE: August 15, 2023
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Community Services – Large conference room

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: President Pecchia
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. ROLL CALL

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

Adopt a motion to excuse absent Board members.

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mrs. Hutchison

Discussion: Mrs. Patton and Mr. Sertick will be excused

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 5
Those opposed Nay _____

The President declares the motion Approved

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Adopt a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2023 Board Meeting with any additions or deletions.

Motion: Mrs. Hutchison Second: Mrs. Kale

Discussion: None

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 5

Those opposed Nay _____

Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

2. Adopt a motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2023 Special Board Meeting with any additions or deletions.

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mr. O'Nesti

Discussion: None

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 4

Those opposed Nay _____

Abstain Mrs. Hutchison

The President declares the motion Approved

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mr. Noll

Discussion: None

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 5
Those opposed Nay _____
Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

III. FINANCIAL BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Adopt a motion to acknowledge the payment of bills for the months of June and July 2023.

Motion: Mrs. Hutchison Second: Mr. O'Nesti

Discussion: None

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 5
Those opposed Nay _____
Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

Monthly Reconciliation: Sean Kern, Director of Finance, reported that the activity accounts were reconciled and sent to the County Auditor for review. The following donations were received in June and July: \$1,150.00 for the 2023 softball game and \$1,313.00 for the LKS playground project.

IV. ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Noll, member of the committee reported The Board Ethics Committee met on August 15th to review contracts for the upcoming 2023-24 LKS school year with Teach, Encourage, Act and Model LLC, for consultation and support services; Easter Seal Society of Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties, for Occupational Therapy Services; and EDU Healthcare, LLC for Speech Therapy. A first amendment with Youngstown Hearing and Speech Center for 2022-23 Physical Therapy Services was also reviewed. In addition, two shared cost agreements were reviewed and a direct service contract was also reviewed. There was no conflict of interest with any of the above items and the Committee is recommending full Board approval, these

items can be found on tonight's Board agenda under new business items 2, 3, 8 and 9.

Adopt a motion to approve the Ethics Committee Report as presented by Member, Peter Noll.

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mr. O'Nesti

Discussion: None

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 5

Those opposed Nay _____

Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

V. ROUTINE BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

1. Adopt a motion to acknowledge the June and July 2023 Personnel Report of Superintendent Whitacre.

Motion: Mrs. Hutchison Second: Mrs. Kale

Discussion: None

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 5

Those opposed Nay _____

Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

VI. CORRESPONDENCE/SPECIAL MENTIONS BEFORE THE BOARD

NONE

VII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

➤ **Administrative Report**

- State Budget/DODD: Superintendent Whitacre reported on the waiver rate increases and the impacts of the changes.
- LKS Playground: The current timeline suggests that production of the equipment will begin in November and the installation would begin in early spring. The asphalt court should be completed late fall.
- Remote/Hybrid Board meetings: The new state budget will allow for Board meetings and committee meetings participated in with rules and restrictions remotely. A policy will be drafted and put in to effect.

Special Recognitions

- Michele Mizda, Akron Childrens Hospital
- Theresa Pancoe, Program Administrator, Placement Dept., Glenna Ress, Intake Supervisor - CSB
- Julie Rudolph, Bradley Smith, Tawandra Knight, Jobs and Family Services
- Tony Rinaldi, George Gabriel, Casey Annico, Linda Reigelman, Jennifer Tilley, Brittany McCord, Lynn Seekford MCBDD
- Judge Robert Rusu, Probate Court
- Attorney Chris Sammarone
- Kendall Shaffer, Cadence Care - Care Coordinator and Rebekah Pitzer, Cadence Care Supervisor

Human Resources Report

➤ **New Hires**

- Jamie Miller, EI Service Coordinator, eff. 6/12/2023
- Vincent Rock, SSA, eff. 6/12/2023
- Benjamin Vitek, Accountant-Special Projects, eff. 6/20/2023
- Kimberly Bangero, EI Physical Therapist, eff. 7/10/2023
- Elizabeth Huff, EI Developmental Specialist, eff. 7/31/2023

➤ **Employees Achieving Employment Anniversary Milestones**

- Taylor Murphy – 10 years
 - Joseph Rochette – 15 years
 - Andrea Romack – 10 years
 - Tricia Perry – 5 years
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- Board Personnel, Policy, and Finance Committee Report – No meeting was held.
 - Board Capital Facilities and Grounds Committee – No meeting was held.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

SSA Carol Riddle spoke to Board regarding the turnover in the Community Services department.

IX. OLD BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

1. Adopt a motion to enter into an agreement with A & A Construction & Concrete LLC, the demolition, removal and replacement of the sidewalk, curbing and driveway at Leonard Kirtz school, to be completed by September 30, 2023, not to exceed \$9,031.00. This agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by the Mahoning County Prosecutor’s Office.

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mrs. Hutchison

Discussion: This concrete work will address some unevenness to the sidewalks outside of the front entrance.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 5
Those opposed Nay _____
Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

2. Adopt Board Resolution 2023-010, as if fully written herein, for Approval of a Direct Services contract with the following individual as recommended by the Ethics Committee per approved Ethics Committee Resolution EC2023-005 with no conflict of interest for: Individual ID #6420519.

Motion: Mr. Noll Second: Mrs. Hutchison

Discussion: Standard practice when a waiver recipient has a family member employed by the Board or a Board member.

Roll Call: Mr. Pecchia Aye
Mr. Sertick _____
Mr. O’Nesti Abstain

Discussion: There will be five routes for the upcoming school year.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 5

Those opposed Nay _____

The President declares the motion Approved

5. Adopt a motion to approve lunch prices for the 2023-2024 LKS school year as \$ 4.24 for students and adults.

Motion: Mr. O'Nesti Second: Mrs. Hutchison

Discussion: Through the community eligibility provision, all students receive free lunch.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 5

Those opposed Nay _____

Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

6. Adopt a motion to authorize the Superintendent to approve out of county field trips for the 2023-2024 program year.

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mrs. Hutchison

Discussion: None

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 5

Those opposed Nay _____

Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

7. Adopt a motion to authorize a budget amendment to increase appropriations in the following account for the Special Education IDEA-B Grant:

2300950-600308-23004	\$22,500.00	Special Ed. IDEA-B - Teacher/Aide Wages
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Motion: Mr. Noll Second: Mrs. Kale

Discussion: This represents half of the grant amount. The second half will be dispersed in the first quarter of 2024.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 5
Those opposed Nay _____
Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

8. Adopt a motion to approve the following agreements listed A. – C.:

- A. Teach, Encourage, Act and Model LLC, for consultation and support services for the 2023-2024 school program at Leonard Kirtz School, not to exceed \$43,840.00**
- B. Easter Seal Society of Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties, for Occupational Therapy Services for the 2023-2024 school program at Leonard Kirtz School, not to exceed \$115,050.00**
- C. EDU Healthcare, LLC for Speech Therapy services for the 2023-24 school program at Leonard Kirtz School, not to exceed \$150,000.00**

These agreements have been reviewed and approved by the Ethics Committee and have been reviewed and approved as to form by the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office:

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mr. O'Nesti

Discussion: These are contracts needed for the upcoming school year to provide students with needed therapies and supports.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 5
Those opposed Nay _____
Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

- 9. Adopt a motion to enter into the First Amendment to the 2022/2023 Agreement with Youngstown Hearing and Speech Center, DBA Easter Seals Society of Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana Counties, for Physical Therapy Services, which will increase the not to exceed a cumulative total to \$22,000.00. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Ethics Committee and reviewed and approved as to form by the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office.**

Motion: Mrs. Hutchison Second: Mr. Noll

Discussion: This amendment is needed to cover additional services.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 5

Those opposed Nay _____

Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

10. Adopt Board Resolution 2023-011, as if fully written herein, authorizing the employment of substitute teachers who hold Associate degrees, as is otherwise required pursuant to Ohio Law and regulations, including ORC 3319.226 and 3319.30, OAC §3301-23-44, during the 2023-24 school year.

Motion: Mrs. Hutchison Second: Mr. O'Nesti

Discussion: Due to the difficulty finding substitute instructors, this allows the pool to be opened up to those with Associates degrees.

Roll Call:	Mr. Sertick	_____
	Mr. O'Nesti	<u>Aye</u>
	Mrs. Hutchison	<u>Aye</u>
	Mrs. Kale	<u>Aye</u>
	Mr. Noll	<u>Aye</u>
	Mrs. Patton	_____
	Mr. Pecchia	<u>Aye</u>

The President declares the motion Approved

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adopt a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss:

X **1. Personnel Matters**

_____ To consider the appointment of a public employee or official;

X To consider the employment 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: Mrs. Hutchison

There may be action following Executive Session

Discussion: None

Roll Call:	Mrs. Hutchison	<u>Aye</u>
	Mrs. Kale	<u>Aye</u>
	Mr. Noll	<u>Aye</u>
	Mrs. Patton	<u> </u>
	Mr. Pecchia	<u>Aye</u>
	Mr. Sertick	<u> </u>
	Mr. O'Nesti	<u>Aye</u>

The President declares the motion Approved

Time: 7:10 p.m.

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

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mrs. Hutchison

Roll Call:	Mrs. Kale	<u>Aye</u>
	Mr. Noll	<u>Aye</u>
	Mrs. Patton	<u> </u>
	Mr. Pecchia	<u>Aye</u>
	Mr. Sertick	<u> </u>
	Mr. O'Nesti	<u>Aye</u>
	Mrs. Hutchison	<u>Aye</u>

The President declares the motion Approved

Time: 8:31 p.m.

1. Adopt a motion to approve the attached Resolution approving the Employment Contract with William Whitacre as Superintendent pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5126.0219 for a term of five (5) years commencing September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2028.

Motion:	<u>Mrs. Kale</u>	Second:	<u>Mrs. Hutchison</u>
Roll Call:	Mrs. Kale	<u>Aye</u>	
	Mr. Noll	<u>Aye</u>	
	Mr. Sertick	_____	
	Mr. Pecchia	<u>Aye</u>	
	Mrs. Patton	_____	
	Mr. O'Nesti	<u>Aye</u>	
	Mrs. Hutchison	<u>Aye</u>	

The President declares the motion Approved

2. Adopt a motion to accept and recommend to the Mahoning County Commissioners the ratification of the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board and Mahoning Education Association of Developmental Disabilities (MEADD Unit A) for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2026.

Motion:	<u>Mr. Noll</u>	Second:	<u>Mr. O'Nesti</u>
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Discussion: None

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 5

Those opposed Nay _____

Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Adopt a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mr. O'Nesti

Roll Call:	Mr. Noll	<u>Aye</u>
	Mrs. Patton	_____
	Mr. Pecchia	<u>Aye</u>
	Mr. Sertick	_____
	Mr. O'Nesti	<u>Aye</u>
	Mrs. Hutchison	<u>Aye</u>
	Mrs. Kale	<u>Aye</u>

The President declares the motion Approved

Time: 8:33 p.m.