



**MAHONING COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**BOARD MEETING**

DATE: November 16, 2020  
TIME: 6:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Zoom-video conference meeting

**Minutes**

**The December Board meeting will be held one week earlier on December 14, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President O’Nesti

**I. ROLL CALL**

|                      | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
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| Mr. Gary G. O’Nesti  | <u>PRESENT</u> | _____         |
| Mrs. Terri Hutchison | _____          | <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> | _____         |

**11-0144-20**

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

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mrs. Patton

Discussion: Mrs. Hutchison will be excused.

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| Roll Call: | Mrs. Hutchison | _____      |
|            | Mrs. Kale      | <u>Aye</u> |
|            | 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

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

11-0145-20

**Adopt a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2020 Board Meeting with any additions or deletions.**

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mr. Pecchia

Discussion: None

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| Roll Call: | Mrs. Kale      | <u>Aye</u> |
|            | 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 | _____      |

The President declares the motion Approved

## III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

11-0146-20

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

Motion: Mrs. Patton Second: Mr. Noll

Discussion: None

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| Roll Call: | 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 | _____      |
|            | Mrs. Kale      | <u>Aye</u> |

The President declares the motion Approved

#### IV. FINANCIAL BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

**11-0147-20**

**Adopt a motion to acknowledge the payment of bills for the month of October 2020.**

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mr. Sertick

Discussion: None

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

The President declares the motion Approved

Monthly Reconciliation: Mr. Kern, Finance Director, reported that the activity accounts were reconciled and submitted to the County Auditor for review.

- V. **ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Mr. Pecchia, Chairperson, reported that the Ethics Committee met prior to the Board meeting and reviewed the contracts that are presented on the Board agenda under 'New Business' item #1. The Committee is recommending full Board approval of these contracts.

**11-0148-20**

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



**\*\*\*President Gary O’Nesti will appoint three (3) members to the Nominating Committee to prepare a slate for 2021 Officers.**

- Mrs. Jodi Kale, Chairperson
- Mrs. Andrea Patton
- Mrs. Terri Hutchison

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE BEFORE THE BOARD**

**None**

## **VIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

- **Administrative Report**
  - **LKS re-opening – Gina Symsek, Director of Education reported that approximately 35 students have returned for in-person classes, this is about half of the students who are enrolled. Feedback has been positive from families and staff.**
  - **The future of Adult Day and transportation services – moving forward, there will be a shift in many instances to smaller more community based programs. We may explore agreements with Uber and Lyft to provide transportation for individuals wishing to participate.**
  - **LKS renovation project – The project is at the point of advertising for bids. Most likely will start this process by the end of the year.**
  - **COVID white paper – this is an unpublished document for informational purposes regarding COVID, in a study with John Hopkins University and ODODD, regarding individuals with DD and the high instance of contracting the illness.**
- **Board Finance Committee Report – Mr. Noll, Chairperson, reported that no**

meeting was held but that the Committee wanted to thank the voters of Mahoning County for supporting the levy. Next meeting will be held January 25.

- Board Programs, Service Initiatives & Personnel Committee Report – Mr. Sertick, Chairperson, reported that no meeting was held.
- Board Capital Facilities and Grounds Committee – Mr. Pecchia, Chairperson, reported no meeting was held.

#### **IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

#### **X. OLD BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

NONE

#### **XI. NEW BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

**11-0150-20**

**1. Adopt a motion to approve the following contracts lettered A. through G. these contracts have been reviewed in the Ethics Committee and have been approved as to form by the Mahoning County Prosecutor's office.**

- A. Balser & Blum Behavior Support Consultants, LLC for behavior support, not to exceed \$3,000.00**
- B. Special Olympics Ohio Inc. dba Mahoning County Developmental Disabilities Special Olympics, not to exceed \$5,000.00**
- C. Youngstown Hearing and Speech, dba Easter Seals of Mahoning, Trumbull & Columbiana Counties for community interpreting services, not to exceed \$2,000.00.**
- D. Person Centered Services, Inc. for transportation services, not to exceed \$15,000.00**
- E. Turning Point Residential, Inc. for transportation services, not to exceed \$21,000.00.**
- F. Helping Hands Empowering Lives, LLC for transportation services, not to exceed \$10,041.00.**
- G. Mahoning Valley Lawncare, LLC for winter snow and ice removal, not to exceed \$25,000.00.**

Motion: Mrs. Patton Second: Mrs. Kale

Discussion: Superintendent Whitacre stated that all contracts are ongoing and other than Person Centered Services, Inc., all vendors have been providing services in Mahoning County in previous years.

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

The President declares the motion Approved

**11-0151-20**

**2. Adopt Board Resolution 2020-012 requesting PNC Bank to request a change of authorized signatories for the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities Activities Account.**

Motion: Mrs. Kale Second: Mr. Pecchia

Discussion: This resolution is needed to change over signatories for an account for LKS student activities reflecting new staff replacing previous staff members.

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| Roll Call: | Mrs. Hutchison | _____      |
|            | Mrs. Kale      | <u>Aye</u> |
|            | 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

**11-0152-20**

**3. Adopt a motion to authorize a budget amendment to increase appropriations in the following accounts for leave and severance payouts:**

|                        |                 |                            |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>7500-950-600314</b> | <b>\$35,000</b> | <b>Separation Payouts</b>  |
| <b>7500-950-600334</b> | <b>\$15,000</b> | <b>Earned Time Buyouts</b> |

Motion: Mr. Noll Second: Mrs. Kale

Discussion: These transfers will allow for payouts of accruals to staff who were laid off.

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

The President declares the motion Approved

**11-0153-20**

**4. Adopt a motion to authorize a budget amendment to increase appropriations in the following accounts to allow for the expenditure of money related to the CARES Act:**

|                             |                  |                         |
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| <b>0400-04950-600402</b>    | <b>\$200,000</b> | <b>Medical Supplies</b> |
| <b>2301950-600612-2301C</b> | <b>\$20,000</b>  | <b>Data Equipment</b>   |

Motion: Mr. Noll Second: Mrs. Kale

Discussion: The \$200,000 will be used to purchase devices to provide sanitization to offices and buildings. The \$20,000 is for remote data equipment through ODE.

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

The President declares the motion Approved

**11-0154-20**

**5. Adopt a motion to approve attendance of Board Members and staff at professional meetings and approve expenditures for attendance within the State of Ohio for the calendar year 2021 estimated at \$47,825.00 for the improvement of program operations, personal development, and continuing education.**



Motion: Mrs. Patton

Second: Mr. Pecchia

Discussion: None

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

The President declares the motion Approved

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**11-0155-20**

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

Motion: Mrs. Kale

Second: Mrs. Patton

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

The President declares the motion Approved

**Time: 6:43 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary G. O’Nesti, President

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Andrea Patton, Recording Secretary