



Special Board Meeting Minutes
The Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve
Thursday, September 28, 2023; 5:45 p.m.
Board Meeting was in Person
8221 Auburn Road, Painesville, Ohio 44077

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. Kent, Mrs Percic Mr. Remias, Mr. Walter.

Absent: Mr. Snyder

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

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TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

Treasurer Report:

Motion: 115-2023

Mr. Walter moved and Dr. Culotta seconded the motion to approve the Board Minutes of the September 5, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board as written. (EXHIBIT MINUTES)

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

Motion:116-2023

Mr. Remias moved and Mrs. Percic seconded the motion to approve the August 31, 2023, Financial Reports. (EXHIBIT FINANCIALS)

ORC 3313.29 - The Treasurer shall render a statement to the Board and to the superintendent of the school district, monthly, or more often if required, showing the revenues and receipts from whatever sources derived the various appropriations made by the board, the expenditures and disbursements therefrom, the purposes thereof, the balances remaining in each appropriation, and the assets and liabilities of the school district. The ESC of the Western Reserve financial statements for the periods ending August 31, 2023, are hereby rendered and include: Financial Summary, Appropriations Report, Check Register, and Bank Reconciliation (EXHIBIT FINANCIALS).

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

Motion:117-2023

Mr. Burnett moved and Mr. Remias seconded a resolution to approve the Permanent Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024. (EXHIBIT PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS)

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

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDS

Superintendent Report:

- State of Ohio - Report Card Release, September 14, 2023
- Ohio Excels and the Thomas B Fordham Institute - State Panel, September 19, 2023
- Eastern Lake Chamber of Commerce - State of the Schools, September 27, 2023

Motion:118-2023

Mr. Walter moved and Mrs. Percic seconded a resolution to approve the following District Service Agreements and/or Addendums. (EXHIBIT DISTRICT)

2023-2024

Mater Dei Master Agreement/Addendum - Nursing Supervision

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

Motion:119-2023

Mr. Cahill moved and Mrs. Brush seconded a resolution to approve the following Service Agreements. (EXHIBIT SERVICES)

- Educational Service of Central Ohio (ESCCO) - The Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve (ESCWR) and Cardinal Local Schools commit to participation in the Ohio Materials Matter: K-8 Math Implementation Cohort 2 with ESCCO and in conjunction with the Ohio Educational Service Center (OESCA). OESCA and ESCCO will provide eight (8) coaching sessions, Quarterly ESC Collaborative Meetings, Fall and Spring Walkthroughs, Action-planning and Professional Learning sessions and Winter and Spring Progress Monitoring sessions to ESCWR and Cardinal. ESCCO will pay ESCWR \$15,000 for participation of a second partner district with an additional consultant in Cohort 2.

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

Motion:120-2023

Mrs. Brush moved and Mr Remias seconded a resolution to approve the Ohio Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025 with the Ohio Department of Education for State Support Team Region 4. (EXHIBIT ODE SST4)

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

Motion:121-2023

Mr. Burnett moved and Mr. Remias seconded a resolution to accept the subgrant agreement from the Geauga County Job and Family Services (GCJFS) on behalf of the grantor the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) under the authority of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention program (TPP) effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 in the amount of \$139,962.34; billed monthly at the rate of \$41.93 per billable hour. (EXHIBIT GCJFS)

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

Motion:122-2023

Mr. Burnett moved and Mr Cahill seconded a resolution to accept the grant extension for the Regional Data Leads (RDL) contract for ESCWR and LGCA set to expire March 20, 2023 is extended until June 30, 2024 as authorized by South Central Ohio ESC the grant managing organization at the request of the Ohio Department of Education. (EXHIBIT RDL)

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

Motion:123-2023

Mr. Walter moved and Mr. Cahill seconded a resolution to approve a Settlement Offer for Government Entity Claims against Altria Group, Inc. for a gross offer of \$20.619 to resolve its claims against Altria and to approve the associated Government Entity Release of All Claims for the Juul Labs Inc (JLI) Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation for the Settlement Agreement Dated July 26, 2023. (Exhibit JUUL)

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

Motion:124-2023

Mr. Walter moved and Dr. Culotta seconded a resolution to approve the following Vendor Service Agreements: (EXHIBIT VENDOR)

- Company 119 agreement for 1 year commencing October 1, 2023 for website services to include a customized website design, implementing content for prevention services, training and implementation for Thought Exchange Portal for interactive communication. All of these services are required for compliance with and will be paid for by the Drug Free Communities - Center for Disease Control grant not to exceed \$4,850 per year with 1 Optimized Outreach Promotion not to exceed \$7,750. This agreement provides for an additional 4 years of service at the same website fee, \$4,850 per year, and is contingent upon the CDC renewing the grant funding each year.
- Thought Exchange agreement for 1 year commencing October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 for access to the Thought Exchange hosted platform and 5 licenses for Exchange Leaders affiliated with the Drug Free Communities - Center for Disease Control grant. This platform allows Exchange Leader to interact with unlimited participants (no licensing required) to engage in structured interactions for open and easy communication with printable, downloadable or web-based reporting. This service is in compliance with and will be paid for by the Drug Free Communities - Center for Disease Control grant not to exceed \$21,500.
- Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance will provide supervision and facilitation for a mentoring/tutoring program at Cardinal Local School District. ESCWR will pay Torchlight \$9,728.50 for their services from funding provided by the Ohio Mental Health and Substance Abuse grant (OHMHAS). Torchlight will provide additional in-kind services in the amount of \$667.00.

- Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance will provide supervision and facilitation for a mentoring/tutoring program at Fairport Harbor Exempted Village School District. ESCWR will pay Torchlight \$9,728.50 for their services from funding provided by the Ohio Mental Health and Substance Abuse grant (OHMHAS). Torchlight will provide additional in-kind services in the amount of \$667.00.
- Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance will provide supervision and facilitation for a mentoring/tutoring program at West Geauga Local School District. ESCWR will pay Torchlight \$8,738.00 for their services from funding provided by the Ohio Mental Health and Substance Abuse grant (OHMHAS). Torchlight will provide additional in-kind services in the amount of \$667.00.
- Impact Group agreement to extend marketing supports from original contract for project completion for 105 hours not to exceed a total cost of \$10,500 to be paid from GEERS Grant funding and \$3,500 from General Fund.
- You Thrive Training and Consulting LLC 1 year agreement commencing October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 to provide training, consultation and support in compliance with the Drug Free Communities grant on behalf of ESCWR to the Geauga Community Forum Coalition. ESCWR will pay You Thrive \$330 per month for 3 hours of services and will be paid for by the Drug Free Communities - Center for Disease Control grant.
- LLA Therapy LLC agreement commencing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to provide related services support staff in the areas of Speech Language Pathology, Occupational Therapist and Assistant, Physical Therapist and Assistant at the rates states on Exhibit A. Any service used will be billed to the corresponding program or district receiving said service.

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

Motion:125-2023

Mr Walter moved and Mrs Percic seconded a resolution to approve the following Memorandum of Understanding Agreements: (EXHIBIT MOU)

- ESCWR Prevention MOU with Cardinal Local Schools to provide professional development through Positive Coaching Alliance for staff to support character-building experiences for athletes based on positive youth-development and built around the framework of social-emotional learning. This MOU will provide up to \$2,100 for the cost of the workshops and up to \$600 for the cost of books at \$6 per book to be paid upon submission of proof of payment and will be reimburse from the Drug Free Communities-Center for Disease Control Grant.
- ESCWR Prevention MOU with Cardinal Local Schools to provide professional development through Maximum Potential to provide Lean Six Sigma for Yellow and Green Belt training for 20 participants and Train-the-Trainer certification for 10 participants. This MOU will provide up to \$10,500 for the cost of the training to be paid upon submission of proof of payment and will be reimburse from the Drug Free Communities-Center for Disease Control Grant.
- ESCWR Curriculum MOU to grant the use, for the life of the identified equipment and supplies, to West Geauga Local Schools. This MOU outlines the terms and conditions for the use, maintenance and disposal of the equipment. The identified equipment and supplies, valued at \$22,081.84 and purchased through the Federally funded Extended Learning Grant, shall be used exclusively for educational purposes within the Makerspace/Hackerspace center at West Geauga High School.

Vote: Mr. Walter, yes; Mrs. Percic, 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:126-2023

Mr. Cahill moved and Mr. Burnett seconded a resolution to approve attendance and expenses for out-of-state travel to education related conferences.

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

Motion:127-2023

Mr. Walter moved and Dr. Culotta seconded a resolution to approve the following Human Resources items: Suspension of Contracts; Amendments, New Employees, Renewals, Supplementals, Separations, Leave of Absence requests and Summer Positions. (EXHIBIT HUMAN RESOURCES)

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting - October 17, 2023, at 5:45 pm
 - 8221 Auburn Road, Painesville, Ohio 44077 - Room 122
- Geauga State of the Schools- November 3, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.
 - Kent State University - Geauga Campus 14111 Claridon Troy Rd, Burton, OH 44021
- Regular Board Meeting - November 9, 2023, at 5:45 pm - THURSDAY Due to Elections
 - 8221 Auburn Road, Painesville, Ohio 44077 - Room 122
- Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference - November 12 - 14, 2023
 - Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N High St., Columbus, Ohio 43215
- Regular Board Meeting - December 5, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
 - Auburn Career Center, 8140 Auburn Rd., Concord, Ohio 44077 - Room 10A
- Opening Day 2024 - August 11, 2024

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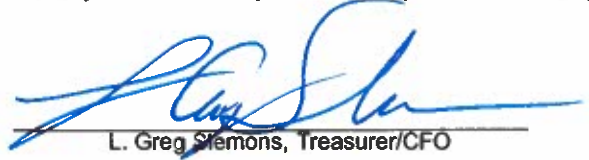
Motion:128-2023

Mr. Walter moved and Mrs. Remias seconded the adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

Vote: Mr. Walter, yes; Mr Remias, yes; Mrs. Bush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mrs. Percic, yes
President declared the motion carried



Geoffrey Kent, Board President



L. Greg Simons, Treasurer/CFO