



MAHONING COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

BOARD MEETING

DATE: May 16, 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>Absent</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: Mr. Noll Second: Mrs. Patton

Discussion: Mrs. Jodi Kale is excused

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 6
Those opposed Nay _____

The President declares the motion Approved

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Adopt a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 Board Meeting with any additions or deletions.

Motion: Mrs. Patton Second: Mrs. Hutchison

Discussion: None

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 5

Those opposed Nay _____

Abstain 1 (Mr. O'Nesti)

The President declares the motion Approved

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Discussion: None

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 6

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 April

2023.

Motion: Mr. Sertick

Second: Mrs. Patton

Discussion: None

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 6

Those opposed Nay _____

Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

Monthly Reconciliation: Mr. Kern, Director of Finance, reported that the activity accounts were reconciled and submitted to the County Auditor for review and that \$1,000 was received in donations for the 2023 softball game.

- IV. **ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Mr. Sertick reported that the Committee met prior to the Board meeting and reviewed the Easter Seals contracts for Speech, Physical and Occupational therapies for the 2023 summer enrichment program. The Committee is recommending full Board approval of these contracts which can be found under New Business item #8.

Adopt a motion to approve the Ethics Committee Report as presented by Chairperson, Anthony Sertick.

Motion: Mr. O'Nesti

Second: Mrs. Patton

Discussion: None

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 6

Those opposed Nay _____

Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

V. ROUTINE BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

- 1. Adopt a motion to acknowledge the April 2023 Personnel Report of**

Superintendent Whitacre.

Motion: Mr. Noll

Second: Mr. Sertick

Discussion: None

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 6

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: Superintendent Whitacre updated the Board on the current budget hearings. The House passed the budget with an increase to a \$17.00/hourly wage in 2023 and \$18.00/hourly wage in 2024.
- OACB Conference: The conference was attended by several staff members across several departments.

➤ **Special Recognition**

- Malachi Signor

Human Resources Report

➤ **New Hires**

- Rae Lynn Rowan, Secretary LKS, eff. 04/24/2023
- Holly Carrier, Service & Support Administrator, eff. 04/24/2023
- Kathleen Sherrard, EI Service Coordinator, eff. 04/24/2023

➤ **Positions posted**

- Service & Support Administrator
- Physical Therapist – E.I.

➤ **Employees Achieving Employment Anniversary Milestones**

- Jordan Baley, SSA – 5 years

- Board Personnel, Policy, and Finance Committee Report – Mr. Noll reported that the committee met and discussed position changes including an Intake IA position to a regular IA, the Budget Specialist being retitled as an Accountant – Special projects and a part-time SLP position at LKS to replace a full-time SLP position due to decreased enrollment. The Committee is recommending full Board approval of these positions which can be found under New Business items #1, 2, and 3.
- Board Capital Facilities and Grounds Committee – No meeting held.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

IX. OLD BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

1. Adopt a motion to create, post and fill one (1) Investigative Agent position in the Investigative Services Department. The salary range for this position is \$36,059.00 to \$72,117.00. This position has been reviewed and approved by the Board Personnel, Policy and Finance Committee.

Motion: Mr. Sertick Second: Mrs. Hutchison

Discussion: Mr. O’Nesti asked questions with regards to the count of how the cases have increased across the different categories.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 6
 Those opposed Nay _____
 Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

2. Adopt a motion to create, post and fill one (1) Accountant – Special Projects position. The salary range for this position is \$36,059.00 - \$72,117.00. This position has been reviewed and approved by the Board Personnel, Policy and Finance Committee.

Motion: Mrs. Hutchison Second: Mr. Setick

Discussion: Mr. O’Nesti with regards to how many Accountants will be employed in the Finance Dept. with this change.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 6
Those opposed Nay _____
Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

3. Adopt a motion to create, post and fill one (1) part-time Speech Language Pathologist position at Leonard Kirtz School. The salary range for this position is as negotiated in the MEADD CBA.

Motion: Mrs. Patton Second: Mrs. Hutchison

Discussion: Due to a decrease in enrollment there is no longer a need for two full time SLP’s.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 6
Those opposed Nay _____

The President declares the motion Approved

4. Adopt Board Resolution 2023-006, as if fully written herein, authorizing the execution and delivery of a renewal agreement to the Master Electric Energy Sales Agreement between the MCBDD and Power4schools’ endorsed electric supplies, Engie Resources, LLC.

Motion: Mrs. Patton Second: Mrs. Hutchison

Discussion: Participating in this agreement allows MCBDD to receive lower rates.

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

The President declares the motion Approved

5. Adopt a motion to express the intention to non-renew the Master Housing Contract with Gateways to Better Living (GTBL) upon the expiration of the current contract on July 31, 2023. The Board understands that GTBL is amenable to transferring the residential housing covered by the Master Housing Contract to a new housing corporation. The Board understands that the Summit Housing Development Corporation is interested in working with the Board in relation to the residential housing. Based upon the foregoing, the Board hereby resolves that it shall enter into a contract with the Summit Housing Development Corporation, upon terms agreed upon by the parties, for the acquisition and management of residential housing for individuals residing in Mahoning County. The Board hereby resolves and authorizes Superintendent Bill Whitacre to take all necessary and appropriate legal actions to convey the existing residential housing from GTBL to the Summit Housing Development Corporation.

Motion: Mrs. Patton

Second: Mr. Sertick

Discussion: This will change the company who manages the housing corp. Summit Housing Development Corp. will maintain these properties and ensure the appropriate upgrades are completed.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 6

Those opposed Nay _____

Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

6. Adopt a motion to accept a final reading of the following policies as previously reviewed by the Board Personnel, Policy and Finance Committee:

- **Policy 4060 – Pregnant Workers Fairness Act and Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers Act Policy**
- **Policy 4511 – Sick Leave Donation (revision)**
- **Policy 5010 – Activities Account (revision)**

Motion: Mrs. Patton

Second: Mrs. Hutchison

Discussion: None

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 6

Those opposed Nay _____

Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

7. Adopt a motion to approve the preparation, submission, and participation of the State Fiscal Year '24 Early Intervention Service Coordination grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, in the amount of \$566,184.00. Funding may be used to support EI service coordination and supervision, evaluation and assessment, local outreach, contract management activities, and oversight of the grant activities.

Motion: Mrs. Hutchison

Second: Mr. O'Nesti

Discussion: This grant covers costs for 7 Service Coordinator positions, an EI SC Supervisor and part of the EI Director salary.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 6

Those opposed Nay _____

Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

8. Adopt a motion to approve the following agreements listed A. – C. with Easter Seals of Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties, for the 2023 summer enrichment program. These agreements have been reviewed and approved by the Ethics Committee and have been approved as to form by the Mahoning County Prosecutors Office:

A. Speech Therapy Services, not to exceed \$7,500.00

B. Occupational Therapy Services, not to exceed \$7,500.00

C. Physical Therapy Services, not to exceed \$7,500.00

Motion: Mrs. Patton

Second: Mr. Sertick

Discussion: The cost for these contracts is recouped from the home districts of the individuals participating in the program.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 6
Those opposed Nay _____
Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

9. Adopt a motion to enter into an affiliation agreement with Eastern Gateway Community College, for clinical education of nursing students, from January 23, 2023 – December 31, 2023. This agreement has been approved as to form by the Mahoning County Prosecutors office.

Motion: Mr. Noll Second: Mr. Sertick

Discussion: Nursing students will be participating with the summer enrichment program students to complete their field work.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 6
Those opposed Nay _____
Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

10. Adopt a motion to approve a First Addendum to the service agreement with Person Centered Services, Inc., Active Day OH, Inc., Active Day, Inc., and ADSC Holdings, Inc., regarding the Javit Facility, effective January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, not to exceed a cumulative total of \$50,000.00. This addendum has been approved as to form by the Mahoning County Prosecutors office.

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

Discussion: None

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 6
Those opposed Nay _____
Abstain _____

The President declares the motion Approved

11. Adopt a motion to approve the 9 and 12 month staff calendars for the 2023-2024 program year as presented in the Board packet.

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

Discussion: None

All those in favor signify by saying Aye 6
Those opposed Nay _____
Abstain _____

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

_____ 3. Pending or imminent court action

 X 4. Collective Bargaining Matters

_____ 5. Matters required to be kept confidential

_____ 6. Security matters

_____ 7. Hospital trade secrets

_____ 8. Veterans Service Commission Applications

Motion: Mr. O'Nesti

Second: Mr. Sertick

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

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

The President declares the motion Approved

Time: 6:42 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	_____
	Mr. Noll	<u>Aye</u>
	Mrs. Patton	<u>Aye</u>
	Mr. Pecchia	<u>Aye</u>
	Mr. Sertick	<u>Aye</u>
	Mr. O’Nesti	<u>Aye</u>

The President declares the motion Approved

Time: 8:01 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Adopt a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Noll Second: Mrs. Patton

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

The President declares the motion Approved

Time: 8:01 p.m.

**The next Board Meeting will be June 27, 2023 in the
Community Services large conference room at 6:00 p.m.**