



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
The Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve
Thursday, June 27, 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, Mr. Kent, Mrs. Percic, Mr. Remias, Mr. Snyder
Absent: Dr. Culotta, Mr. Hach

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

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TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

Treasure Report:

- Ohio Auditor of State Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2023
- January 2025 Projected Hospitalization Rate Increases

Mr. Hach arrived at 5:48 p.m.

MOTION: 83-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Remias seconded the motion to approve the Board Minutes of the June 7, 2024 Meeting of the Board as written. (EXHIBIT MINUTES)

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

MOTION: 84-2024

Mr. Burnett moved and Mr. Remias seconded the motion to approve the May 31, 2024 Financial Reports. ORC 3313.29 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 April 30, 2024, are hereby rendered and include: Financial Summary, Appropriations Report, Check Register, and Bank Reconciliation. (EXHIBIT FINANCIALS).

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

MOTION: 85-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mrs. Brush seconded the motion to approve amendments to the permanent appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

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

MOTION: 86-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Hach seconded the motion to approve Fund to Fund Transfers and Advances for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (EXHIBIT TRANSFERS & ADVANCES)

Vote: Mr. Snyder, yes; Mr. Hach, 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: 87-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Hach seconded the motion to approve The Ohio School Plan Insurance with Hylant effective July 1, 2024 not to exceed the amount of \$53,969 for liability, property, violence, auto and crime including the Treasurer L. Greg Slemmons Employee Dishonesty coverage and CFC with Hylant in the amount of \$6,890 for cyber coverage.

Vote: Mr. Snyder, yes; Mr. Hach, 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: 88-2024

Mr. Burnett moved and Mr. Remias seconded the motion to approve Temporary Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. (EXHIBIT TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS)

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

MOTION: 89-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mrs. Percic seconded the motion to submit the question of the renewal of an existing 4.9-Mill Levy for the purpose of current expenses for specified educational programs within the territory of the Lake County school financing district to the electors of the district, pursuant to section 5705-215 of the revised code.

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

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDS

Superintendent Report:

- Fair School Funding and Educational Service Centers
- ISTEM Early College High School and Facilities Grant
- Lake County Health Department and Nursing Services
- 2024 OSBA Business Honor Roll
 - Energy Optimizers
 - Impact Group
 - Snyder Auto Center
 - Solon Manufacturing

MOTION: 90-2024

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

2024-2025 Agreements

- Berkshire Local Schools - Master Agreement
- Hudson City Schools - Master Agreement

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

MOTION: 91-2024

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

- ESC of Central Ohio - ESCWR Curriculum services for district level support for HQIM awareness, adoption, and or implementation for math standards divided into 10 projects. ESCCO will pay the agreed upon per project amount upon completion up to a maximum of \$221,307.10.
- John Carroll University - Curriculum services for professional development to the amount of \$3, 551.
- Hiram College - ESCWR Curriculum services for syllabi review in the amount of \$1000.00
- Newsela, Inc. - For the creation promotion of a consortium for Newsela Products at a discounted rate to districts, Newsela will pay 2% of the revenue on first year subscriptions to ESCWR.

Vote: Mr. Snyder, yes; Mr. Remias, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mrs. Percic, no
President declared the motion carried

MOTION: 92-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mrs. Brush seconded the motion to approve the following Vendor Agreements:

- ABL Schools - Sustainable School Design process is tailored for schools ready to adopt innovative resource management and school day structuring. One Elementary School, to be determined, Analysis for the fiscal year 2024 - 2025 in the amount of \$19,000 paid from Extended Learning funds.
- Beachwood City Schools - Agreement for technical support for Jeremy Hunter at the daily rate of \$482.21 for 2023-2024 and \$510.64 for 2024-2025 for a maximum of 15 days for each year to be paid from the applicable grant or billed to districts as utilized.
- bravEd Partnership - Scope of Work for year 1 in the amount of \$15,500, which includes travel costs for the on-site learning event to be paid from Extended Learning funds.
- Edmentum Inc. - On-line licensing for the Comprehensive and Health and Fitness library courseware for 12 months beginning 10/01/2024 - 9/30/2025 in the amount of \$8,533.80 paid from OLA.
- Exceptional Kids Therapy, LLC - To provide physical therapy services to identified districts as needed billed at \$70 per hour and paid from Related Services.
- Family Pride of Northeast Ohio - A behavioral health service provider supporting the Impact Club for Cardinal and Berkshire students as per the CDC-DFC grant and paid from said grant in the amount of \$1,200.
- Family Pride of Northeast Ohio - A behavioral health service provider supporting the Chess Club for Berkshire Middle School students as per the CDC-DFC grant and paid from said grant in the amount of \$1,400.
- SC Strategic Solutions - Enhancements to SCView to replace stand alone systems/software and bring under one umbrella saving subscription costs and unification of data for efficiency at the cost of \$3,500 paid from general fund. We plan to eliminate Docusign and Employee Kiosk systems by the end of FY25, an estimated savings of \$2,000.

MOTION: 92-2024 (con't)

- Lake County Pediatric Speech and Language Therapy LLC - master agreement to support program and district services on an as needed basis billed at \$75 per hour and paid from Related Services. This is anticipation of needs due to the Speech Language Pathologist staffing market and leaves of absences, etc. SC Strategic Solutions - Enhancements to SCView to replace stand alone systems/software and bring under one umbrella saving subscription costs and unification of data for efficiencies. We plan to eliminate DocuSign and Employee Kiosk systems by the end of FY25.
- Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance School - Mentoring Program at Jordak Elementary School (Cardinal) for the Geauga County ESCWR Summer Sidekicks Program from June 1, 2024 to June 27, 2024 in the amount of \$4,245.00 paid from OHMAS funds.
- Summit Educational Service Center - Local Education Agency Contract to provide 80 days of Personalized Learning Services by Jacob Miller at \$57,398.56 plus mileage (includes \$1,500.00 professional development allowance) for 2024 -2025 school year. billed to contracted districts.
- Suburban Driving School - Driving program for students eligible under the Drive to Succeed Grant. ESCWR will pay Suburban up to a total of \$510 per student, payment portions due at the completion of on-line education and at the completion of 4 hours and 8 hours of in-car instruction. All costs reimbursed by the Drive to Succeed Grant.

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

MOTION: 93-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mrs. Brush seconded the motion to approve the following Memorandum of Understanding Agreements:

- Memorandum of Understanding between the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve and Chardon Local School District is a residential therapeutic program designed to serve youth between the ages of 12 and 17 at the Geauga Youth Center located at 13300 Aquilla Rd., Chardon, OH.

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

MOTION: 94-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mrs. Percic seconded the motion to approve the following Affiliation Agreements:

- Grand Valley State University - Agreement with ESCWR to provide experiential on-site learning in the areas of Nursing, Occupational Therapy, and any other school-occupation related program instituted by GVSU.

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

MOTION: 95-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Remias seconded the motion to approve the 2024 membership dues:

- Ohio Educational Service Center Association 2024 - 2025 Dues in the amount of \$7385.47.

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

MOTION: 96-2024

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; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mrs. Percic, yes; Mr. Remias, yes
President declared the motion carried

MOTION: 97-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Cahill seconded the motion to approve attendance and expenses for out-of-state travel for the following staff:

- Carnegie Learning for Math: The National Institute East Training - July 15 - 18, 2024 - Miami Beach, Florida for Shannon Rantia. Carnegie Learning is providing a conference package for registration, materials, round trip flight, hotel accommodations, and airport transfers. ESCWR is responsible for evening meals, airport parking and roundtrip mileage to the airport to exceed \$350.00.
- Carnegie Learning for Literacy: The National Institute Training - July 22 - 25, 2024 - Miami Beach, Florida for Elizabeth Walsh Mooman. Carnegie Learning is providing a conference package for registration, materials, round trip flight, hotel accommodations, and airport transfers. ESCWR is responsible for evening meals, airport parking and roundtrip mileage to the airport to exceed \$350.00.

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

MOTION: 98-2024

Mr. Snyder moved and Mrs. Percic seconded the motion to approve the following job descriptions:

- Related Services
- SUPERINTENDENT - CEO - iSTEM
- Teacher, Preschool IS Lead
- Teacher, Technology - iSTEM

Vote: Mr. Snyder, yes; Mrs. Percic, yes; Mrs. Brush, yes; Mr. Burnett, yes; Mr. Cahill, yes; Mr. Hach, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; Mr. Remias, yes
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ESCWR Regular Board Meeting - August 6, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.
 - ESCWR TLC Building Room 122, 8221 Auburn Rd., Concord, OH 44077
- ESCWR Opening Day 2024 - August 09, 2024
 - Willoughby-Eastlake North High School, 34041 Stevens Blvd., Eastlake, OH 44095
- ESCWR Regular Board Meeting - September 3, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.
 - ESCWR TLC Building Room 122, 8221 Auburn Rd., Concord, OH 44077
- Lake County Business Advisory Council - September 12, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.
 - ESCWR TLC Building Room 106, 8221 Auburn Rd., Concord, OH 44077
- Geauga County Business Advisory Council - September 17, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.
 - Location: To be determined
- ESCWR Regular Board Meeting - September 24, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.
 - ESCWR TLC Building Room 122, 8221 Auburn Rd., Concord, OH 44077
- ESCWR Regular Board Meeting - October 8, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.
 - ESCWR TLC Building Room 122, 8221 Auburn Rd., Concord, OH 44077
- Northeast Ohio Artificial Intelligence Summit - October 18, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.
 - Willoughby-Eastlake North High School, 34041 Stevens Blvd., Eastlake, OH 44095
- OSBA Capital Conference - November 10 - 12, 2024
 - Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N high St, Columbus, OH 43215
- ESCWR Regular Board Meeting - November 7, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.
 - ESCWR TLC Building Room 122, 8221 Auburn Rd., Concord, OH 44077
- ESCWR Regular Board Meeting - December 10, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.
 - ESCWR TLC Building Room 122, 8221 Auburn Rd., Concord, OH 44077


MOTION: 98-2024

Mr. Burnett moved and Mr. Cahill seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

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



Geoffrey Kent, Board President



L. Greg Simons, Treasurer/CFO