



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
The Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve
Tuesday, October 17, 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. Snyder, Mr. Walter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

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TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

Treasurer Report:

Motion: 129-2023

Mr. Walter moved and Mr. Snyder seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board held on September 28, 2023 as written. (EXHIBIT MINUTES)

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

President declared the motion carried

Motion: 130-2023

Mr. Walter moved and Mr. Snyder seconded the motion to approve Financial Reports 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 period ending September 30, 2023 are hereby rendered and include: Financial summary, Appropriations Report, Check Register, and Bank Reconciliation. (EXHIBIT FINANCIALS).

Vote: Mr. Walter, yes; Mr. Snyder, 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: 131-2023

Mr. Walter moved and Mr. Cahill seconded the motion to approve the Amended permanent appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024. (EXHIBIT PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS)

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

President declared the motion carried

Motion: 132-2023

Mr. Walter moved and Mrs. Percic seconded the motion to approve the following donation from Cardinal Credit Union for the Science Olympiad in the amount of \$500.00. (EXHIBIT DONATION)

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; Mr. Snyder, yes;

President declared the motion carried

Motion: 133-2023

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Cahill seconded the motion to approve an GEER II Support for Non-Public Schools Services Agreement with the Ohio Department of Education for a period beginning October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 to provide services and assistance to non-public schools through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) to Non Public Schools (EXHIBIT ODE GEER II).

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

President declared the motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDS

Superintendent Report:

- Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) Superintendent Conference
- Lt. Governor Husted and Faith in Education Roundtable
- Lake Erie College Education Advisory Board
- West Geauga Local School Board Resolution

Motion: 134-2023

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Remias seconded the motion by the Governing Board of Education Service center of the Western Reserve in recognition of Dr. Richard Markwardt's 2023 Buckeye Association of School Administrators Exemplary Leadership Award. (BASA)

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

President declared the motion carried failed

Whereas Dr. Markwardt's dedicated leadership, in partnership with the West Geauga School District staff, students, families and community, placed the school district 10th in Ohio on the Performance Index ranking for the past two years; and

Whereas Dr. Markwardt significantly contributed to the vision and operation of the West Geauga School District; and

Whereas Dr. Markwardt's leadership, wisdom and passion for education, through many challenges and opportunities, have proved him to be an outstanding leader; now

Therefore be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service center of the Western Reserve expresses their sincere congratulations to Dr. Markwardt for being awarded as the 2023 Buckeye Association of School Administrators Exemplary leader.

Motion: 135-2023

Mr. Snyder moved and Mrs. Percic the motion to approve the following District Service Agreements and /or Addendums. (EXHIBIT DISTRICT)

2023-2024 SERVICE AGREEMENTS:

- Kirtland - Master Service Agreement

2023-2024 SERVICE ADDENDUMS:

- Fairport Harbor - Curriculum - Mathematics - Extended Learning
- West Geauga - Curriculum - Social Studies - Extended Learning

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

President declared the motion carried

Motion: 136-2023

Mr. Cahill and Mr. Burnett seconded the motion to approve the following: (EXHIBIT SERVICE)

- AMENDED Agreement from September 5, 2023 - Educational Service Central Ohio (ESCCO) is contracting the Education Service Center of the Western Reserve (ESCWR) to provide five (5) High-quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) Specialists and two (2) Math Specialists for FY24. ESCCO will reimburse ESCWR\$ up to \$105,000.00 (\$15,000 per specialist) for these services. Amended due to staffing.
- Educational Service of Central Ohio (ESCCO) is contracting the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve (ESCWR) to provide a High-quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) Specialist Regional Lead for up to 25 days during FY24. ESCCO will reimburse ESCWR up to \$23,750.00 for these services.

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

President declared the motion carried

Motion: 137-2023

Mr. Snyder moved and Dr. Culotta seconded the motion to approve the purchase of up to 20 days of identified district staff in the capacity of Literacy coach to work the the ESCWR Curriculum team to support Identified Structured Literacy work and to be paid from the Structured Literacy Grant. (EXHIBIT LITERACY)

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

President declared the motion carried failed

Motion: 138-2023

Mr. Walter moved and Mrs. Bush seconded the motion to approve the following Vendor Service Agreements: (EXHIBIT VENDOR)

- CompHealth Medical Staffing - Agreement to provide temporary staff in the areas of Speech, Occupational and Physical therapy to cover staffing shortages and leaves of absence. Services billed to programs and/or districts as services are needed.
- Ruling Our Experiences (ROX) - ROX is an evidence based program for adolescent girls which is implemented using state licensed staff as trained facilitators for grades 5 - 12 to help girls succeed in relationship, academics, careers and life. This is the second year for this program at Cardinal, Fairport Harbor, Madison, Painesville and West Geauga and will be paid for from Extended Learning Funds not to exceed \$22,500.
- The Impact Group - Agreement to provide a 1-hour training on January 26, 2024 at the ESCWR Strategic Planning Retreat to support leadership training. Services to be paid from the general fund and not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Vote: Mr. Walter, yes; Mrs. Bush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mrs. Percic, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes;

President declared the motion carried

Motion: 139-2023

Mr. Cahill and Dr. Culotta seconded the motion to approve the following Partnership Agreements: (EXHIBIT PARTNER)

- Veregy - Partnership agreement to provide facility improvement projects and services to school districts. Veregy will provide a two (2) percent fee of the total price of each contracted service to ESCWR to each district agreement not to exceed \$26,000.00.

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

President declared the motion carried

Motion: 140-2023

Mr. Walter moved and Mrs. Percic seconded the motion to approve attendance and expenses for out-of-state travel to education related conference.

- GRAD Partnership Convening on November 1 - 2, 2023 in Baltimore, MD for Crystal Bryski, State Support Team 4 Consultant. The Everyone Graduates Center at the John Hopkins Schools of Education supports the development of ways to get all students to high school graduation fully prepared for post-graduation success. This approval seeks permission for out-of-state travel only, as the American Institute of Research will make all travel arrangements and associated costs.

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

President declared the motion carried

Motion: 141-2023

Mrs. Percic moved and Dr. Culotta seconded the motion to approve the following Human Resources items: Suspension of Contracts; amendments, New Employees, Renewal, Supplementals, Separations, Leave of Absence requests and Summer Positions. (EXHIBIT HUMAN RESOURCES)

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

President declared the motion carried

Motion: 142-2023

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Burnett seconded the motion to approve the following policies. (EXHIBIT POLICY)

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

President declared the motion carried

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 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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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Walter moved and Dr. Culotta seconded the motion to approve entering into Executive Session at 6:12 p.m. per ORC 121.22 for the purpose of discussing employee compensation.

Request for a motion for the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve Governing Board ("Governing Board") to recess in executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G) (1) to consider employee compensation. Upon conclusion of the executive session, the Governing Board President shall gavel the Governing Board back into open session at this location. All matters discussed in this executive session are designated to the public officials and employees confidential pursuant to R.C. 102.03 (B) because of the status of the proceedings and/or circumstances under which the information will be received, and preserving its confidentiality is necessary to the proper conduct government business.

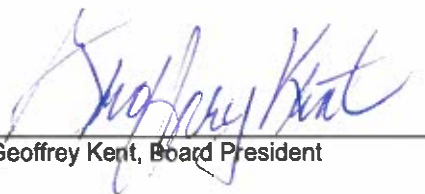
Vote: Mr. Walter, yes; Dr. Culotta, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mrs. Percic, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mr. Snyder, yes;
President declared the motion carried

Mr. Kent gaveled the Regular Meeting back into open session at 6:47 p.m.

Motion: 143-2023

Mr. Cahill moved and Mrs. Percic seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

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



Geoffrey Kent, Board President



L. Greg Simons, Treasurer/CFO