



**MAHONING COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

BOARD MEETING

DATE: February 21, 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>	_____
Ms. Terri Hutchison	<u>Present</u>	_____
Mrs. Jodi Kale	<u>Present</u>	_____
Mr. Peter Noll	_____	<u>Absent</u>
Mrs. Andrea Patton	<u>Present</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. Patton

Discussion: Mr. Noll and Mr. Sertick are 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 January 17, 2023 Organizational Meeting of the Board with any additions or deletions.

Motion: Mrs. Patton 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 January 17, 2023 Board Meeting with any additions or deletions.

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

III. FINANCIAL BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Adopt a motion to acknowledge the payment of bills for the month of January 2023.

Motion: Mrs. Patton

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. We received \$5075.00 in donations, \$5,000.00 was marked to student activities and \$75.00 for the playground project.

- IV. **ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT:** The Ethics Committee met prior to tonight's Board meeting and reviewed several vendor contracts that provide services to individuals in Mahoning County. The committee is recommending full Board support of these contracts which can be found on the Board agenda as item 2 under New Business. The Committee also reviewed a shared cost agreement Mahoning County Childrens Services Board for Individual ID # 7028127 with no conflict and a Direct Services contract with no conflict of interest for: Individual ID #6587231.

Adopt a motion to approve the Ethics Committee Report as presented by Chairperson, Andrea Patton.

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 January 2023 Personnel Report of Superintendent Whitacre.

Motion: Mrs. Patton

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 naming Jodi Kale as a substitute member of the Board Personnel, Programs and Finance Committee and the Board Capital, Facilities and Grounds Committee.

Motion: Mrs. Patton

Second: Mrs. Hutchison

Discussion: This will help to ensure that there is a quorum for committee meetings.

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 – There is approximately 700 million dollars earmarked for the DD system in the biennium budget. There is a push to increase the wage for DSP's to help combat the challenges for providers to get and keep staff.
- Veterans of the Valley Luncheon – Planned for March 24th at St. Nick's in Struthers.
- Material Escalation Costs – After careful consideration and discussions, the Board agrees not to pay the additional \$53,000 to B&B Construction for material escalation costs.
- LKS Transportation – It is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain transportation due to staffing. Will be communicating with the home school districts about their need to provide their own transportation for students.

Human Resources Report

➤ **Anniversary Milestone**

- Megan Monstwil – 5 years
- Kimberly Bernier – 10 years
- Carol Riddle – 10 years
- Roberta Ridge – 20 years
- Bruce Miliner – 25 years

➤ **New Hires**

- Suzanne Nelson, Instructor Assistant – LKS, eff. 01/17/23
- Islam Ababseh, SSA, eff. 01/30/23

➤ **Positions posted**

- EI Service Coordinator
- Compliance Specialist/FSS Coordinator/Risk Manager

➤ Service & Support Admin (SSA)

- Board Personnel, Policy, and Finance Committee Report – No meeting
- Board Capital Facilities and Grounds Committee – Mr. O’Nesti reported that the committee met prior to the Board meeting and discussed the ongoing plans for the playground project and also the material escalation costs for the Community Services renovation project.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IX. OLD BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

1. Adopt a motion to enter into shared cost agreements for residential placement and treatment by and between the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Mahoning County Children Services Board for the following:

A. Individual ID # 7028127 for services provided by Nancy Garner and Chynna Littlejohn from February 14, 2023 through February 13, 2024.

Motion: Mrs. Kale

Second: Mrs. Patton

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 enter into an agreement with the following vendors A. – C. These contracts have been reviewed by the Ethics Committee and approved as to form by the Mahoning County Prosecutor’s Office.

- A. I Am Boundless, Inc., for multi-system youth respite services, from December 1, 2022 – January 31, 2023. Not to exceed \$96,733.14.**
- B. Adopt a motion to enter into an agreement with Special Olympics Ohio, Inc., dba Mahoning Public Special Olympics, for recreation services, from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, not to exceed \$5,000.00.**
- C. Oakwood Counseling Center, Inc., for psychological services from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024, not to exceed \$60,000.00.**

Motion: Mrs. Patton

Second: Mrs. Kale

Discussion: The contract with I Am Boundless is an addendum due to continued need. The other contracts are the same as previous years.

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

The President declares the motion Approved

3. Adopt a motion to enter into an agreement with the following vendors A – K. These contracts have been reviewed and approved as to form by the Mahoning County Prosecutor’s Office.

- A. Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., dba Warren Fire Equipment for unscheduled repairs at MCBDD facilities, from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, not to exceed \$5,000.00.**
- B. Service Station Equipment Co., Inc., dba SSECO Solutions for unscheduled repairs for MCBDD fuel service equipment facilities, from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, not to exceed \$5,000.00.**
- C. Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., dba Warren Fire Equipment, for annual maintenance and recharging of handheld fire extinguishers at MCBDD facilities, from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, not to exceed \$3,000.00.**
- D. Estherlee Fence Company, Inc., for unscheduled fence repairs at MCBDD facilities, from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, not to exceed \$15,000.00.**

- E. RNL Fire Systems, LLC, for unscheduled repairs to fire systems, equipment and backflow valves at MCBDD facilities, from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- F. RNL Fire Systems, LLC, for inspection of wet and dry sprinkler systems at MCBDD facilities, from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, not to exceed \$800.00.
- G. RNL Fire Systems, LLC, for annual inspection and testing of fire hydrants at the LKS property, from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, not to exceed \$250.00.
- H. RNL Fire Systems, LLC, for inspection and testing of backflow preventers at MCBDD facilities, from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, not to exceed \$800.00.
- I. Nexstar Media Inc., dba WKBN, WYFX, WYTV, EYTV and IWKBN – TV for television advertising, from March 1, 2023 – October 22, 2023, not to exceed \$4,980.00.
- J. WFMJ Television, Inc., for television advertising, from March 6, 2023 – October 29, 2023, not to exceed \$8,501.00.
- K. Lamar Advantage GP Company, L.L.C., dba The Lamar Companies, for billboard advertising, from March 13, 2023 – October 15, 2023, not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Motion: Mrs. Hutchison Second: Mrs. Patton

Discussion: These are standard maintenance and/or advertising agreements.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 4

Those opposed Nay _____

Abstain Mr. O’Nesti abstains from E, F, G and H

The President declares the motion Approved

4. Adopt Board Resolution 2023-001, as if fully written herein, requesting a change of authorized signatories for the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities’ activities account.

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mrs. Hutchison

Discussion: None

Roll Call:	Mrs. Patton	<u>Aye</u>
	Mr. Pecchia	<u>Aye</u>
	Mr. Sertick	_____
	Mr. O’Nesti	<u>Aye</u>

Mrs. Hutchison Aye
Mrs. Kale Aye
Mr. Noll _____

The President declares the motion Approved

5. Adopt Board Resolution 2023-002, as if fully written herein, for Approval of Direct Services contract with the following individual as recommended by the Ethics Committee per approved Ethics Committee Resolution EC2023-001 with no conflict of interest for: Individual ID #6587231.

Motion: Mrs. Patton Second: Mrs. Hutchison

Discussion: None

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

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;
- X 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

X **3. Pending or imminent court action**

- X 4. Collective Bargaining Matters
- X 5. Matters required to be kept confidential
- _____ 6. Security matters
- _____ 7. Hospital trade secrets
- _____ 8. Veterans Service Commission Applications

Motion: Mrs. Patton Second: Mrs. Kale

Discussion: ***There may be action following Executive session

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

The President declares the motion Approved

Time: 6:56 p.m.

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

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

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

The President declares the motion Approved

Time: 9:24 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Adopt a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

The President declares the motion Approved

Time: 9:25 p.m.

**The next Board Meeting will be March 21, 2023 in the
Community Services large conference room at 6:00 p.m.**