



**Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

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Jed W. Morison  
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Minutes  
May 14, 2015**

Members Present: John Bickley, Linda Craig, Marie Crawford, Renee Stein

Members Excused: Dean Fadel, Helen Ninos, Beth Savage

Staff Present: Jed Morison, Dan Darling, Linda Fleming, Gwynn Kinsel, Dot Yeager

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

**MINUTES**

Ms. Craig moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on April 23, 2015, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Finance Report:** Ms. Crawford reported that the Finance Committee met and indicated that expenditures are at 35.6% and revenue is 8% since we still have not received the first tax settlement. Dot Yeager provided an update on the 2011/2012 audit and also stated that the 2016 budgeting process has already begun.

Ms. Crawford moved for approval of the Finance Report, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.

**Human Resources Report:** Mr. Bickley stated that the Human Resources Committee met to review personnel actions for the past month noting there was not much activity. Next month we will have several retirements due to changes in STRS retirement rules.

We are sorry to report that long-time staff member, John Salley, passed away suddenly this week.

The dependent eligibility audit is underway and going well. Staff deadline to respond is the end of this month.

We just learned that Barbara Michael-Jones, Principal at West Central, will retire at the end of June.

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

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Our Provider Fair went very well yesterday. Several hundred individuals and families attended to discuss options with hundreds of Providers at the Lausche Building at the Ohio State Fairgrounds.
- Testimony on the biennium budget was provided today. We will continue to follow the budget discussions.
- School graduations will be conducted next week. West Central will be on Tuesday, May 19 and Northeast will be on Wednesday, May 20. Both begin at 7:00 p.m. and all are welcome.
- The school year will end on May 29 and our Summer Center programs will begin early this year on June 10. This will allow us time in July and August to do major parking lot renovations on our west parking lot.
- Assuming all goes well, we anticipate moving our West Transportation Compound routes to our East Transportation Compound after parking lot renovations are complete and prior to the first of the year.
- The Guardianship Services Board will have their next meeting on May 21. Jack Kullman has been hired by Probate Court to assist with organizational details.
- Northeast School is planning a celebration of 41 years for May 22. Jack Brownley continues to work with a committee to handle details of moving services to West Central for current Northeast students. A special edition of 'Dateline' on Northeast School history was distributed to Board members.
- The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities has not yet heard from CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) on their transition plan on the topic of 'conflict free case management. Our state association (OACB) continues to be active in this discussion, including contacts in Washington D.C. and legal advice.
- The OACB Conference is happening today and tomorrow. Several excellent speakers presented today and tomorrow our State Director, John Martin, will present.
- Several Board members have already completed the webinar required by the Department of DD. Please contact the Superintendent for details on how to get this credit.

- The Superintendent encouraged Board member support of a recommendation to move the Hague Avenue Building services to other locations by January 1, 2016. As much as we were not inviting additional major changes at this time, it turns out this decision will be in the best interest of most. The Hague Building will be eventually used by the Sheriff, benefiting the overall county. Northeast in Gahanna, will offer more integration /community opportunities for the folks served by the Living Skills Center and the building is fully accessible and is in good condition. Goodwill seems excited about the additional opportunities that the use of ARC South (in Groveport) will provide them and that building is also fully accessible. By splitting the two programs into different buildings, this will also be consistent with our State Department and CMS goals, to downsize larger congregate settings into smaller venues. The downside is that this location change will be further away for some and it will represent change and a lot of work, however in the big picture we do feel it is in the best interest.

## RESOLUTIONS

- a. Mr. Bickley moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Chief Business Officer as presented to and received by the Finance Committee May 14, 2015, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ms. Craig moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for customized employment services with Home Health Connections and Learning Never Ends in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for each Provider, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew contract with The Association for the Developmentally Disabled for early intervention, preschool, and adult recreation services not to exceed the amount of \$2,677,474 for the period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Craig moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew contract with Franklin County Family and Children First Council for the period beginning July1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 for early intervention therapies and services, not to exceed the amount of \$100,000.00, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew contract with Child Development Council of Franklin County, Inc., for the lease of classroom and other space at 500 North Hamilton Road, at an annual rate of \$6 per square foot, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize vacant space at the former Northeast School to be repurposed for the provision of community supports and other services for individuals who are currently served in the Living Skills/Habilitation services programs and to authorize use of ARC South on Marketing Place for the Goodwill Work and Community Services program, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Craig moved to rebid for Bixby Living Skills Center septic system improvements, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Craig moved to appoint Mr. Frank New to the Franklin County Guardian Services Board to replace Mr. William Wilkins, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Craig moved to authorize the Superintendent to sponsor Project STIR ‘train the trainer’ training on an annual basis in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 and to agree to provide scholarships for some Franklin County participants, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** – None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The May 14, 2015 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities by motion of Ms. Craig.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bickley  
Secretary

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