



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes February 28, 2013

Members Present: John Bickley, Linda Craig, Dean Fadel, Helen Ninos, Beth Savage

Members Excused: Renee Stein

Staff Present: Jed Morison, Jack Beatty, Dan Darling, Linda Fleming, Martin Kerscher, Dot Yeager

The Regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order by President Fadel.

MINUTES

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the minutes of the Organization meeting held on January 24, 2013, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ninos moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on January 24, 2013, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Ms. Savage reported that the Finance Committee met and reviewed expenditures for the past month. As of the end of January expenditures were at 11.9% of budget and receipts were at 1.8%. Until the first tax collection, expenditures will exceed revenue.

The committee also received an update on the state budget proposals for the next biennium. We are still analyzing aspects of the budget. This is the first year of collections for the levy that passed in November, 2011. We will not be on the ballot again until 2018.

Resolutions were reviewed and the committee recommends approval.

Ms. Savage moved for approval of the Finance Report, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.

Human Resources Report: Mr. Bickley stated that the Human Resources Committee met and reviewed personnel actions for the past month. We were sorry to learn that Service Coordinator, Josh Weisel passed away after a long battle with muscular dystrophy. He will be missed.

The committee reviewed proposed revisions to the Technology and Equipment Usage policy and other Board resolutions and will recommend approval. The Operation Feed campaign has just begun and we expect another excellent response thanks to the efforts of Mike Davis and his coordinators from each facility. Dan Darling provided an update on negotiations with the Ohio Education Association (OEA).

Mr. Bickley moved for approval of the Human Resources Report, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- ARC Industries will celebrate their 50th Anniversary with a Customer Appreciation event on March 7 at Gahanna's Creekside Center from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. with remarks at 7:00 p.m.
- DD Awareness month will begin tomorrow. The kick-off to the month will be held on Tuesday, March 5 at the Statehouse. Board President Dean Fadel and his brother, Jeff, will speak about the important role siblings play with each other. Jed Morison, Christine Brown and Service Coordinator, Megan Larkin will speak on the SELF Waiver. These presentations are expected to be between 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
- We are sorry to report that two excellent, former Board members passed away earlier this month. Dr. Henry Leland and Don Cavin both worked at Nisonger Center and both provided excellent service to this community.
- Our next Self-Advocate Advisory Council meeting will be on March 14 at 10:00 a.m. Christine Brown and Ruben Garcia will be present to survey self-advocates and staff on our self-advocate activities and progress in Franklin County. We are proud to be one of a few counties who have officially established a Self-Advocate Advisory Council.
- We will have a public meeting, open to neighbors of Northeast School on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. to provide information and seek input on proposals for Sunapple Gardens, to be located on property next to the school.
- Our Early Childhood Department and the Ohio Art League have been partnering in a project to help children engage in creative experiences. Adult artists have been partnered with young children to create art that will be on exhibit from April 4-27 at the Ohio Art League at 1552 N. High Street.
- Our March 28 Board meeting will be held one hour earlier than normal. The Board meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. and committee will start at 3:00 p.m.

- Mike Davis, long time staff member, who has provided excellent leadership with our printing and graphics operations, will retire on April 30. Mike has also headed up our Operation Feed and DD Awareness Month efforts for several years. He will be missed.
- We continue to analyze the state budget proposals that are under consideration. Most proposals would suggest flat funding, however we are currently taking a closer look at the preschool and school-age funding initiatives.
- Several of our Special Olympians recently were featured in a television news cast regarding their participation with the Disney on Ice skaters. We also had several participate in the Winter Olympics earlier this month.
- Thanks to Jack Brownley and several of his staff, we raised over \$2,000 at a bowling fundraiser. Close to 100 staff donated to the event. Funds will support Special Olympics and the Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ms. Craig moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Chief Financial Officer as presented to and received by the Finance Committee February 28, 2013, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ms. Ninos moved to authorize sponsorship of MACC (Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence) conferences/events on an annual basis in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize Superintendent to enter into a contract with Childhood League for early intervention and preschool services not to exceed the amount of \$986,567.00 for a period beginning August 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Craig moved to go to bid for mowing, fertilizing and other lawn services for various locations, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ms. Ninos moved to go to bid for improvements to land at 500 North Hamilton Road, Gahanna, to support agricultural programming, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ms. Craig moved to go to bid for security improvements at ARC East, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Craig moved to revise board policy Section 11.23 titled Equipment Usage, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

- h. Ms. Savage moved to provide sponsorship for Nisonger Center Next Chapter Book Club annual conference in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Mr. Bickley moved to go to bid for parking lot improvements at Hague and the bus loop at Northeast School, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bickley moved to approve a Workers' Compensation agreement between Donald Buckley and the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$60,500.00, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the Board, President Fadel congratulated Superintendent Morison on being selected to receive the 2013 Champion of Children award given by United Way. He indicated that it was a great honor for Mr. Morison and for our Board.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Christine Brown updated Board members on the latest self-advocacy efforts, Project STIR and other upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

The February 28, 2013 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by motion of Ms. Ninos.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Craig
Secretary

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