



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
The Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve
Tuesday, December 10, 2024; 5:45 p.m.
Board Meeting was in Person

CALL TO ORDER: President Mr. Geoffrey Kent called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present in Person: Mrs. Brush, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Cahill, Dr. Culotta, Mr. Hach, Mr. Kent, Mr. Remias, Mr. Snyder
Mrs. Percic absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION: 155-2024

Mr. Hach moved and Mr. Remias seconded the motion to approve the Board Minutes of the November 19, 2024 Special Meeting of the Board as written. (EXHIBIT MINUTES)

Vote: Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes
President declared the motion carried

MOTION: 156-2024

Mr. Remias moved and Mr. Cahill seconded the motion to approve the Amended Permanent Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025. (EXHIBIT PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS)

Vote: Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes
President declared the motion carried

MOTION: 157-2024

Mr. Cahill moved and Mr. Hach seconded the motion to approve the November 30, 2024 Financial Reports.

Vote: Mr. Cahill, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes
President declared the motion carried

MOTION: 158-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Remias seconded the motion to approve the following donations. (EXHIBIT DONATIONS)

- Cash donation from Swagelok Foundation in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Science Olympiad.

Vote: Mr. Snyder, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Kent, yes
President declared the motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDS

Superintendent's Report

- Hale Building/Facilities update
- ESCWR Strategic Planning Administrative Retreat
- Department of Education and Workforce and ESC Leadership
- Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA) Conference
- Salvation Army Day of Giving
- Debra Burkes Appointment on the Ohio School Plan Governing Board

MOTION: 159-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Cahill seconded the motion to approve the following District Service Agreements and/or Addendums.

- Berkshire Local - Addendum - SAIL
- Crestwood Local - Addendum - Vocational Services
- Crestwood Local - Addendum - RESA Services
- Fairport Exempted Village - Addendum - Family Community Liaison Services
- Kenston Local - Addendum - Master Agreement - Misc Services
- Painesville City Local - Addendum - Staffing
- West Geauga Local - Addendum - Curriculum Services
- West Geauga Local - Addendum - Nursing Services

Vote: Mr. Snyder, yes; Mr. Cahill; yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; President declared the motion carried

MOTION: 160-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Hach seconded the motion to approve the following Service Agreements.

- Educational Service Center of Central Ohio- ESCWR will provide targeted professional development and assistance to support the Tutor Ohio initiatives, process tutor background check to qualified tutors, and support the completion of 19 documentation on behalf of ESCCO from October 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. ESCWR will receive \$45,000 for professional services and separate reimbursement for each processed background check.

Vote: Mr. Snyder, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Cahill; yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; President declared the motion carried

MOTION: 161-2024

Dr. Culotta moved and Mr. Cahill seconded the motion to approve the following Vendor Agreements:

- Bright Futures Therapeutic Services, LLC - Speech-Language Pathology Services for an unfilled vacancy at Gaitway High School from November 25, 2024, to June 15, 2025, for \$110 per hour; billed to Related Services.
- Energy Optimizers, USA—To provide Solar Window Film for the ESCWR Hale Building, including film for first—and second-floor windows as identified in the drawing, project design, engineering, and project management, in the amount of \$27,930 billed to the Hale Building account, according to the terms noted in the scope of work.
- Ravenwood Health - Prevention Specialist services to support the ESCWR Prevention Department as needed from October 2024 to June 2025 for \$82 per hour billed to Geauga County Jobs and Family Services Grant.

Vote: Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Cahill; yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes; President declared the motion carried

MOTION: 162-2024

Mr. Remias moved and Mr. Snyder seconded the motion to approve the following agreements with the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (GCBDD).

- Funding Agreement - GCBDD and the Berkshire, Cardinal, Chardon, Kenston, and West Geauga Local School Districts, along with ESCWR, will collaborate to address the needs of students aged 5-21 categorized under Level 5 or 6 by ODEW, as well as preschool students aged 3-5 eligible for GCBDD services. GCBDD will reimburse districts an amount equal to the ODEW subsidy payment, plus \$288,000 in local levy funding, allocated on a per-student basis.
- Lease Agreement - Effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, GCBDD will lease seven classrooms (6,065 square feet) at 8200 Cedar Road, Chesterland, Ohio, to ESCWR for Special Education programs. The lease amount of \$82,125.86 will be paid in full by June 30, 2025.
- Grant Agreement - GCBDD will award a grant of \$82,125.86 for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. The funds will be used to lease 6,065 square feet of classroom space at the Metzenbaum Center, 8200 Cedar Road, Chesterland, Ohio, for Special Education programs.

Vote: Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Cahill; yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; President declared the motion carried

MOTION: 163-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Remias seconded the motion to approve the following agreement with Geauga County Jobs and Family Services (GCJFS).

- Grant Agreement - GCJFS will award a grant of \$152,244.30 for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. The funds will be used to provided outlined education, awareness and skill-building techniques to the students of Geauga County at no cost.

Vote: Mr. Snyder, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Cahill; yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; President declared the motion carried

MOTION: 164-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mrs. Brush seconded the motion to approve the following Human Resources items: Suspension of Contracts; Amendments, New Employees, Renewals, Supplementals, Separations, Leave of Absence requests, and Summer Positions.

Vote: Mr. Snyder, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mr. Remias, yes
President declared the motion carried

MOTION: 165-2024

Mr. Burnett moved and Mr. Snyder seconded the motion to set the date, time, and place of the annual organizational meeting January 2025. In accordance with ORC 3313.14, the Governing Board of an Educational Service Center is required to hold an annual meeting referred to as the "Organizational Meeting" during the month of January. The Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve will hold its Organizational Meeting at the Auburn Career Center Technology Learning Center on January 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Vote: Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mr. Remias, yes
President declared the motion carried

MOTION: 166-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Hach seconded the motion to set the date, time, and place of the January 2025 Regular Board Meeting for the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve to begin immediately after the conclusion of the 2025 Organizational Meeting.

Vote: Mr. Snyder, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mr. Remias, yes;
President declared the motion carried

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The floor was opened to take nominations for President Pro Tempore for the January 2025 Organizational Meeting:

Mr. Kent nominated Mr. Cahill; Mr. Remias nominated Mr. Burnett. With the nomination of Mr. Burnett, Mr. Cahill declined the nomination.

MOTION: 167-2024

Mr. Kent moved and Dr. Culotta seconded the motion to close nominations.

Vote: Mr. Kent, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; ; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Reimas, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes
President declared the motion carried

MOTION: 168-2024

Mr. Hach moved and Mrs. Brush seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Kenneth Burnett to serve as the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve President Pro Tempore to preside over the January 2025 organizational meeting until a Governing Board President is elected pursuant to R.C. 3313.14 and applicable laws.

Vote: Mr. Hach, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes
President declared the motion carried

MOTION: 169-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Hach seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Mrs. Jean Brush from the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve effective December 31, 2024, and expressing the Governing Board's appreciation to Mrs. Jean Brush for over thirty (30) years of service to the Board.

Whereas Mrs. Jean Brush has dedicated over thirty (30) years of exemplary service to the Lake County Educational Service Center and the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve; and

Whereas Mrs. Jean Brush has significantly contributed to the vision and operation of the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve; and

Whereas Mrs. Jean Brush has governed skillfully and successfully with wisdom through many challenges and opportunities along the way; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve expresses its sincere appreciation to Mrs. Jean Brush for her dedication and contribution to the success of our organization.

Vote: Mr. Snyder, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mr. Remias, yes;
President declared the motion carried

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- ESCWR Regular Board Meeting - January 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
 - ESCWR TLC Building Room 122, 8221 Auburn Rd., Concord, OH 44077
- Lake County Business Advisory Council - February 13, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
 - ESCWR TLC Building Room 106, 8221 Auburn Rd., Concord, OH 44077
- Geauga County Business Advisory Council - February 18, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
 - 12611 Ravenwood Dr., Chardon, OH 44024
- Lake County Business Advisory Council - April 03, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
 - ESCWR TLC Building Room 106, 8221 Auburn Rd., Concord, OH 44077
- Geauga County Business Advisory Council - April 08, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
 - 12611 Ravenwood Dr., Chardon, OH 44024
- Lake County Business Advisory Council - May 8, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
 - ESCWR TLC Building Room 106, 8221 Auburn Rd., Concord, OH 44077
- Geauga County Business Advisory Council - May 13, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
 - 12611 Ravenwood Dr., Chardon, OH 44024

MOTION: 170-2024

Mr. Burnett moved and Mr. Kent seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

Vote: Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes

President declared the motion carried

ADJOURNMENT



Geoffrey Kent, Board President



L. Greg Slemmons, Treasurer/CFO